



Grays Harbor County
MARINE
Resource Committee

August 11, 2018

Port of Grays Harbor Small Meeting Room

- 1) Routine Business:
 - a. **MRC Members in Attendance:** Amy Spoon, Arthur "RD" Grunbaum, Kevin Decker, Garrett Dalan, Al Carter, Lorena Maurer, Casey Dennehy, Joe Schumacher, Jody Pope.
MRC Staff: Kristina Hollatz
 - b. Summary Review: Tabled until next month's meeting
 - c. Guest Welcome and Introductions: None
- 2) Featured speaker or topic(s):
 - a. MRC Summit:
 - i. The issue of the venue needs to be resolved. The board has agreed to contact the Shilo Inn about hosting the summit.
 - ii. Agenda: Focus on erosion and coastal issues.
 - Suggestion was proposed to look at the MRC benchmarks to see if they still are accurate.
 - iii. Sponsorships, contact requests and Budget.
 - Budget: \$6000 is needed if some people pay their own hotel costs. A rough estimate would be \$5,400 for breakfast and lunch.
 - Friends of Grays Harbor is donating \$500
 - Jody will contact the Westport Winery, Anchor, Englund Marine and Lorena will contact Twinstar to see if they are interested in donating. RD will contact Brady Oyster and Al will contact Seabrook.
 - Taylor Shellfish will be sponsoring the social hour at the summit.
- 3) Standing Items:
 - a. WCMAC/MSP: MSP is out and accessible for review. The next meeting is September 26th in the Port of Grays Harbor Meeting Room.
 - b. GHC SMP Update: Grays Harbor County Commissioners approved the plan a few months ago but the website has not been updated so it is unclear as to what is happening.
- 4) Member Updates:
 - a. Kristina: Coastsavers has asked for additional funding for the cost of a dumpster during the upcoming coastal cleanup. RD moves to allow Lorena to approve up to \$1000 of additional funding to Coastsavers. Garrett seconds and the motion is approved.
 - b. Joe: The Port of Grays Harbor has bought the pontoon property. There is concern that the gates are causing an entrapment issue for salmon. Another Humpback whale has washed up in Ocean City and the Center for Biological Diversity as sent a threatening letter to WDFW about whale endangerment.

- c. Al: Whiting fishing has produced about 6-7 million pounds and they are having a hard time keeping local people for processing. Ocean Companies has recently purchased a motel and brought workers over from the Ukraine to work at the processing plant.
 - d. Kevin: Sea Grant has hire a new director and he is scheduled to start September 15th. Russel Callendar was the Assistant Director of NOS and they are very excited to have him. There is a meet and greet scheduled in September. NYMPHS is hosting whale entrapment meeting monthly is anyone is interested in attending.
 - e. Lorena: She was recently up in Alaska fishing and had a great time. She would like to give a big thank you to Kyle for hosting the July MRC meeting. PEI will be providing funding to work with tribes on education surrounding climate change.
 - f. Garrett: Washington Coast Works Sustainable Small Business Competition will be closing soon, so if you know anyone who is interested have them fill out the application.
 - g. RD: Dr. Stephen Bezruchka will be presenting on the declining health in America. The talk will be recorded. FOGH has hired Lee First as a water quality consultant. He would like to see if someone would be able to come speak about the dam proposal on the Chehalis system.
 - h. Casey: The International Coast Clean Up is scheduled for September 15th. The Clean Water Classic is scheduled for September 22-23rd.
- 5) Next Meeting:
- a. Date: September 11, 2018
- 6) Public Comments
- 7) Adjourn