



WHATCOM MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
DRAFT MEETING AGENDA
June 1, 2023 5:00pm – 7:00pm
ZOOM [LINK](#)
Meeting ID: 898 4927 5200 | Passcode 98225
1-253-215-8782 US (Tacoma)

<p><i>We acknowledge the lands we're on today are the ancestral and current homelands of Indigenous Nations who have stewarded them since time immemorial. We respect their sovereignty, support their Treaty rights, their right to self-determination, and we honor their sacred spiritual connection with the land and water. These Indigenous Nations include the Lummi Nation and Nooksack Indian Tribe.</i></p>		
1.	5:00	Introductions and Determine Quorum
2.		June 1 Agenda Action: Modify and approve agenda as needed. New business can be added if necessary.
3.		Approval of May 4 meeting summary Action: Review and approve summaries as final.
4.		Community Updates Objective: Community members attending the meeting who wish to address or update the Committee on Committee related matters will be provided up to five (5) minutes to speak.
5.	5:10	Olympia Oyster Restoration in Whatcom County: Brian Allen, Habitat Restoration Director, Puget Sound Restoration Fund Objective: Learn about the Olympia oyster restoration success in Drayton Harbor and discuss the MRC's efforts in N. Chuckanut Bay.
6.	5:30	Staff Update: summer schedule-July meeting, 2023-2025 NWSC proposal, derelict boat removal. Drayton Harbor eelgrass survey and vessel counts Objective: Provide staff with opportunity to relay information and updates to the full MRC.
7.	5:45	Project Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chuckanut Outreach Event • Olympia Oyster Survey Results • Wildcat Cove • HABs
8.	6:15	MRC Partner Committee Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cherry Point Implementation Committee • WWIN/Speaker Series • County Council • Port of Bellingham • Northwest Straits Commission (NWSC)
9.	~6:30	Adjourn.

If you're not on our Northwest Straits Commission newsletter list, you can join here: <https://www.nwstraits.org/get-involved/join-the-mailing-list/>

Items of interest:

- Port of Bellingham [DRAFT Climate Action Strategy](#) – ready for public input.
- Finalized WA State Floating Kelp Indicator - [Puget Sound Vital Signs web site](#), [KelpForestsWA indicator hub site](#), [Statewide summary report](#), [Monitoring program design report](#), [Interactive map](#)
- Community meeting Whatcom County Compound Flood and Risk Assessment (final webinar). Wednesday, June 14, 6:00 – 7:30pm, **Zoom:** [Register in advance](#)
- If you need ideas for dinner, you can see some good ones here on the SeaFeast website: <https://bellinghamseafeast.org/kiss>

Community members who require special assistance to participate in a committee meeting are to contact MRC Staff at least 4 business days in advance.

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