

Wahkiakum County Marine Resources Committee (WC MRC)

July 22, 2024, Committee Meeting Summary

The Wahkiakum MRC committee meeting was held via Zoom videoconferencing and in person in the River Street Building meeting room in Cathlamet, WA. Those in attendance were as follows:

Paula Culbertson Jeanne Hendrickson, Diana Zimmerman Sandra Staples-Bortner Brett Deaton	Carrie Shofner , MRC Coordinator Shari Parker, MRC Assist. Coordinator <u>Absent:</u> Sam Shogren, Carol Ervest (EX) Mike Backman <u>Guests:</u> Steve Manlow, LCFRC, Ashley Smithers, WDFW
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- **Confirm a Quorum - Chairperson**
- **Call Meeting to Order – Chairperson**
- **Welcome & Introductions**

Upon confirmation of quorum, Carrie Shofner, acting as Chair in absence of Sam called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Guest Speaker

1) Steve Manlow, Executive Director, Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board provided an interesting and informative Power Point presentation, regarding salmon recovery and viability and other information. Committee members shared questions and comments and were appreciative of Steves' s time and knowledge. A copy of the presentation was sent to MRC members following the meeting.

OPENING BUSINESS:

2) **Approval of Agenda Motion** to approve Jeanne; Sandra 2nd, motion passed. **May Meeting Minutes/Summary** – (No meeting in June) Motion to approve Sandra; Jeanne 2nd, motion passed. Grammatical typo on page 2 to be corrected.

NEW BUSINESS:

3) **Coordinator's Report - Create Sub Committee** – Carrie asked for volunteers to draft statements for the Coastal MRC 1 page being developed to ask for additional money for the Coastal MRC's. There has not been an increase in funding since the start of the programs, we are working on submission of 1 document. Paula and Diana volunteered; Carrie will send an outline for them to work including historical data.

OLD BUSINESS:

4) **Update RFP revision**– next meeting the committee will review the final draft of the subcommittee for review, approval and adoption.

5) **Coastal Hazards Organizational Resilience Team (COHORT) Update** Carrie and Sandra reported progress since their last meeting. Looking at environmental issues, starting locally with a focus on community, economy, and heritage. They will create a panel of people from those entities to get ideas for community presentations. This is a bit different than the original idea of one person selecting topics. A change in direction with the proposed student intern; finding it difficult to get someone out here, a change was made to not have the intern and use the money for local field trips and keep those dollars

here. We also learned of a fellowship that could be beneficial to getting us graduates to assist with the coastal resiliency project.

REPORTS:

6) Coordinator's Report: See earlier discussions. The Q4 and Annual Reports were completed and submitted to DFW. They will be on the agenda for review at the August meeting.

7) Coastal MRC Updates: Reminder of dates of Coastal Summit. Oct 16-19, with the Film Festival Friday night 18th and a Maritime History event on Saturday.

8) WCMAC update: Paula gave an overview of the emergency July 10th meeting. A letter is being drafted to the Governor by the Bureau of Land Management in response to the Communications Report. Paula hopes to have more information at the August meeting.

Announcements –

10. General Discussion: Sandra suggested a possible speaker for a presentation on Sea Lions. Jeanne announced August 5th Town of Cathlamet community meeting regarding PUD issues. Putka, spending summer on Puget Island and interested in what the MRC is/does.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM

The next regular Wahkiakum MRC meeting will be held August 26, 2024, at 5:30 pm in the River Street meeting room with the option to join the meeting via Zoom online meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Shari Parker, MRC Assistant Coordinator