

Whatcom MRC Subcommittees

Advisory

The Whatcom County Marine Resources Advisory Subcommittee makes recommendations to the MRC on policies, proposals, regulations, and other matters affecting Whatcom County marine resources. In formulating these recommendations, it ensures that other MRC subcommittees are consulted in a timely manner and included in the decision-making process when addressing issues of mutual interest. The Advisory Subcommittee meets on a regular basis and addresses time-sensitive, as well as long-range issues as needed. It also ensures that legislative bodies within its purview are informed of the MRC's decisions, recommendations, and actions on matters affecting Whatcom County marine resources.

Executive

The Whatcom County MRC Executive Subcommittee works to establish committee protocols, develop agendas, recruit new members, and strategize actions. The committee is made of the officers of the full committee (Chair, Vice-Chair, and NWSC Representative) and others willing to serve.

Speaker Series

The Whatcom MRC Speaker Series Subcommittee works in collaboration with the Whatcom Watershed Information Network (WWIN) to bring a series of public presentations to the community. These presentations take many forms including during MRC meetings, workshops, brown bag lunch sessions, and symposiums. Subcommittee members consider input from the MRC and WWIN membership to determine which topics will be included in the series, work with invited guest speakers, and collaborate with partnering organizations to solidify logistics for the presentations.

Project Development

The Whatcom MRC Project Development Subcommittee works to brainstorm, develop, and prioritize projects which protect and restore marine resources. The subcommittee works with the Northwest Straits Foundation to secure funding for projects when needed. Example projects include outreach to landowners, nearshore restoration, or scientific surveys.