



DRAFT AGENDA Whatcom Marine Resources Committee

Date: August 6, 2026

Time: 5:00pm-7:00pm | Hybrid

Location: Garden Level Conference Room, Civic Annex Building | [View map](#)

[DOWNLOAD ZOOM LINK](#) Meeting ID: 893 0081 8888 | Passcode 98225 | 1-253-215-8782 US (Tacoma)

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	Action Y/N
1	5:00 PM	Introductions and Determine Quorum	Mark	N
2		August 6 Agenda <i>Modify and approve agenda as needed.</i>	Mark	Y
3		Approval of June Meeting Summary [Draft June Meeting Summary (pdf)] <i>Review and approve summary as final.</i>	Mark	Y
4		Community Updates <i>Community members attending the meeting who wish to address or update the Committee on MRC related matters will be provided up to five (5) minutes to speak.</i>		
5	5:10	MRC Partner Committee Updates: • County Council • City Council • City of Blaine • Port of Bellingham • Northwest Straits Commission	Kaylee Lisa Mary Lou Kurt Rick	N
6	5:25	Sound IQ: Suzanne Shull, GIS Specialist, Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve. Click here to view Sound IQ	Suzanne	N
7	5:45	MRC Project Updates • Wildcat Cove Eelgrass Protection - presentation • Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) Sampling: Occurs every Tuesday from 10-11am at the Semiahmoo Marina • Kelp Monitoring: Cherry Point: August 12 (primary)/ 13th (backup), Point Whitehorn: August 26 (primary)/ 27th (backup) • Forage Fish Monitoring: August 7, 9-12pm, @ Squalicum Beach • Olympia Oyster Restoration: - Drayton Harbor: summer recap - North Chuckanut Bay: August 11 fieldwork	MRC Interns Rick Dana Jackie	N
8	6:30	MRC Subcommittee Updates • Education and Outreach Subcommittee –branding introduction • Advisory/Policy Subcommittee • Executive Subcommittee	Alexi Laura Mark/Staff	N
9	7:00	Adjourn		

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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
Colin Wahl	Scientific	Term 2: 01/31/2029
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	

Vacancies

Position
Economic Interest (x 2)
Citizen-at-large
Recreational
Nooksack Tribe Representative

2026 MRC Meeting Dates (virtual unless stated otherwise)

January 8 (hybrid)	<i>No meeting in July</i>
February 5	August 6 (hybrid)
March 5 (hybrid)	September 3
April 2	October 1 (hybrid)
May 7 (hybrid)	November 5
June 4	December 3 (hybrid)

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