



May 19, 2015 NPC MRC Final Meeting Summary

The May 19, 2015 NPC MRC meeting took place at the ONRC Social Hall at 1455 Forks Avenue, Forks, WA on Tuesday the 19th from 4:12 to 6:34 PM (00:02:30 on the audio counter).

A quorum of voting members was established.

Appointed committee members present at the meeting were Steve Allison (Hoh Tribe Rep.), Ed Ansorg (Citizen Rep., Jefferson County), John Hunter (Citizen Rep., Clallam County), Katie Krueger (Quileute Tribe Rep.), Deborah Kucipeck (Clallam County Rep.), Ian Miller (Washington Sea Grant), Roy Morris (Citizen Rep., Clallam County), Rich Osborne (Citizen Rep., Clallam County), Tami Pokorny (Jefferson County Rep.) and Jill Silver (Citizen Rep., Jefferson County).

Helle Anderson (Feiro), Bernard Borman (ONRC), Rebekah Brooks (ONRC), Kara Cardinal (The Nature Conservancy), Danielle Dann (Forks High School), Skylar Dawkins (North Olympic Peninsula Skills Center [NOPSC] Intern), Taylor Graham (NOPSC Intern), Frank Hanson (ONRC), Cole Johnson (NOPSC Intern), Dan Lieberman (NOPSC Natural Resources), Melissa Poe (WA SeaGrant), Bridget Trosin (WA SeaGrant) and Melissa Watkinson (WA SeaGrant) were also present.

Introductions

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Additions to the Agenda

The agenda was approved by consensus.

Approval of the April Meeting Summary

The April Meeting Summary passed by consensus as written.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Old Business

RainFest Review

Tami Pokorny showed photos of RainFest and Film Fest events and the group gave a brief recap. It was a huge success with good attendance.

MRC Summit Update

Tami Pokorny led discussion on plans for the coastal MRC Summit. Thirty people have registered to stay at the Quileute Resort in La Push. The last conference call for the subcommittee planning the event was yesterday; the next call will be in a couple of weeks. Rich Osborne announced that there was already a list of ten presentations, which is more than there will be time for, but *if anyone has any other ideas for topics and/or speakers, please send them to Tami.

RFP and Newsletter Update

Tami Pokorny gave an overview of articles she plans to include in the next issue of the West End Natural Resource Newsletter and *requested that any additional articles be sent to her within the next week. A draft will be available for the NPC MRC to review at the next meeting.

New Business

Social Indicators Workshop and Dialogue

Bridget Trosin and Melissa Poe (both with UW WA SeaGrant) gave a presentation on the Integrated Ecosystem Assessment that is part of the Washington Marine Spatial Planning Initiative. The Assessment includes three components: social, economic and ecological; but the presentation focused on nine social indicators within Jefferson and Clallam Counties: environmental conditions, education, safety, health, access to social services, basic needs, social connectedness, governance and economic security. They requested feedback on the trends that were revealed by the data collected; discussion on demographic changes in the two counties took place among the group throughout the presentation.

Project Scoring and Ranking – Review Materials and Process

This topic was skipped to make time for the presentations.

Natural Resources Jobs and Training Program

Roy Morris and Frank Hanson presented on the program they are building in order to develop natural resource jobs and job training on the peninsula as the available natural resource jobs shift from timber harvest to monitoring, recreation, restoration, tourism and scientific field research assistance. They plan to work with multiple agencies to train interns to be ready for those jobs through on-the-job training and fieldwork that would translate into college credits, using ONRC as a global location to bring people together. They may also submit a project proposal for college credit funding to the NPC MRC. Discussion followed.

Natural Resources Student Intern Updates

Dan Lieberman announced that the North Olympic Peninsula Skills Center Natural Resource Program has been retained, thanks to the efforts of many, including the NPC MRC. Three of the four second semester interns gave presentations summarizing their work; Scott Archibald sent a letter explaining his absence and his work on an informative poster detailing his art mural work with the Pacific Coast Salmon Coalition (PCSC). Skylar Dawkins presented on her work on Washington Coast Cleanup posters, recruitment for the backpacking beach cleanup trip this summer, participation in the Trashion Show, the blog she started about her work and involvement, and mentorship of new students. Taylor Graham displayed a poster on his senior project of Nutrient Enhancement and discussed his work on replanting, nutrient enhancement, knotweed control, restoration, and planting and cleanup at the elementary school; his second semester work will culminate in another poster and presentation about willows and fire rehabilitation. Cole Johnson summarized his work with the Marine Ambassadors Program for the past few years: he interviewed other interns and worked on a blog; the project he is finishing by the end of the school year is a series of Marine Ambassador cards to be available for community use. Dan explained that the internship projects are not likely to use all of the funding that was granted by the NPC MRC and outlined some ideas for spending some of the leftover funds, including using it for summer internships, or helping students to pay for credits through Central Washington University. **Roy Morris moved to accept the budget changes as suggested by Dan Lieberman; Jill Silver seconded.** The motion opened for discussion. **Katie Krueger made a friendly amendment, as stated by Ian Miller, to allow fiscal agent Carl Chastain (PCSC) to use all of the remaining Natural Resources funding for any of the purposes Dan outlined; Steve Allison seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.** Tami Pokorny will work with Dan to fit everything into the WDFW paradigm; even though the motion passed unanimously, WDFW will still need to allow the changes.

Helle Anderson (Feiro) announced that there was NPC MRC funding leftover from the grant for student research field trips because fewer field trips were taken than what was planned; she requested that the money be spent on data analysis instead. Discussion followed. **Katie Krueger moved to do what Helle proposed with**

the funding as long as Tami can work it out for approval with WDFW; Steve Allison seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

Updates

Marine Debris/Ocean Acidification/Hypoxia

The topic was skipped until the next agenda.

Washington Coast Marine Advisory Council

The topic was skipped until the next agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for June 24th in Montesano. Additional information can be found at www.msp.wa.gov.

Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

The topic was skipped until the next agenda. The last meeting was held on May 15th in Neah Bay.

Administration and Fiscal Agent Update

Aside from what was addressed earlier in the meeting regarding NPC MRC project funding, the topic was skipped until the next agenda.

Next Agenda

The next NPC MRC meeting is scheduled for June 16th at ONRC in Forks. Topics include more student presentations, project score sheets and ranking materials and process, and a presentation from John Hunter on a possible MRC display.

Public Comments/General

John Hunter commented on his idea to give a MRC presentation at the upcoming Northwest Educators Conference in Seattle; he will develop something to discuss for the next MRC NPC meeting.

Adjourn

The NPC MRC meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm (02:23:24 on the audio counter).

Compiled by Rebekah Brooks.

Action Items:

****If anyone has any other ideas for MRC Summit topics and/or speakers, please send them to Tami Pokorny.***

****Please send any additional articles for the West End Natural Resource Newsletter to Tami within the next week.***