

**Building Resilience in the Salish Sea
Northwest Straits Initiative 11th Annual MRC Conference**

November 6-7, 2009 – Bellingham Lakeway Inn

November 5, Thursday

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM **A Sea Change** (Public event) Pickford Cinema
Award-winning documentary on ocean acidification
With special guest Dr. Jennifer Hoffman, EcoAdapt

November 6, Friday:

9:00 AM **Registration opens**

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Stories That Resonate: Distilling Your Message to the
Northwest Straits Commission and Beyond**
Liz Neeley, Assistant Director of Ocean Science Outreach, COMPASS

12:00 PM - 1:45 PM **Field Trip: Bellingham Bay Waterfront Tour** (boxed lunch provided)

2:00 PM **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Jonathan White, Chair, Northwest Straits Commission

2:10 PM - 3:00 PM **Evolution of the Northwest Straits Initiative**
Ginny Broadhurst, Director, Northwest Straits Commission

3:00 - 5:00 PM **Climate Change in the Northwest Straits: Action among us!**
Moderator: Rex Porter
Dr. Richard Feely, NOAA/Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory
Dr. Kenneth Sebens, University of Washington Friday Harbor Laboratories
Robin Downey, Pacific Shellfish Growers Association
Dr. Robert Kopperl, Northwest Archaeological Associates, Inc.
Greg Hood, Skagit River System Cooperative

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM **Poster Session and Networking**

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM **Wine and Dinner**
Tasting with Chimo Boehm, WA General Manager, Wine.com

7:30 PM-8:00 PM **Keynote Address: Confessions of a Polluter**
*Martha Kongsgaard, Kongsgaard-Goldman Foundation and Puget Sound
Partnership Leadership Council*

8:00 PM -10:00 PM **Entertainment**
Join us for dessert, more wine tasting, and a live jazz band from Orcas Island!

November 7, Saturday:

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM **Buffet breakfast - check out of rooms**

8:30 AM – 11:30 AM **Concurrent sessions**

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<p>8:30 AM – 9:30 AM Rockfish Conservation Strategies <i>Moderator: Dr. Joe Gaydos</i> <i>Wayne Palsson, WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife</i> <i>Dr. Jeff Marliave, Vancouver Aquarium, BC</i> <i>Grant Kirby, Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission</i> <i>Stephen Jeffries, WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife</i></p> <p>9:30-10:30 AM Rockfish and the MRCs: options and possibilities <i>San Juan, Skagit and Whatcom MRC updates</i> <i>A brainstorming with panelists.</i></p>	<p>8:30 AM – 10:30 AM Workgroup on Native Oyster Restoration <i>Moderator: Duane Fagergren</i> <i>Betsy Peabody, Puget Sound Restoration Fund</i> <i>Dr. Joth Davis, Taylor Shellfish Farms, Inc.</i> <i>Brady Blake, WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife</i></p>
<p>10:45 AM – 11:30 AM How to Write an Opinion Editorial/Blogging in 2010 <i>Ross Anderson, Freelance journalist</i></p>	<p>10:45 AM – 11:30 AM Change Analysis of Puget Sound Shorelines <i>Curtis Tanner, Local Project Manager, Puget Sound Nearshore Ecosystem Restoration Project</i></p>

11:40 AM -12:30 PM **The Health of the Salish Sea: A Tribal Perspective**
Charlie O'Hara, Swinomish Tribe

12:30 PM - 1:30PM **Lunch**

1:30 –2:00 PM **Emerging issues: A Policy Perspective for MRCs**
Kathy Fletcher, People For Puget Sound and Northwest Straits Commission

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM **Thinking Big: From Local Project to Regional Portfolio**
Moderators: Rex Porter, Island County MRC; Bob Cecile, Whatcom County MRC
Dr. Louis Licht, Ecolotree Inc. presents one example: phytoremediation of stormwater in Island County.

3:30 PM- 4:00 PM **Conference Closing: Special Protocol from the Coast Salish Witness Ceremony**
Led by Charlie O'Hara, Swinomish Tribe

4:00 Adjourn