



Grays Harbor County  
**MARINE**  
Resource Committee

January 8, 2019

Port of Grays Harbor Small Meeting Room

1) Routine Business:

- a. **MRC Members in Attendance:** Al Carter, Sarah Bisson, Casey Dennehy, Kevin Decker, Joe Schumacker, Kyle Deerkop and Jody Pope. **Excused MRC Members:** Lorena Maurer, RD Grunbaum, Garrett Dalan. **MRC Staff:** Kristina Hollatz.
- b. Summary Review: November, no quorum.
- c. Guest Welcome and Introductions: Jackson Blalock with WA Sea Grant and The Nature Conservancy.

2) Featured Speakers or Topic(s):

- a. Jackson Blalock- January 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, there is scheduled to be a King Tide viewing events in Grayland on the 21<sup>st</sup> and in Raymond the 22<sup>nd</sup>. January 21<sup>st</sup> will start out at the Local Bar and Grill with Shorelines and Sandwiches at 11:00am This event will focus on Coast Projects and ideas and then at about 12:30pm the group will go look at the North Cove Dynamic Revetment Project. On January 22<sup>nd</sup>, there will be a king tide viewing in Raymond and a fly over with the Public Lands Commissioner and possibly King 5 News to showcase the impacts of Sea Level Rise.

On February 6<sup>th</sup> there is a scheduled workshop with the public invited to speak about possible sea level rise projects. Possible ideas or speakers: Kelly Rupp, David Catrell with the irrigation district, clam bed issues (Dan Ayres) or Peter Reggiero.

- b. Topic Ideas: Next meeting topic ideas: Hold elections for Chair and Vice Chair

3) Standing Ideas:

- a. WCMAC- Coastal Resiliency is a main topic and WA Sea Grant is supporting the effort. There has been a lot of talk about flooding and erosion issues. Kevin has been looking into at risk structures and communities, Coastal Hazards and the economic side.
- b. SMP- Casey has reviewed the draft SMP plan. He was dissatisfied that in 14 instances Sea Level Rise was removed and replaced with "Flooding Events". This was done at the request of the Grays Harbor County Commissioners. Friends of Grays Harbor has sent a letter requesting the language be changed back.

4) Member Updates:

- 1) Joe- BHP Potash facility. The MDNS has been released and the QIN sent a letter that was met with criticism. The letter was kicked back by the Port of Grays Harbor and Rep. Kilmer's office. So, a full two day retreat has been scheduled to talk about full technical issues and get a response. The QIN would like a full EIS on the site. The comment period on this project has been extended if anyone is interested in commenting.
- 2) Al- Crabbing is in full swing in Westport with boats going out daily. There has also been a second fillet line added for rockfish in the plant.

- 3) Kyle- Oyster season was very productive and lasted from October to Christmas. Kyle has become a Voluntary Stewardship Plan member.
  - 4) Jody- Questions on Potash process and what exactly the product is used for.
  - 5) Casey- Surfrider Partnership with Lighthawk. Pilots volunteer time for conservation efforts. This partnership will show the impacts of king tides and coastal flooding. In February the Surfrider Leadership Alumni will be at a retreat in Long Beach. There is also a new draft plan for oil exploration off the coast. The draft was set to be released this week but with the government shut down it has been delayed. Washington and Oregon are expected to be removed from the plan.
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- 5) Next Meeting
    - a. February 12, 2019
  - 6) Public Comment: None
  - 7) Adjourned: 4:25pm