



November 18, 2014 NPC MRC 1st Final Meeting Summary

The November 18, 2014 NPC MRC meeting took place at the ONRC Hemlock Forest Room at 1455 Forks Avenue, Forks, WA on Tuesday the 18th from 4:14 to 6:04 PM (00:00:05 on the audio counter).

A quorum of voting members was established.

Appointed committee members present at the meeting were Steve Allison (Hoh Tribe Rep.), Liam Antrim (Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Ex. Officio), Rod Fleck (City of Forks), John Hunter (Citizen Rep., Clallam County), Deborah Kucipeck (Clallam County Alternate Rep.), Cathy Lear (Clallam County Rep.), Ian Miller (WA Sea Grant Ex Officio), Roy Morris (Citizen Rep., Clallam County), Rich Osborne (Citizen Rep., Clallam County), Tami Pokorny (Jefferson County Rep.), John Richmond (Citizen Rep., Clallam County), Dana Sarff (Makah Tribe Rep.) and Chiggers Stokes (Citizen Rep., Jefferson County).

Rebekah Brooks (ONRC), Carl Chastain (Pacific Coast Salmon Coalition), Louise Johnson (Olympic National Park) and Heather Lewis (Pacific Coast Salmon Coalition) were also present.

Introductions

Public Comments

None.

Additions to the agenda

Concern was expressed about repercussions from electromagnetic warfare and noise from overflights affecting habitat. Rich Osborne offered to present information on sonar and its effect on marine mammals at a future meeting if there is enough interest. ***The agenda was approved by consensus.***

Approval of the October Meeting Summary

The October Meeting Summary was approved by consensus with a correction from Ian Miller.

Announcements

An answer to the sea star wasting disease has been identified. The disease is a virus that attacks sea star immune systems, but it may be possible to ensure that a surviving portion of the population survives in captivity. A special meeting to discuss a letter of support for a crab pot removal project was held on November 13, and the letter was approved.

Old Business

Ancient Wood Project

Louise Johnson recommended including a request in the research permit proposal to collect samples for an exhibit; samples will remain property of the Park but could be used in student displays. Discussion followed. The subject is still open to a student who may be interested in using this for a project.

Film Revision Update

Early next year, the Pacific Education Institute will review the NPC MRC film *A Seal's Tour* and make comments on how best to incorporate it into classrooms.

Student Internships Update

The NPC MRC went over the NPC MRC Internship Pay Structure and Natural Resources/NPC MRC Internship Tasks for Semester 1. Interns must complete at least one semester of Natural Resources successfully before they can be considered for internships and gave the NPC MRC an update on his four interns.

New Business

Status of Marine Debris Removal from Remote Beaches

The Park has been working with the WCC Crew lead to set dates for the next six to eight months for remote beaches and to keep them going at the five priority sites (these are the red zones for CoastSavers): Shi-Shi, Goodman, Mosquito, Norwegian and Alava. The Student Conservation Association will be hiring West End high school students for six-week jobs over the summer to camp on the coast and hike out debris.

Review of Coast MRC Summit

Pictures from the Summit were shown and attendees gave a glowing review of the highlights.

RainFest Planning

The group discussed the sequence of events and possible locations for Film Fest. *Ian Miller volunteered to coordinate Film Fest again this year. The preferred date for Film Fest is April 25th, to follow RainFest. The group is tentatively planning to hold Film Fest at the new Rainforest Arts Center, with Forks High School and Peninsula College as backup; locations will be reevaluated a month or so out. Roy Morris suggested forming a subcommittee to work on the River and Ocean Fest and work out all its components; *Tami Pokorny, Carl Chastain, Heather Lewis, Roy Morris and Cathy Lear volunteered. Ideas included having the interns pair with mentors to present their findings at the event.

Oil and Marine Transport Report

Tami Pokorny circulated a draft letter from the NPC MRC to Ecology's Scott Ferguson: RE: Comments on the Draft Marine and Rail Oil Transportation Study for Washington State and the overview of the study. Discussion followed over the study and edits to the letter. *Tami Pokorny will send out a letter from WDFW on this topic. ***Roy Morris moved to move letter item 7 to item 1 and to send the letter with minor typo corrections; Rich Osborne seconded; the motion passed unanimously.***

Updates

Marine Debris/Ocean Acidification/Hypoxia

Small debris showing up in Neah Bay. Kelp Watch 2014 is doing another round of kelp sampling in December and the Department of Health is going to add a water sample for Fukushima radiation to it. Radiation has been identified off the coast of California, but not enough to be a public health concern.

Washington Coast Marine Advisory Council

The last meeting was held on October 22nd in Grays Harbor and was very productive; The group discussed the agenda items and MSP Viewer. The WCMAC may not survive into the next biennium, but the Marine Resources Advisory Council will continue with its focus on ocean acidification. The next meeting is scheduled for January 7th in Aberdeen. Additional information can be found at www.msp.wa.gov.

Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

The last meeting was held on 7/25/14 in Aberdeen and the agenda was summarized. Liam Antrim will become the new Research Coordinator for the Sanctuary.

Administration and Fiscal Agent Update

Tami Pokorny presented an update: costs are at \$38,500 for coordination and \$38,500 for projects, coming to \$77,000.

Next Agenda

The next NPC MRC meeting will be January 20th at ONRC in Forks. A possible topic for the next agenda includes a presentation from Rich Osborne on sonar effects on marine mammals.

Public Comments/general

The group discussed the optional tour of John Anderson's Marine Debris Museum in Forks, directly after this meeting.

Adjourn

The NPC MRC meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm (01:50:15 on the audio counter).

Compiled by Rebekah Brooks.

Action Items:

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****Tami Pokorny will send out a letter from WDFW on the topic of the Oil and Marine Transport Report.***