



*Grays Harbor County*  
**MARINE**  
*Resource Committee*

September 11, 2018

Port of Grays Harbor Small Meeting Room

1) Routine Business:

- a. MRC Members in Attendance: RD Grunbaum, Casey Dennehy, Kyle Deerkop, Devin Decker, Amy Spoon. Excused MRC Members: Garrett Dalan, Joe Schumacker, Lorena Maurer, Al Carter. MRC Staff: Kristina Hollatz
- b. Summary Review: June and August summary was tabled until next meeting.
- c. Guest Welcome and Introductions: Mike Nordin with Pacific County MRC, Jackson Blalock with TNC, Molly Bogeberg with TNC, Katrina Radach with TNC.

2) Featured speaker or topic(s):

- a. Jackson Blalock- WA Coastal Resilience Project Outcomes and Findings:
  - Compounding problems of erosion and flooding due to sea level rise.
  - Trying to increase awareness and increase regional capacity to build resiliency.
  - Hurdles found in getting information out to the public about sea level rise include:
    - 1) Lack of regional collaboration
    - 2) People not seeing sea level rise as an issue
    - 3) Lack of ability to apply in context
    - 4) Resources are not available locally and control is elsewhere
  - Coastal erosion and flooding are a huge concern to the public by they do not understand that seal level rise will make flooding worse. The public might not understand exactly what the term sea level rise means and more education is necessary.
  - Ideas to increase awareness:
    - 1) Put together fact sheets that will take 5 minutes, 10 minutes or 45 minutes to review, depending on the person's interest.
    - 2) Develop curriculum for high school or middle school students
    - 3) Signage for sea level rise and awareness locally
    - 4) Adult engagement could be through literature disseminated at local parades, local municipalities, utility bills, realtors, city webpages or the chamber of commerce.
- b. MRC Summit:
  - Casey will send out a doodle poll to see when a good time for a planning committee call next week would work.
  - The summit this year is to have a big focus on coastal resiliency
  - The agenda for the summit is coming along nice with only a couple gaps to fill.

- We did not get the 1% grant funding from the QIN but are still working on other funding options. It might be worth having a discussion at the summit about this issue and creating a sustainable funding source.

3) Standing Items:

- a. WCMAC/MSP: No updates since the meeting last month. There is a meeting scheduled for the 26<sup>th</sup> of September
- b. GHC SMP: No updates, still at Ecology for approval

4) Member Updates:

- a. Kristina- The request from Coastsavers about the additional funding still needs approval. To resend emailed proposal to Casey and Lorena for review.
- b. Kyle- He was happy the MRC board could get the restoration letter out.
- c. Amy- She is reaching the end of the construction season for projects so her work schedule is lightening up some. WDFW also released the dates for Razor Clam dig dates.
- d. Kevin- Russel Callender is officially starting at Sea Grant next week. Washington Coast Works is still accepting applications.
- e. Molly- PCSGA workshop next week
- f. RD- FOGH is developing a water quality program. Blue water task force to try to improve the water quality in GH and Willapa Bay.
- g. Casey- International Coast Cleanup is this weekend. Please come out and help if you can. The Clean Water Classic is next weekend. Julia Sanders is work to put together a workshop of the Carbon initiative.
- h. Sarah- The My Coast video completion closes October 1<sup>st</sup>. She has reached out to all schools in Grays Harbor County about this competition. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please pass on the information.

5) Next Meeting

- a. Date: October 9, 2018

6) Public Comment: None

7) Adjourn 5:25pm