

## MRC Project Ideas

If you have a project idea you would like the MRC to consider, please contact us for a project proposal form. We appreciate your input!

Examples of possible MRC projects include:

- Fish and marine mammal surveys and monitoring
- Lost or derelict fishing gear surveys and removal
- Public workshops
- Providing local schools with marine science field training
- Invasive species identification training and monitoring
- Columbia River estuary debris survey and removal
- Landowner education
- Marine resource based tourism and education
- Water quality monitoring

## Wahkiakum MRC Meetings

The volunteer MRC board of directors meet the fourth Monday of each month, except December which is the third Monday, at 7:00pm in the River Street building meeting room in Cathlamet, WA.

The public is invited to attend.

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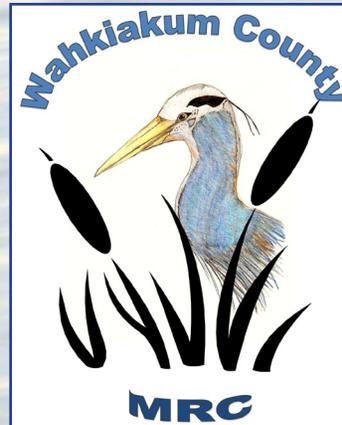
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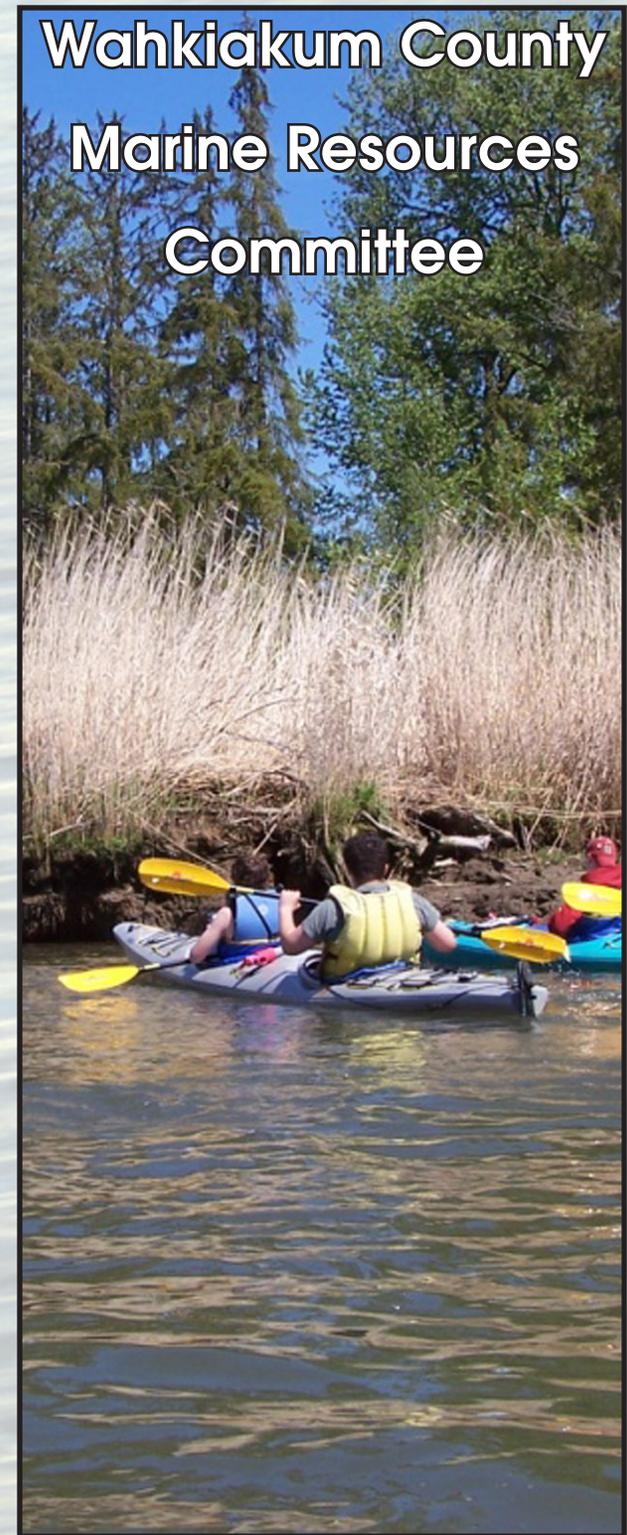
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Blue Heron drawn by Kayli Quigley

# Wahkiakum County Marine Resources Committee



## Coastal MRC Program Overview

In the 2007 and 2008 legislative sessions, the Washington State Legislature endorsed the Marine Resources Committee's approach to local marine resource management and stewardship in the five southern Puget Sound counties and five coastal counties. The Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW) created the Coastal MRC program to provide support for the development, administration, and coordination of coastal MRCs and MRC sponsored projects that benefit coastal marine resources. The goal of the program is to understand, steward, and restore the marine and estuarine ecological processes of the Washington coast in support of ecosystem health, sustainable marine resource-based livelihoods, cultural integrity, and coastal communities. MRCs are county-based volunteer groups composed of tribal co-managers, fishermen, citizens, scientists, recreational, economic and conservation interests and government agencies that:

- Encourage community-based marine stewardship
- Conduct citizen-driven marine science
- Sponsor and oversee projects to meet local priorities
- Make science-based recommendations on marine management strategies
- Offer education and learning opportunities to children and adults about marine resource science, conservation, and management
- Provide an effective, inexpensive, and non-regulatory mechanism to discuss and develop solutions for coastal communities and local marine resource issues

## Wahkiakum County Marine Resources Committee (WCMRC)

The Wahkiakum County Commissioners recognize that the marine waters of the Columbia River Estuary and the outer coast of the Pacific Ocean represent an unparalleled resource of important environmental and economic value to the current and future generations of the region, state, and nation. In an effort to understand, steward and restore those valuable marine resources, Wahkiakum County Commissioners passed a Resolution establishing the Wahkiakum County Marine Resources Committee. The Commissioners hired a Coordinator and appointed thirteen volunteer MRC board members ensuring balanced representation from the following:

- Local Government
- Local Residents
- Scientific Experts
- Affected Economic Interests
- Affected Recreational Interests
- Environmental and Conservation Interests

At least six seats are occupied by residents of Wahkiakum County. The Town of Cathlamet, Wahkiakum Port Dist. #1, and Wahkiakum Port Dist. #2 each have one seat.

The board members serve staggered two year terms and develop a work plan with projects tailored to address local marine resource needs.

Projects are selected based on their impacts to:

- Marine Habitats
- Marine Life
- Marine and Fresh Water Quality
- Sound Science
- Education and Outreach
- Coastal Communities



## MRC Projects Completed:



Propagation of Native Plants



Fish Processing



Fishermen Promotion



Invasive Weed Survey



Fish Hatchery Job-Shadowing



Vista Park Trail Enhancement & Signage Project

