DRAFT AGENDA Whatcom Marine Resources Committee

Date: November 5th, 2026
Time: 5:00pm-7:00pm | Virtual

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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	Action Y/N
1	5:00 PM	**Introductions**	Mark	N
		Meeting Updates and Determine Quorum *Member voting and quorum clarification.*	Dana	N
2	5:05	**November 5th Agenda** *Modify and approve agenda as needed.*	Mark	Y
3		**Approval of September and October Meeting Summaries** [*Draft September Meeting Summary (pdf)* and *Draft October Meeting Summary (pdf)*] *Review and approve summaries as final.*	Mark	Y
4	5:10	**Community Updates** *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.*		
5	5:15	**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	**Proposed Firework Ordinance** [MRC Comment Letter (pdf)] *Review and approve.*	Mark	Y
7	5:30	**Clayton Beach Restoration Update** Lisa Kaufman, Salish Sea Alliance	Lisa	N
8	6:00	**2026 Critical Areas Ordinance Update** [Request for Input (pdf)] Maddie Schacht, Senior Planner, Whatcom County Planning and Development Services	Maddie	N

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9	6:25	**MRC Projects** • Wildcat Cove Eelgrass Protection • Beach Seine with Schools • Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) Sampling: Occurs every other Tuesday from 10-11am at Semiahmoo Marina • Kelp Monitoring • Forage Fish Monitoring • Olympia Oyster Restoration • Marine Education Toolkit	Mike Rick Dana / Audrey Jackie Alexi	N
10	6:40	**MRC Subcommittee Updates** • Education and Outreach Subcommittee: Outreach event recap • Advisory/Policy Subcommittee • Executive Subcommittee: October planning meeting timeline update	Alexi Laura Mark/Staff	N
11	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
Julie Eastlund	Recreational	Partial Term 1: 01/31/2029
Audrey Taylor	Citizen-at-Large	Partial Term 1: 01/31/2029
Kaylee Galloway	Designated, County Council	
Lisa Anderson	Designated, Bellingham City Council	
Mary Lou Steward	City of Blaine, Mayor	
Paul Cline	Lummi Natural Resources	

Ex Officios

Kurt Baumgarten	Port of Bellingham Rep

Vacancies

Position
Economic Interest (x 2)
Scientific Interest (x1)
Nooksack Tribe Representative

2026 MRC Meeting Dates (virtual unless stated otherwise)

~~January 8 (hybrid)~~	~~*No meeting in July*~~
~~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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