Whatcom Marine Resources Committee - Planning Meeting Agenda

Date: October 1, 2026
Time: 5:00pm-7:00pm | Hybrid
Location: Garden Level Conference Room, Civic Annex Building | View map

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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.

#	Time	Agenda Item	Lead
1	5:00	**Why are we here today?** *Discuss desired outcomes for the planning session*	Mark
2	5:15	**Review: MRC Resolution**	Jeff
3	5:30	**Highlights and Progress since 2023 Retreat**: a. *Review outcomes and assess progress* b. *Celebrate successes* c. *Highlight where we still need to do more work*	Dana
4	5:45	**2027 Items** a. *Discuss priorities of the MRC*	Jeff
5	6:45	**Overview of next steps**	Jeff, Dana, Mark
6	~7:00	**Adjourn**	

MRC Members

Name	Position	Term Ends
Glen Alexander “Alex”	Citizen-at Large	Term 2: 01/31/2027
Rick Beauregard (NWSC rep)	Scientific	Term 1: 01/31/2027
Jackie Dexter	Economic	Term 1: 01/31/2027
Mark Fairhart (Chair)	Citizen-at-large	Term 1: 01/31/2028
Alexi Guddal	Conservation/Environmental	Term 1: 01/31/2030
Laura Hanna (Vice-Chair)	Recreational	Term 1: 01/31/2029
Elizabeth Lorence	Conservation/Environmental	Term 2: 01/31/2030
Mike MacKay (NWSC alt rep)	Scientific	Term 2: 01/31/2028
Paul Meyer	Conservation/Environmental	Term 1: 01/31/2029
Julie Eastlund	Recreational	Term 1: 01/31/2030
Audrey Taylor	Citizen-at-large	Term 1: 01/31/2030
Kaylee Galloway	Designated, County Council	
Lisa Anderson	Designated, Bellingham City Council	
Mary Lou Steward	City of Blaine, Mayor	
Kurt Baumgarten	Port of Bellingham Rep	
Paul Cline	Lummi Natural Resources	