



## February 17, 2015 NPC MRC 1<sup>st</sup> Final Meeting Summary

The February 17, 2015 NPC MRC meeting took place at the ONRC Hemlock Forest Room at 1455 Forks Avenue, Forks, WA on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:01 to 6:34 PM (00:00:12 on the audio counter).

A quorum of voting members was established.

Appointed committee members present at the meeting were Steve Allison (Hoh Tribe Rep.), Rod Fleck (City of Forks), John Hunter (Citizen Rep., Clallam County), Katie Krueger (Quileute Tribe Rep.), Deborah Kucipeck (Clallam County Rep.), Roy Morris (Citizen Rep., Clallam County), Rich Osborne (Citizen Rep., Clallam County), Tami Pokorny (Jefferson County Rep.), John Richmond (Citizen Rep., Clallam County), Jill Silver (Citizen Rep., Jefferson County) and Chiggers Stokes (Citizen Rep., Jefferson County).

Ed Ansorg (Jefferson County Citizen), Kelsey Batchelor (Student Intern/Quileute Valley School District [QVSD]), Romario Bello (Pacific Coast Salmon Coalition [PCSC] Intern), Rebekah Brooks (ONRC), Ashton Chastain (PCSC), Danyell Dahn (North Olympic Peninsula Skills Center [NOPSC]/QVSD), Skyla Dawkins (PCSC Intern), Maeghan Edwards (Student Intern/QVSD), Florian Graner (Sealife Productions), Victor Hanna (NOPSC Intern/QVSD), Nicole Harris (Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary [OCNMS]), Alexis Ortiz (Student Intern/QVSD), Juan Ortiz (PCSC Intern), Laura Tucker (Jefferson County Environmental Health and Education), and Alexis Verd (Student Intern/QVSD) were also present.

### Introductions

#### Public Comments

There were none.

### Additions to the Agenda

*The agenda was approved by consensus, with changes to accommodate guest presentation.*

### Approval of the January Meeting Summary

*Jill Silver moved to approve the January Meeting Summary as written; Rich Osborne seconded. The January Meeting Summary was approved by consensus.*

### Announcements

Jill Silver announced an email from the Washington Coast Restoration Initiative (WCRI) saying that Representative Tharinger has spearheaded the sign-on letter from the west coast administrators, requesting funding for WCRI; she suggested the NPC MRC thank him. Tami Pokorny announced an invitation from the Northwest Straits Commission to a MRC forum; she will attend. She will also be collecting newsletter articles from those who have volunteered to write them by March 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Old Business

#### RainFest Planning

Tami Pokorny gave an update on this topic. The budget for RainFest is \$1,177. The coast cleanup and Film Fest will be on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Ian Miller has had five films submitted so far; more are needed. The NPC MRC invited the student interns present at the meeting to contribute films. Rod Fleck went over the details of holding

the Film Fest at the Rainforest Arts Center. For more information on Film Fest, go to:  
<http://wsg.washington.edu/communications/river-ocean-film-festival.html>.

### **New Business**

Discover Your Olympic Coast Video and Science Standards

The NPC MRC jumped to this topic in the agenda to accommodate guest speakers. Education experts Nicole Harris (OCNMS) and Laura Tucker (Jefferson County) presented their perspectives on the film and ideas for using it educationally, primarily for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students on the Olympic Coast. Discussion on the film and educational opportunities, possibilities and curriculum components followed among the group. ***Rich Osborne moved to use the rest of the funds available (\$1,157) to help Florian Graner tweak the film narration, Roy Morris seconded; the motion passed by consensus.*** Florian will try to have the edits made in time to present the film at the Film Fest.

Student Interns Reports and Introductions

Student interns gave presentations on their work and experience. Cole Johnson interned through the Olympic National Park (ONP) Marine Ambassador Program, designing Ambassador cards for the CoastSavers program. He hopes to make the cards available for purchase through the CoastSavers website. Sklya Dawkins also worked with the ONP Marine Ambassadors program last semester and would like to be an intern. She focused on Beach 4 marine debris collection and plant list. Victor Hanna interned with the NOPSC Natural Resources for two years, where he wrote an article and information packet on marine debris awareness based on interviews with Forks High School students and teachers. Romario Bello worked as an intern for PCSC, where he made a cedar salmon carving showing the life cycle of the fish; he hopes to display it in the Rainforest Arts Center. Juan Ortiz also interned with PCSC, designing a survey about RainFest, hatcheries, fishing and the environment and distributing it to Forks High School students. The survey came back with surprising results, revealing that not as many students were familiar with RainFest or the fish/fishing environment as expected. Heather Stephens (Marine Ambassadors Program) reported that she was impressed with the commitment and positive attitude of the students to the program and to their community.

### **Old Business**

MRC Summit Location Planning

The group returned to the agenda. Possible dates for the MRC Summit are 10/22/15-10/23/15, 11/6/15-11/7/15 or 11/13/15-11/14/15. \*Tami Pokorny will send out a poll to settle on the best dates. Pros and cons of possible locations, primarily Forks, La Push and Kalaloch, were discussed among the group. Location will be decided on at the next agenda.

### **New Business**

New Two-Year Funding Cycle

Tami Pokorny announced the new funding cycle, which will open up more opportunities for summer projects and make funding much smoother.

Cassin's Aucklet Wreck

The group discussed the topic. It was found that the seabirds are starving because water temperatures are not supporting the plankton the birds need to survive. More impacts to the food chain are expected as this moves its way up. There is a graph on the COASST blog. Tami Pokorny will invite a guest speaker for the next agenda.

### **New Business**

Back to RainFest Planning

The group moved back to further discussion on RainFest displays, involvement, possible prizes, etc. If the budget reserved for RainFest is not spent, it could be put toward the Film Festival.

### **Updates**

Marine Debris/Ocean Acidification/Hypoxia  
This topic was skipped.

Washington Coast Marine Advisory Council

The next meeting is scheduled for February 25<sup>th</sup> in Grays Harbor. Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will be presenting on important ecological areas that need protection. The agenda is not online yet, but additional information can be found at [www.msp.wa.gov](http://www.msp.wa.gov).

Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

The last meeting was held on January 23<sup>rd</sup> in Port Angeles.

Administration and Fiscal Agent Update

Tami Pokorny announced a presentation on Marine Spatial Planning social indicators in May. All NPC MRC contracts are in process.

### **Next Agenda**

The next NPC MRC meeting is scheduled for March 17<sup>th</sup> at ONRC in Forks. Topics include revision of the RFP for the new two-year cycle, decision on this year's MRC Summit location, a presentation on the Cassin's Auklet die off and more RainFest planning.

### **Public Comments/General**

Jill Silver loaned out two books on ecological and environmental issues.

### **Adjourn**

***The NPC MRC meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm*** (02:32:35 on the audio counter).

Compiled by Rebekah Brooks.

### **Action Items:**

***\*Tami Pokorny will send out a poll to settle on the best dates for the MRC Summit.***