

Whatcom MRC - Project Scoring Rubric

Criteria	Tiers				Comments and Issues
	3 (highest)	2	1	0	
Measurable Impact on Salish Sea Protection	Has a large measurable impact	Some impact, could be better with minor adjustments, more funding/more partnerships/better metrics	Has minor impacts/not easily measured	Has no impact	
MRC Capacity: incl. MRC engagement, time, funding, expertise	MRC members are directly involved. Champion identified. Wouldn't happen without them.	MRC members provide some organization/planning but do not "get their hands dirty"	MRC members show interest, we present to them on the topic, but they're not directly involved	MRC members have no interest	
Fills a niche and collaboration with other organizations	The MRC has a distinct role, and project strengthens partnerships with other organizations.	A lot of other groups involved, but the MRC plays a noticeable role	A couple of other organizations are involved. MRC has a minimal role.	Several other organizations are involved, there is no distinct role for the MRC.	
Relationship to the community: incl. education value, public engagement	The project has a strong need in the community and steady local support.	The project is needed and has opportunity to contribute value to the community.	The community has a minimal need for the project and limited opportunities for engagement with the project.	The project is not needed in the community and has no local support.	

Project	Short Description of 2019/2020 Goals	Funding Source	Measurable Impact on Puget Sound Protection	MRC Capacity: incl. MRC engagement, time, funding, expertise	Fills a niche and collaboration with other organizations	Relationship to the community: incl. education value, public engagement
Pilot Olympia Oyster Restoration Monitoring	Physical Monitoring: water quality, substrate characterization Biological Monitoring: reef dimensions, epifauna composition, oyster abundance and size Frequency?	MRC Grant				
Forage Fish Index Site Monitoring	Establish regular surveys at two index sites suggested by WDFW	MRC Grant				
Chuckanut Bay PIC	Ongoing community outreach and engagement to protect water quality in conjunction with volunteer recruitment for field work.	MRC Grant				
Bull Kelp Monitoring	Monitor beds at four locations in Whatcom County	MRC Grant				
North Sound Stewards Program	Implement year 3 of program in partnership with RE Sources	MRC Grant				
Public Speaker Series	Continued effort to organize community speaker events informing citizens about local marine resources and issues – in partnership with WWIN.	MRC Grant				
Community Education and Outreach (General Events)	Participation in identified community events (tabling)	MRC Grant				