

2010 Washington Coastal Marine Resources Committee Summit September 29-30 Westport, Washington Summary & Minutes

Pacific County
MRC



Wahkiakum
County
MRC



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**Day 1
FACILITATED BOARD MEMBER SESSION
September 29, 2010
9:00-11:30 – Westport, WA**

Focus Question:

What projects will your MRC be doing over the next 1 – 3 years?

North Pacific Coast MRC
Still Planning for Next year
Will Hold Surplus Fish Potluck for Community
Considering: Species of Concern Study
Considering: Nearshore Assessment
Considering: Oil Spill Prevention
Considering: Dead Zone Study
Considering: Rescue Tug
Considering: Comprehensive Effective Plan

Pacific County MRC
Strategic Planning
Beach Clean-up
Considering: Oil Spill Prevention
Considering: Rescue Tug

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Wahkiakum County MRC
Filling MRC Positions
Outreach & Education (With Local Fishermen and Others)
Strategic Planning

Grays Harbor County MRC
Water Quality PSI Collaboration
Field Trips and Classroom Kits
Creosote Piling Survey and Removal
Support of MSP
Strategic Planning
Derelict Gear Removal
Mussel Watch

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**Day 2
 FACILITATED BOARD MEMBER SESSION
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Focus Question:

How can the Coastal MRCs speak with one voice and be heard by:

- Coastal and Puget Sound communities?
- Local government?
- State government?
- Federal government?
- Tribes?
- NGOs?

COASTAL MRCs COORDINATION, COMMUNICATION, & MEETINGS
Semi-Annual Meeting 1 st day Budget 2 nd day Summit
MRC Exploratory Committees Meet Between Regular Meetings To Coordinate Coastwide Issues
Off-Set MRC Meeting Time, Rotate Off Day (To Allow Members to Visit MRC Meetings in other Counties)
Steering Committee Meetings

Kathy
 Bob B.
 Rich O.
 Garrett
 Tom

COASTWIDE RESEARCH & COLLABORATION
Coastwide Research Project and Collaboration with WDFW, NWFSC, NMFS, TRIBES, NGOs

Kathy & Colby
 Joe Gilbertson
 Jennifer Hagen

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COMBINE FUNDING (ASAP)
Coastal MRC Money Pot to Fund these Projects \$5,000 / MRC ?

Rich & Eric

COASTAL MRC OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT
Coastal Resource Value & Funding Fact Sheet (Charts, etc.)
WA Coastal MRC Main Website
Website for Each MRC Linked to Each Other and to WDFW MRC Page
Engage Public Participation
Newsletter Printed / Electronic / Social Media (i.e., Facebook)
Sharing MRC Minutes
Press Releases
Coastwide Event (i.e., Marina Day / Estuary Day)

Robin Leraas
 Birdie D.
 Tami Pokorny
 Jenna Norman
 Garrett

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PLANNING & UNIFICATION
Coordinated Strategic Planning
Strategies to Move Consensus Issues Forward
R C & D
Find 3 Common Goals To Support
Identify Common Set of MRC Priorities
Model the WCSSP Coastwide Strategic Planning
Try to Speak with One Voice on Some Things But Work Toward Common Understanding where we Disagree

**Carrie, Mike,
 Eric, (Katie)**
 Michael Spencer
 Rich O.
 Tom
 John Hunter

CMSP (Coastal Marine Spatial Planning)
Develop MSP Locally (SMP's)
Apply for CMSP NOAA Grant
Map Existing Use

**(Joe
 Schumacher)**
 Dale Beasley
 Joe Gilbertson
 Tami Pokorny
 Rich O.

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Legislative Outreach
Legislative Event (MRCs go to Olympia)
Bring the coast to Olympia (Coastal Caucus) Celebrate MRC's & Resources with Legislators
Organize a MRC Legislative Coordination Groups
Submit Regular MRC Reports To Legislature
Develop Coastal Needs List Signed by MRCs, Sent to Lawmakers
Demand Rescue Tug in Westport, Columbia River
SOC (State Ocean Caucus) Carpool, Lunch Together

Jim Neva
 Ray Toste
 Doug Fricke
 Doug Kess
 Robin
 Rich O.

MRC CV (Curriculum Vitae)
List Subject Area Experts

Garrett Dalan
 Liam Antrim

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**MARINE SPATIAL PLANNING COMMENT SESSION* - WESTPORT
September 30 - 1:00-4:00pm**

*Complete minutes from the Westport Comment Session are available, below are highlights.

Overall Summary

The Westport meeting was well attended as it followed a two day Coastal MRC meeting in Westport that assembled the 4 coastal MRCs and representatives of several state agencies. Many stakeholder groups are represented on the MRCs, so a good cross-section of interests was present. Despite the varying interests, several key issues emerged as important to all. Following the presentation on the status of MSP in WA and the Draft Report, many comments suggested that the MRCs serve as the platform for coastal engagement, and furthermore, they should have more representation on the SOC. Another common comment was on the need to identify Willapa Bay and Gray's Harbor as well as private tidelands, explicitly, in the draft report. Issues that also resounded: oil spill prevention and response, working waterfronts, mapping human uses and providing socio-economic analyses, private land, and data collection and availability (format and consistency).

Minutes

Populate the bubble

Mention MRCs in 21[?] as PSS and lower Columbia are mentioned

MRCs need to be funded

Surprises:

- Flowchart (Group D suggestion in #6) for process. MSP, Coastal Governor's Group and others, MRCs influence local and national conversations.
- How do MRCs get involved in securing federal funds for Regional Ocean Partnership and CMSP.
- In discussion, huge potential for misunderstanding re what waters are/are not included specifically Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor - need language to officially include coastal estuaries.
- Need to include and address privately held lands.
- Cohesion, like-mindedness and good will among these folks.
Everyone retains existing authority.

Likes:

- MSP potentially a great tool for moving forward and conflict resolution.
- Opportunity to be sure legislation is framed correctly.
- Recognition of the importance of working waterfronts with attention to the viability of waterfronts to compete with land development.

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- Importance of preserving economic interests in conceptualizing the MSP mission.
- Recommend getting broader public involvement.

Major Themes* from All WA Comment Sessions on Draft MSP Report**

*These themes are in no particular order or rank.

Table below reflects comments collected from Westport comment session **AND the additional MSP sessions held just prior in Seattle, Friday Harbor, Padilla Bay, and Tacoma.

Theme	Summary	Where it was heard	Potential Responses: <i>these are just draft ideas</i>
Oil Spill Prevention/Response	Oil spill prevention and response needs to be a priority in the report. Additionally, some called for close coordination with federal agencies to include new protections for areas not currently closed to oil and gas development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach Sessions (Friday Harbor, Westport) • Written Comments (Anonymous, Beasley, Surfrider Seattle I) 	
Privately Owned Lands – especially shellfish aquaculture deeded lands.	Draft recommendations need to include a goal or objective to respect and plan for privately owned or leased lands, including tidelands for aquaculture. In addition, spatial data should be collected to represent these lands.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach Sessions (Friday Harbor, Padilla Bay, Westport) • Written Comments (Dewey, Sheldon B., Sheldon D.) 	Add text box to introduction clarifying the geographic scope of the plan that it covers all marine waters in the state, including estuaries and private tidelands?
Marine Protected Areas/Marine Reserves	The Draft Report should recommend the use of marine protected areas and/or marine reserves (no take areas) to protect biodiversity, restore ecosystem health, and protect special places (Oceana calls for identifying and designating Important Ecological Areas).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach Sessions (Tacoma) • Written Comments (Baker, Marx, Oceana, Sierra Club, Surfrider NWS) 	No changes to report? This is calling for use of a specific management measure, which is beyond the intent of the framework. Management measures will be determined by the planning process.
Preserving Existing Uses	Many comments focused on preserving existing uses in any future MS Plans, specifically: working waterfronts for industrial, commercial, and agricultural uses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach Meetings (Padilla Bay, Westport) • Written Comments (Beasley, BP, Dewey, Sheldon B., Sheldon D., WPPA) 	No changes to report? Existing uses are already a part of the goals and objectives for the framework.
Ecological protection and restoration	The Draft Report should make ecological protection the most central/highest priority goal and more prominent in the report.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach Meetings (Seattle) • Written Comments (People for Puget Sound, Surfrider NWS, Sloan) 	No changes to report? Ecological protection and restoration are already a part of the goals and objectives for the framework.

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Protecting Endangered Species	The recommendations should include data explicit to endangered species ranges and habitats to address what is most important in their life histories. Protection of listed species should be a priority.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach Sessions (Friday Harbor) • Written Comments (Baker, Hoffman, Sierra Club, Viers) 	Add clarifying statement about importance of endangered species as part of data summary and/or recommendations?
DNR HCP	During debate over SB 6350, the DNR HCP was removed from the language as it was considered too controversial. Public comments expressed the need for removal of this plan from the Draft Report.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach Sessions (Padilla Bay, Westport) • Written Comments (Dewey, Sheldon B., Sheldon D.) 	No changes to report? The inclusion of DNR's HCP was intended to acknowledge goals and objectives of relevant state plans and programs. The inclusion did not directly influence any recommendations in the framework.
Avoiding Redundancy/ Integration of MSP into Existing Plans	The public has expressed concern over how MSP will fit into existing regulatory structures (e.g. SMPs) and how it may be redundant. Report should ensure smooth integration of future plans into existing activities, management efforts and permitting procedures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach Sessions (Padilla Bay, Westport) • Written Comments (BP, Carter) 	Chapter 2 and 3 - Provide clarification about how MSP will integrate with existing management activities?
Recreational/Non-Consumptive Uses	There is concern over potential conflicts between future renewable energy siting and current recreational uses of marine resources. Additionally, support for public access for recreational uses was noted in several comments. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand recreational objective to "protecting and enhancing public access to marine waters and shorelines." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach Sessions (Padilla Bay, Tacoma, Westport) • Written Comments (Kennedy, Rickerson, Surfrider NWS, Surfrider Seattle (I,II,III)) 	Clarify recreational public access objective as suggested?
Marine Resource Committees/Local Involvement	There was support for the idea that the MRCs should play a central role in MSP process both on the coast and in the Puget Sound. Local efforts and data collection can be funneled through the MRCs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations should clearly identify mechanisms for public involvement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach Sessions (Friday Harbor, Westport) • Written Comments (Anonymous, Beasley, Happonnen, Kennedy, Nordin, TNC) 	Provide more clarity about roles for MRCs and locals in recommendations about public involvement and governance structures?
Lead agency and governance for MSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify a lead state agency and process for agency coordination; build out governance structures for coast and statewide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach sessions (Westport) • Written Comments (Kennedy, TNC) 	

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	<p>MSP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create leadership body for coast and identify partner agency that responds to leadership body, instead of "lead." 		
Rigorous Science/Data Quality, Analysis and Standards	<p>Many questions over sources, collection method, consistency, scale, and resolution of data were posed. The report lacks explicit details of what "sound science" entails.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call out the need for temporal data, specifically to account for seasonal differences to be collected and mapped. • Need to incorporate traditional and cultural knowledge into scientific information. • Need to incorporate citizen science and have peer-review process include non-scientists. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach Sessions (Seattle, Friday Harbor, Padilla Bay, Tacoma, Westport) • Written Comments (Dewey, Felleman, Happonnen, Hoffman, Kennedy, PFPS, Sloan, TNC, WPPA) 	<p>Add clarifying statements about data needing both spatial and temporal components. Call out need for temporal data and maps, as well as traditional and cultural knowledge as part of data recommendations.</p>
Funding	<p>Several comments and discussions focused on the lack of funding for this effort. The Draft Report should include potential sources and avenues for funds. Recommend forming public and private partnerships to secure funding and develop work plans with timeline, budget, etc. to assist in securing funds.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach Sessions (Seattle, Friday Harbor, Padilla Bay, Westport) • Written Comments (PFPS, TNC) 	<p>Provide longer discussion in Chapter 3 about need for funding and potential pathways and next steps?</p>
Aquaculture	<p>Concern about impacts of shellfish aquaculture, particularly geoduck, on ecosystem. Ensure careful evaluation of environmental impacts for any expansion.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written Comments (Branch, Hendricks) • Outreach Sessions (Tacoma) 	<p>No changes to report? This is about a particular management issue and not within the scope of the report.</p>
Precautionary approach	<p>Incorporate use of precautionary principle/approach as in national framework.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written Comments (NMFS, Dept. of Defense Air Force) 	<p>Add recommendation or objective on the precautionary approach as defined in national framework?</p>