



March 17, 2015 NPC MRC Final Meeting Summary

The March 17, 2015 NPC MRC meeting took place at the ONRC Hemlock Forest Room at 1455 Forks Avenue, Forks, WA on Tuesday the 17th from 4:13 to 6:31 PM (00:00:50 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.), Ian Miller (Washington SeaGrant), Roy Morris (Citizen Rep., Clallam County), Rich Osborne (Citizen Rep., Clallam County), Tami Pokorny (Jefferson County Rep.), John Richmond (Citizen Rep., Jefferson County), Dana Sarff (Makah Tribe Rep.), Jill Silver (Citizen Rep., Jefferson County) and Chiggers Stokes (Citizen Rep., Jefferson County).

Miles Batchelder (Washington Coast Sustainable Salmon Partnership), Rebekah Brooks (ONRC), Frank Hanson (ONRC), Dan Lieberman (North Olympic Peninsula Skills Center) and Heidi Peterson (NOAA) were also present.

Introductions

Public Comments

There were none.

Additions to the Agenda

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

Approval of the February Meeting Summary

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

Announcements

There were none.

Old Business

RainFest Planning

Tami Pokorny announced some slides she and Ian Miller wanted to show. It was decided to wait on this topic for some committee members to return from a visit to the Rainforest Arts Center.

MRC Summit Planning

The best dates so far are 10/15/15 to 10/16/15. The group discussed possibly inviting the Strait MRCs to participate in the Coast Summit. It was decided to hold the event in La Push. *Tami Pokorny will start reserving spaces at Quileute Oceanside Resort.

Back to Rainfest Planning

Sarah Tucker and Dana Wu are heading up a Trashion Show on April 24th at 7:00. Roy Morris brought up discussion on whether or not to serve alcohol at the Film Fest; the Lion's Club has offered to provide free beer and cider at the CoastSavers beach cleanup and could also provide for Film Fest, with a donation jar available instead of a charge. Rod Fleck confirmed that a banquet permit will be required from the State to serve alcohol at the Rainforest Arts Center. It was agreed to wait on this decision until Rod and Carl Chastain responded with more information on the interest and feasibility. John Hunter said that Forks High School teachers and students will be participating in the tsunami/earthquake readiness displays and demonstrations. Ian Miller gave an update on the Film Fest; 11 films have been submitted, with room for 6 more submittals. He requested reviewers to score the films; *Jill Silver, Tami Pokorny, Rod Fleck, Deb Kucipeck and Rich Osborne volunteered; Dan Lieberman volunteered some student interns as well. *Tami Pokorny will print posters at ONRC and keep them at Rod Fleck's office for distribution. *Frank Hanson will distribute the press release. *Please invite by word of mouth. Discussion followed over whether to purchase rights to director Angela Sun's film Plastic Paradise: The Great Pacific Garbage Patch; the cost is \$400 to show the film twice and about \$3K for Angela Sun to include an appearance at the festival. The committee decided to wait on purchasing rights to the film and instead focus on local talent. The film is available on Netflix for anyone who is interested. Tami announced that the Film Fest and RainFest information can be found on the City of Forks website. There are \$1177 in funds available for RainFest, but posters, banner and any janitorial costs have not been factored in yet. For more information on Film Fest, go to: <http://wsg.washington.edu/communications/river-ocean-film-festival.html>.

Discover Your Olympic Coast Video—Update

Nicole Harris and Florian Graner are working with Florian's daughter, Jasmine, on redoing the narration for the film, which will be finalized by the 22nd. Tami Pokorny asked the NPC MRC whether there was anything to add in the credits; no decision was reached. The committee decided to leave Florian the rights to market and sell the film in HD, with the exceptions of possibly putting a low definition version on the WDFW website and allowing the NPC MRC to distribute a limited number of copies of the film to local West End teachers.

New Business

Cassin's Aucklet Wreck—Heidi Peterson

Heidi Peterson was still on her way to the NPC MRC meeting, so this topic was skipped until she arrived.

Dan Lieberman—Internship Program Update

Dan Lieberman presented Pathways to Engagement, Education and Employment: West End Natural Resource Options and Internships for Students: Progress Report to NPC MRC. He went over the five project deliverables to the NPC MRC: 1. Science Data: students are doing data collection for multiple surveys; 2. Student Work Samples: most of the students gave presentations on their projects at last month's NPC MRC meeting; 3. School Credit: 32 students from Forks are participating in the program, with 13.5 out of 17.5 attempted credits given; 4. Student Internships: 5 out of 6 interns have successfully completed their projects (the one student who was unable to finish was open about it with the instructors and had to choose between the internship and sports; he plans to return to the program at a later date); 5. Internship Program Documentation: Dan reviewed the various documentation associated with the program, including internship objectives and opportunities. Sequim and Port Angeles are now modelling their internship documentation after the NOPSC format as well. Dan also discussed the future of the Natural Resources Program; the administrative council that runs the Skills Center, consisting of the Quillayute Valley, Cape Flattery, Crescent, Sequim and Port Angeles school district superintendents and the president of Peninsula College, has decided to eliminate the program entirely at the end of the school year. The council will finalize the decision at their next meeting on April 14th. The NPC MRC discussed drafting a letter immediately in support of the program to send to the school board; Dan started working on a draft to go over later in the meeting.

Cassin's Aucklet Wreck—Heidi Peterson

Heidi Peterson (NOAA Marine Debris Program, UW and COASST) gave a presentation on the state of the Cassin's Aucklet, a seabird that had a mortality rate 10-300 times the normal rate last winter. Typical fall/winter mortality for the Aucklet is around 50 birds for the coast, but projected mortality is set in the hundreds of thousands. Observers stopped seeing new dead birds in mid-January. The birds showed signs of emaciation and starvation, their food supply of larval fish being threatened by warm water. It is unknown whether or not this is representative of a normal cyclical event that usually happens offshore, but there is the potential for more wrecks in the future and the expectation to see effects of this event work its way down the food chain, with small Pacific coast salmon next on the list. The good news is that the wreck event is not expected to effect the overall Cassin's Aucklet population because of a good breeding season and good population numbers. Julia Parrish will be giving a presentation at the Bald Eagle Fest in Neah Bay on Earth Day.

Chiggers Stokes—Announcement

Chiggers Stokes announced his resignation from his seat on the NPC MRC after four years of membership. Ed Ansorg will apply for his seat as a Jefferson County representative. Chiggers expressed his overall appreciation for the experience and will continue involvement as a member of the public.

Back to Dan Lieberman—Internship Program Update

Dan showed his draft letter of support for the Natural Resources Program to the NOPSC Administrative Council, which the NPC MRC discussed. **Roy Morris moved to accept the letter to open it up for discussion; Jill Silver seconded, with any additional edits to be made when the letter is sent out for review; the motion passed by consensus.** *Tami Pokorny will send the letter out for review.

Two-Year Funding Cycle—RFP Review

*Tami Pokorny requested that the committee review the RFP before the next meeting; please send any changes to Tami for collection and presentation at the next meeting. *Rich Osborne requested that the topic be moved up in the next agenda for time for discussion.

Earthquake Sharathon

Tami Pokorny, Ian Miller and John Hunter attended the event. John reported productive discussion among groups about what each team was doing; it was an empowering, community building event.

Updates

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

Washington Coast Marine Advisory Council

The last meeting was on February 25th in Grays Harbor. Tami Pokorny gave a brief overview of the agenda. The first draft of the MSP will be coming out this summer. Additional information can be found at www.msp.wa.gov.

Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

The next meeting is scheduled for March 20th at ONRC in Forks.

Administration and Fiscal Agent Update

Tami Pokorny reported that the Pacific Education Institute sent an invoice for the review they did on Florian Graner's film A Seal's Tour, with a request for an increase in the contract funding because they spent more time on it than they expected. The NPC MRC discussed this and decided to thank them for their efforts, but to decline the request because the budget was spent.

Next Agenda

The next NPC MRC meeting is scheduled for April 21st at ONRC in Forks. Topics include review of the RFP, more planning for RainFest and this year's MRC Summit and introduction of Ed Ansorg.

Public Comments/general

There were none.

Adjourn

The NPC MRC meeting adjourned at 6:31 pm (02:19:12 on the audio counter).

Compiled by Rebekah Brooks.

Action Items:

****Tami Pokorny will start reserving spaces at Quileute Oceanside Resort for the MRC Summit.***

****Jill Silver, Tami Pokorny, Rod Fleck, Deb Kucipeck and Rich Osborne volunteered to review films for Film Fest; Dan Lieberman volunteered some student interns as well.***

****Tami Pokorny will print Film Fest posters at ONRC and keep them at Rod Fleck's office for distribution.***

****Frank Hanson will distribute the Film Fest press release.***

****Please invite others to Film Fest by word of mouth.***

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