

BEFORE THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF:)
Establishing a Clallam County)
Marine Resources Committee)
As Provided For Under the)
Northwest Straits Commission)

RESOLUTION NO. 58, 1999

THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FINDS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The marine waters adjacent to Clallam County represent a resource of significant environmental, cultural and economic value to the people of the region for this and future generations.
2. The nearshore marine areas represent critical nursery grounds and migration areas for almost all commercially valuable living marine resources, including shellfish and many finfish.
3. In recent years, commercial and sports marine resources have generally been in decline.
4. Clallam County's marine coastline adjacent to the Pacific Ocean is protected by a National Marine Sanctuary which has an advisory board which includes representatives of geographically appropriate federal, state, local, and tribal entities.
5. It is appropriate to provide a mechanism for coordinating and continuing endeavors to protect natural marine habitats and fish and wildlife populations within the waters of the Strait of Juan de Fuca, which are not included in the Pacific Coast Marine Sanctuary
6. The Northwest Straits Commission was established on October 1, 1998 to provide an inter-county coordination and communication mechanism to assist efforts focusing on the marine resources of the Northwest Straits, from Cape Flattery in Clallam County to Blaine in Whatcom County.
7. Issues of tribal sovereignty, treaty rights, fishery co-management authority and responsibility and other jurisdictional responsibilities exist within and around the geographical boundaries of the Northwest Straits Commission program.
8. Counties may participate in the Northwest Straits Commission process by establishing Marine Resources Committees.
9. Marine Resources Committees are the structure by which counties can qualify to receive financial assistance and technical expertise from the Northwest Straits Commission and/or participating entities, for local government use in carrying out the scientific research, education, and planning functions required to appropriately and effectively address marine resource issues in the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

IN CONSIDERATION OF THE ABOVE FINDINGS, the Board of Clallam County Commissioners does hereby resolve to:

- I. Establish the Clallam County Marine Resources Committee as an advisory committee to the County Commissioners regarding issues related to the marine resources of the Strait of Juan de Fuca and its bays, estuaries and inlets within the borders of Clallam County.
- II. The Marine Resources Committee's mission is to address local marine issues related to the Strait of Juan de Fuca, recommend remedial actions to local authorities, build local awareness of the issues and support for remedies consistent with the Benchmarks for Performance as established in the August 20, 1998 Report to the Convenors by the Murray-Metcalf Northwest Straits Citizens Advisory Commission, including specific tasks as identified in "Exhibit A" (attached).
- III. Where relevant, the Marine Resources Committee shall make all reasonable efforts to coordinate with other resource planning projects, agencies, committees, councils, and tribal and non-tribal entities.
- IV. The Marine Resources Committee shall consist of 13 members. Seven shall be appointed by the Board of Clallam County Commissioners. The Sequim and Port Angeles City Councils, Port of Port Angeles Commission, Makah, Lower Elwha Klallam, and Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Councils shall each appoint one member.
- V. Marine Resources Committee members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners shall include not less than one person from: a.) each of the three Commissioner Districts, b.) the Clallam Bay-Sekiu community, c.) commercial fishers, d.) sport fishers, e.) conservation/environmental interests, f.) the academic community.
- VI. Appointees shall be recruited by public announcements, plus active solicitation of interest from persons with relevant scientific expertise and constructive knowledge.
- VII. Appointments to the committee shall be for two, three, and four year terms to establish a revolving membership serving four year terms.
- VIII. Members of the Marine Resources Committee shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for documented expenses at the discretion of the Board of Commissioners.
- IX. A member of the staff of the Clallam County Planning Division shall be designated to provide staff support in a non-voting, *ex officio* capacity. The Quileute Tribal Council and other federal, state, local

IN THE MATTER OF:

Appointing Members to the Clallam
Marine Resource Committee

RESOLUTION NO. 76, 1999

THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FINDS AS FOLLOWS:

- I. The Marine Resource Committee shall consist of 13 members.
- II. Notice of said vacancies was issued to the press in order that interested citizens may apply for appointment.
- III. The Board of Clallam County Commissioners has received and reviewed applications from interested citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Clallam County Commissioners, in consideration of the above Findings of Fact:

That one member shall be appointed from each of the following councils:

- 1. The Sequim City Council for a two-year term, Port Angeles City Council for a three-year term, Port of Port Angeles Commission for a four-year term, Makah Tribe for a two-year term, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe for a three-year term, and Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Councils, for a four-year term.
- 2. That Herb Balch shall be appointed to represent the Clallam Bay-Sekiu community for a two-year term.
- 3. That Robert Meyer shall be appointed to represent the commercial fishers for a three-year term.
- 4. That Jim Anderson shall be appointed to represent the sport fishers for a four-year term.
- 5. That Dan Moriarty shall be appointed to represent conservation/environmental interests for a two-year term.
- 6. That Ed Bowlby shall be appointed to represent the academic community for a three-year term.
- 7. That Ralph Bauman shall represent Commissioner District II for a four-year term.
- 8. That Joe Schmitt shall represent Commissioner District III for a three-year term.

Note: Two-year terms expire September 1, 2001, three-year terms expire September 1, 2002, four-year terms expire September 1, 2003.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10th DAY OF August, 1999.

BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Carole Y. Boardman
Carole Y. Boardman, Chair

Martha M. Ireland
Martha M. Ireland

Howard V. Doherty, Jr.
Howard V. Doherty, Jr.

ATTEST:

Sandi Max
Sandi Max
Deputy Clerk of the Board

cc: Appointee
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and tribal government entities may also designate staff or liaisons to assist the work of the Marine Resources Committee in a non-voting, *ex officio* capacity.

- X. The Marine Resources Committee shall continue until its charter is rescinded by official resolution of the Board of Clallam County Commissioners.
- XI. Funding for the Marine Resources Committee during 1999 shall be contingent on receiving a start-up stipend of \$10,000 from the Northwest Straits Commission.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF June, 1999.

BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Carole Y. Boardman
Carole Y. Boardman, Chair

Martha M. Ireland
Martha M. Ireland

Not Present
Howard V. Doherty, Jr.

ATTEST:

Karen Flores
Karen Flores, Clerk of the Board

cc: Community Development
Board file
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Resolution No. C- 59 - 99**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING
AN
ISLAND COUNTY MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

Whereas, the Island County Board of County Commissioners recognizes that the marine waters of Island County represent an unparalleled resource of enormous environmental and economic value to the people of the region for this and future generations; and

Whereas, despite the considerable research and regulatory efforts in the NW Straits, previous efforts have failed to protect natural habitats and fish and wildlife populations adequately; and

Whereas, the Northwest Straits Commission was established on October 1, 1998 to provide an ecosystem focus on the marine resources of the Northwest Straits, help mobilize science to focus on key priorities and to guide and provide resources to NW Straits county Marine Resources Committees; and

Whereas, the Northwest Straits Commission has determined that county based Marine Resources Committees can provide the foundation of scientifically sound, locally supported marine conservation measures; and

Whereas, active county participation in a regionally coordinated program is the best available tool to ensure counties in the Northwest Straits area are constructively engaged in effective marine conservation areas; and

Whereas, the Northwest Straits Commission and/or participating entities may provide financial assistance and technical expertise to participating local governments to use for planning, revision of city and county ordinances, if necessary, and scientific study; and

Whereas, military activities in the area are important to the regional economy and national security; efforts to protect to restore and protect the area's marine resources should not compromise defense operations; defense operations should strive to restore and protect the area's marine resources; and

Whereas, the Island County Board of Commissioners desires to establish a Marine Resources Committee to protect the local marine environment and contribute to the protection of the marine environment of the Northwest Straits through education, research and voluntary action, now

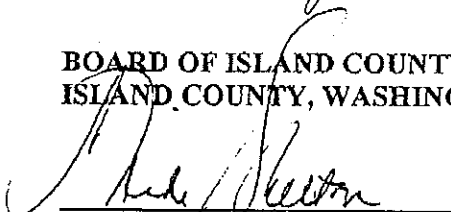
Therefore be it resolved, that the Island County Board of Commissioners does hereby establish a Marine Resources Committee that is guided by sound science and the needs of


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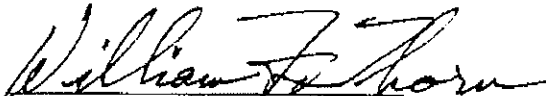
the Northwest Straits ecosystem that will address local marine issues, recommend remedial actions to local authorities and build awareness of the issues and support for the remedies consistent with the goals and task in "Exhibit A" and the needs of the marine waters of Island County.

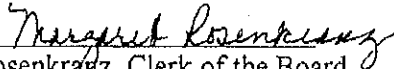
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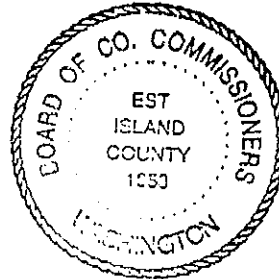
BOARD OF ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Mike Shelton, Chairman


Wm. L. McDowell, Member


William F. Thorn, Member

ATTEST: 
Margaret Rosenkranz, Clerk of the Board
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Resolution #C- -99

Exhibit "A"

Murray-Metcalf Northwest Straits Citizens Advisory Commission - Report to the Convenors, published August 20, 1998.

STATE OF WASHINGTON
County of Jefferson

In the Matter of:
Establishment of a
Marine Resources Committee

RESOLUTION NO. 45-99

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners recognizes that the marine waters of Jefferson County represent an unparalleled resource of enormous environmental and economic value to the people of the region now and for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to actively promote local protection and restoration of the County's marine resources by supporting research and education about these waters; and,

WHEREAS, the Northwest Straits Commission was established on October 1, 1998, to provide an ecosystem focus on the marine resources of the Northwest Straits, help mobilize science to focus on key priorities, and to guide and provide resources to county Marine Resources Committees; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Straits Commission and/or participating entities may provide financial assistance and technical expertise to participating local governments to use for planning, revision of city and county ordinances if necessary, and scientific study; and

WHEREAS, counties may participate in the Northwest Straits Commission by establishing Marine Resources Committees; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to protect the local marine environment and contribute to the protection of the marine environment of the Northwest Straits; and

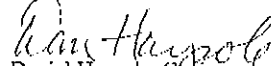
WHEREAS, the Board desires to establish the activities of the Marine Resources Committee on behalf of Jefferson County as well as to participate in membership on the Northwest Straits Commission;

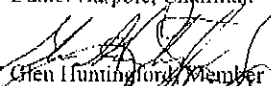
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby establish a Jefferson County Marine Resources Committee whose mission is to address local marine issues, recommend remedial actions to local authorities, build local awareness of the issues and support for remedies consistent with the Benchmarks for Performance as established by the August 20, 1998 Report to the Convenors by the Murray-Metcalf Northwest Straits Citizens Advisory Commission, including specific tasks as identified in "Exhibit A" (attached).

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of June, 1999.

JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SEAL:


Daniel Harpole, Chairman


Glen Huntingford, Member


Richard Wojt, Member

ATTEST:

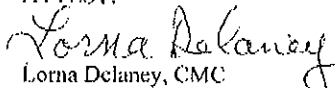

Lorna Delaney, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Exhibit A to Resolution No. 45-99

Purpose of the Marine Resources Committee: To achieve the protection and restoration of the marine resources of Jefferson County and to do so in furtherance of the benchmarks for performance as identified in the August 20, 1998, report to the convenors by the Murray-Metcalf Northwest Straits Citizens Advisory Commission.

Powers and Duties of the Marine Resource Committee

The Marine Resource Committee (MRC) shall:

1. Advise the Board of County Commissioners about research, educational and regulatory measures necessary to protect and restore the marine resources of the county.
2. Promote specific projects necessary to achieve the protection and restoration and enhancements of the marine resources of the County.
3. Advise the Board of County Commissioners about efforts that should be developed or encouraged to promote conservation, protection and restoration of marine habitats and resources.
4. Help assess marine resources problems and the need for preventive or corrective measures in concert with governmental, non-governmental, tribal, recreational and commercial interests.
5. Help identify implications, needs, and strategies associated with the recovery of Puget Sound salmon and other marine species and habitats in and around the County; and do so in concert with the above-mentioned entities.
6. Work closely with the Board of County Commissioners to establish and implement local marine conservation, protection and restoration initiatives.
7. Coordinate with the Northwest Straits Commission on marine ecosystem objectives.
8. Reach out to the public and other key constituencies on the link between healthy marine habitat and healthy resources.
9. Annually report to the Board of County Commissioners on its activities and recommendations.

Membership of the Marine Resource Committee:

There shall be thirteen (13) voting members and two (2) nonvoting members of the MRC, selected by the Board of County Commissioners to ensure that the membership of the committee is balanced and representative.

The voting members shall be:

- One member representing Commercial Interests
- One member representing Environmental or Conservation Interests
- One member representing Recreation Interests
- One member representing Marine Science Practitioners, Educators or Researchers
- One member representing Tribes
- Two members representing Local Government
- Six members representing Citizens (2 representatives from each Commissioner District)

The nonvoting members shall be:

- One member of the Board of County Commissioners.
- One member representing the U.S. Navy

Members shall serve staggered, four-year terms. The MRC chair shall be selected by a majority of the MRC membership. MRC members shall also select a representative to the Northwest Straits Commission by a majority vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 14 - 2001**RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SAN JUAN COUNTY MARINE RESOURCES CHARTER AND BUSINESS RULES TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP AND DEFINE POWERS AND DUTIES**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners established a Marine Resources Committee (MRC) for a limited term by Resolution No. 35-1996 and extended the term to July 1, 1999 by Resolution No. 3-1997, and,

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 23-1999, reauthorized the MRC and endorsed its participation on the Northwest Straits Commission, and established the Committee's Powers and Duties, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 59-1999 establishing the MRC Business Rules, and

WHEREAS, the MRC desires to expand its membership from twelve to fifteen members to ensure the committee reflects balanced representation as contemplated in the Murray/Metcalf Northwest Straits Citizens Advisory Commission Report to Convenors dated August 20, 1998, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Juan County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve amending the MRC Charter and Business Rules (Exhibits A & B attached) to expand the Committee from twelve (12) to fifteen (15) members as follows:

Membership

There shall be no more than ~~twelve~~ fifteen and not fewer than nine members of the MRC ~~to establish a quorum of voting members for any action by the MRC, which quorum for voting purposes shall be a simple majority of the membership.~~ For voting purposes regarding any action by the MRC, a simple majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

In addition to the San Juan County Planning Director (or equivalent) the MRC should include representation by the following sectors of the local community to the extent possible:

- Relevant scientific expertise
- Tribal Representation
- Town of Friday Harbor
- Affected economic interests (such as ports and commercial fishers)
- Affected recreational interests (sport fishers, boaters, whale/wildlife observing operators)
- Conservation and environmental interests
- Citizens at large

and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Powers and Duties outlined in Exhibit A to Resolution No. 23 - 1999 be amended as follows:

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Resolution Amending MRC Charter

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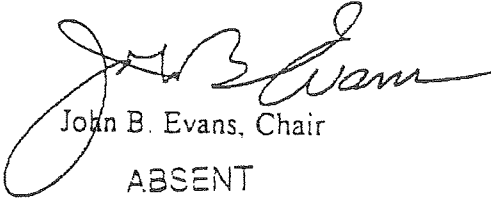
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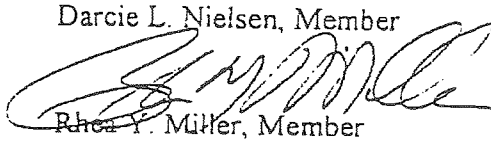
Powers and Duties

- 2. Promote and guide specific projects necessary to achieve the protection and restoration of the marine resources of the County. (Exhibit A)

Adopted this 30th day of January, 2001.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON


John B. Evans, Chair
ABSENT

Darcie L. Nielsen, Member

Rhea Y. Miller, Member

Attest: Si A. Stephens, Auditor and
Ex Officio Clerk of the Board

By: 
Lillian Hamel, Clerk

Resolution No. 14-2001

EXHIBIT "A"

To achieve the protection and restoration of the marine resources of San Juan County and to do so in furtherance of the benchmarks for performance as identified in the August 20, 1998 report to the convenors by the Murray-Metcalf Northwest Straits Citizens Advisory Commission.

Powers and duties

The Marine Resource Committee (MRC) shall:

1. Advise the Board of County Commissioners about research, educational and regulatory measures necessary to protect and restore the marine resources of the county.
2. Promote and guide specific projects necessary to achieve the protection and restoration of the marine resources of the County.
3. Advise the BOCC about efforts that should be developed or encouraged to promote consistent cross-border conservation, protection and restoration of marine habitats and resources.
4. Help assess marine resources problems and the need for preventive or corrective measures in concert with governmental, non-governmental, tribal, recreational and commercial interests.
5. Help identify implications, needs, and strategies associated with the recovery of Puget Sound salmon and other marine species and habitats in and around the County; and do so in concert with the above mentioned entities.
6. Work with the Puget Sound Ambient Monitoring Program and other entities to enhance and make public the scientific baseline and monitoring program for the marine environment/ecosystem of the County.
7. Annually identify current actions and the need for additional measures and seek funding sources appropriate to accomplish tasks identified by the Committee that exceed the County's own ability to fund adequately.
8. Work closely with the Board of County Commissioners and the county planning function to establish and implement local marine conservation, protection and restoration initiatives.
9. Coordinate with the Northwest Straits Commission on marine ecosystem objectives.
10. Reach out to the public and other key constituencies on the link between healthy marine habitat and healthy resources and how marine protected areas (MPAs) can play an important role in habitat protection.

Resolution No. 14 - 2001

Reporting

The MRC shall report to the BOCC on the status of all projects, external funding and the projected funding needs for the following year, by August 1 of the current year. Such report, together with funding needs that are not supplied by the County, shall be forwarded to the Northwest Straits Commission not later than February 1 of the following year.

Membership

There shall be no more than fifteen and not fewer than nine members of the MRC. For voting purposes regarding any action by the MRC, a simple majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

In addition to the San Juan County Planning Director (or equivalent) the MRC should include representation by the following sectors of the local community to the extent possible:

- Relevant scientific expertise
- Tribal Representation
- Town of Friday Harbor
- Affected economic interests (such as ports and commercial fishers)
- Affected recreational interests (sport fishers, boaters, whale/wildlife observing operators)
- Conservation and environmental interests
- Citizens at large

The MRC chair shall be selected by a majority of the MRC membership. MRC members shall also select a representative to the Northwest Straits Commission by a majority vote.

Terms

Other than the Planning Director, members shall serve staggered four year terms.

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SKAGIT COUNTY MARINE
RESOURCES COMMITTEE AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER THE NORTHWEST
STRAITS COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the Skagit County Board of County Commissioners recognizes that the marine waters of Skagit County represent an unparalleled resource of enormous environmental and economic value to the people of the region for this and future generations; and

WHEREAS, despite the considerable research and regulatory efforts, previous efforts have failed to protect natural habitats and fish and wildlife populations adequately within these waters; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Straits Commission was established on October 1, 1998 to provide an ecosystem focus on the marine resources of the Northwest Straits, help mobilize science to focus on key priorities and to guide and provide resources to county Marine Services Committees; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Straits Commission has determined that county based Marine Resources Committees can provide the foundation of scientifically sound, locally supported marine conservation measures; and

WHEREAS, active county participation in a regionally coordinated program is the best available tool to ensure counties in the Northwest Straits area are constructively engaged in effective marine conservation areas; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Straits Commission and/or participating entities may provide financial assistance and technical expertise to participating local governments to use for planning, revision of city and county ordinances, if necessary, and scientific study; and

WHEREAS, the Skagit County Board of Commissioners desires to establish a Marine Resources Committee to protect the local marine environment and contribute to the protection of the marine environment of the Northwest Straits; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Skagit County Board of Commissioners does hereby establish a Marine Resources Committee whose mission is to address local marine issues, recommend remedial actions to local authorities and build local awareness of the issues and support for remedies consistent with the Benchmarks for Performance as established by the August 20, 1998 Report to the Convenors by the Murray-Metcalf Northwest Straits Citizens Advisory Commission, including specific tasks and membership as identified in "Exhibit A".

Adopted this 4TH day of MAY, 1999.



ATTEST:

Patti J. Chambers
PATTI J. CHAMBERS
Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Ted W. Anderson

Ted W. Anderson, Chairman

Harvey Wolden

Harvey Wolden, Commissioner

Robert Hart

Robert Hart, Commissioner

**GOALS OF MARINE RESOURCE COMMITTEES CONSISTENT WITH THE
BENCHMARKS FOR PERFORMANCE
FOR THE NORTHWEST STRAITS COMMISSION**

- Encourage strong county participation in Marine Resources Committees (MRCs).
- Consistent with a scientifically based regional system of Marine Protected Area (MPAs), identify local candidate sites and urge their inclusion at the appropriate level.
- Help insure a net gain in highly ecologically productive nearshore, inter tidal, and estuarine habitat within the county, as well as no significant loss of existing, high-value habitat. Work with state (the Puget Sound Action Team and resource agencies), tribes, and local authorities (especially local planning departments) to help map, assess, and protect nearshore habitat and prevent harm from upland activities through local and state ordinances and shoreline plans.
- Help ensure a net reduction in shellfish harvest areas within the county closed due to contamination.
- Contribute to measurable increases in factors supporting bottom fish recovery (such as rockfish) – including numbers of fish of broodstock size and age, average fish size, and abundance of prey species – as well as sufficient amounts and quality of protected habitat.
- Contribute to increases in other key marine indicator species (including those identified in the 1997 West Report on Puget Sound marine resources).
- Use and contribute to a scientific data pool on marine resources (for example, through the Puget Sound Ambient Monitoring Program – PSAMP), including a scientific baseline, common protocols, unified GIS, and sharing of ecosystem assessments and research.

SPECIFIC TASKS:

- Help assess marine resources and problems in concert with governmental agencies, tribes, and other entities.
- Help identify local implications, needs, and strategies associated with the recovery of Puget Sound salmon under the Federal Endangered Species Act in concert with governmental agencies, tribes, and other entities.
- Work with the Puget Sound Ambient Monitoring Program and other programs to enhance the scientific baseline and monitoring of the marine environment in the Northwest Straits.
- Identify current actions and the need for additional measures.
- Prioritize actions.
- Work closely with county leadership to implement local marine conservation and restoration initiatives.
- Coordinate with the Northwest Straits Commission on marine ecosystem objectives.
- Reach out to the public and other key constituencies on such issues as the link between healthy marine habitat and healthy resources and how MPAs can play an important role in habitat and resource protection.

MEMBERSHIP:

The Marine Resources Committee members shall be selected by the Skagit County Commissioners to ensure that the committee is representative of:

- Relevant scientific expertise;
- Balanced representation from:
 - Local government (especially planning staff from counties and cities with marine shorelines);
 - Affected economic interests (such as port, commercial fishers);
 - Affected recreational interests (such as sport fishers);
 - Conservation and environmental interests;
- Tribes: Each recognized tribe with a reservation in the county shall be offered a seat on the MRC. The representative is to be appointed by their respective tribal authority; and
- Constructive and knowledgeable individuals.

The chair of the MRC shall be selected by a majority of the MRC membership. MRC members shall, by consensus, select one representative to serve on the NW Straits Commission.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 99-080

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY
MARINE RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Snohomish county council recognizes that the marine waters of Snohomish County represent an unparalleled resource of enormous environmental and economic value to the people of the region for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, despite the considerable research and regulatory efforts, previous efforts have failed to protect natural habitats and fish and wildlife populations adequately within these waters; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Straits Commission was established by Congress on October 1, 1998, to provide an ecosystem focus on the marine resources of the Northwest Straits, help mobilize science to focus on key priorities and to guide and provide resources to county marine resources advisory committees; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Straits Commission has determined that county-based marine resources advisory committees can provide the foundation of scientifically sound, locally supported marine conservation measures; and

WHEREAS, active county participation in a regionally coordinated program is the best available tool to ensure counties in the Northwest Straits area are constructively engaged in effective marine conservation areas; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Straits Advisory Commission and/or participating entities may provide financial assistance and technical expertise to participating local governments to use for planning, revision of city and county ordinances, if necessary, and scientific study; and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County council desires to establish a Marine resources advisory committee to further its efforts to protect the local marine environment and contribute to the protection of the marine environment of the Northwest Straits; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a marine resources advisory committee is consistent with Snohomish County's efforts to respond to the Endangered Species Act listing of salmonids within the Puget Sound region;

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. Advisory committee established. The Snohomish county marine resources advisory committee is hereby established as an advisory body to the county council and executive.

Section 2. The purpose of the marine resources advisory committee is to address local marine issues and recommend remedial actions to the council, executive and, where requested by the council or executive, to other local governmental entities and tribes, guided by sound science and the needs of the marine ecosystem.

Section 3. Duties and responsibilities. (1) The marine resources advisory committee shall serve in an advisory role to the county council and executive on one or more of the following matters, as requested:

(a) Achieving a net gain in highly ecologically productive nearshore, inter-tidal and estuarine habitat within the county, as well as preventing significant loss of existing, high-value habitat;

(b) Achieving a net reduction in the number of shellfish harvest areas within the county closed due to contamination;

(c) Contributing to measurable increases in factors supporting bottom fish recovery (such as rockfish), including numbers of fish of broodstock size and age, average fish size, and abundance of prey species, as well as sufficient amounts and quality of protected habitat;

(d) Contributing to increases in other key marine indicator species;

(e) Identifying the local implications, needs and possible strategies associated with the recovery of Puget Sound salmonids listed under the Endangered Species Act in concert with federal, state and local governmental entities and tribes;

(f) Identifying and recommending local candidate sites for designation as marine protection areas (MPAs), consistent with a scientifically-based regional system of MPAs;

(g) Building public awareness on such issues as the link between healthy marine habitat and healthy resources and how MPAs can play an important role in habitat and resource protection;

(h) Working with the federal, state and local governmental entities and tribes to help map, assess, and protect nearshore habitat and prevent harm from upland and shoreline activities through local and state regulations and planning efforts;

(i) Creating and maintaining a scientific database on marine resources, including a scientific baseline, common protocols, a unified ~~global~~ information system (GIS) and shared ecosystem assessments and research;

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(j) Providing assistance to federal, state and local governmental entities and tribes in assessing the status of marine resources and factors of their decline;

(k) Identifying, prioritizing and recommending current and future remedial measures;

(l) Working with local government leaders to implement local marine conservation and restoration initiatives; and

(m) Coordinating with the Northwest Straits Commission on marine ecosystem objectives.

(2) The marine resources advisory committee shall report annually to the county council and executive on its activities and progress in achieving its goals.

Section 4. Membership. (1) ((The marine resources advisory committee shall be composed of no more than 11 members.)) Chapter 2.03 SCC shall govern membership on the committee, provided that candidates for appointment may be recommended by the executive or individual councilmembers, subject to appointment by the county council. The marine resources advisory committee shall annually elect a chairperson by simple majority vote. The marine resources advisory committee shall establish bylaws and a regular meeting schedule. The county executive may provide staff support to the committee to the extent that the executive deems appropriate.

(2) The marine resources advisory committee shall be composed of no more than eleven members with balanced representation from individuals with relevant experience or scientific expertise representing:

(a) local governments;

(b) affected economic interests;

(c) recreational, conservation or environmental interests; and

(d) local tribal governments.

Section 5. Terms. Terms of office are subject to the sunset provision of Section 7, herein. Members from even-numbered positions shall have an initial term of two years and terms of three years thereafter. All other positions shall have an initial term of three years and terms of three years thereafter. A member shall not serve more than three consecutive terms on the committee.

Section 6. Vacancies. A vacancy occurring as a result of an expired term shall be filled as provided by Chapter 2.03 SCC. Vacancies occurring for any reason other than the expiration of a term of office shall be filled by appointment of the county council for the duration of the unexpired term of the office being filled.

Section 7. Duration and Sunset. The marine resources advisory committee is not intended to be a permanent board or committee of the county at this time. As such, this ordinance is automatically repealed effective on the date five (5) years following enactment unless re-enacted prior to that date.

PASSED this 22nd day of September, 1999.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

Richard R. Yase
Chair

ATTEST:

Barbara Sitoroti
Clerk of the Council, Asst.

- APPROVED
- VETOED
- EMERGENCY

DATE: 9/24/99

Gary Weikel
for County Executive

ATTEST:

Laura Nelson

GARY WEIKEL
Executive Director

Approved as to form only:

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL

NO. 1999 - 158 A

CLEARANCES		Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned To
Orig. Dept.:	County Council	4/27/99	RECEIVED APR 27 1999 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL	5/4/99	Full Council
Division Head:					
Dept. Head:					
Prosecutor:					
Budget:					
Executive:					

SUBJECT:

Resolution establishing a Whatcom County Marine Committee

ATTACHMENTS

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Related County Contract #:	Should the Clerk schedule a hearing? (Y/N)	Requested Date:
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A resolution establishing a Whatcom County Marine Committee

RECOMMENDED MOTION (for final action):

COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN:

1999 - 158 A 5/4/99: Held in Committee
 5/18/99: Amended and approved 7-0, Res. #99-023

Related File Numbers:

Ordinance or Resolution Number (this item only):

RES. # 99-023

1 marineresources.res4/15/99

2 PROPOSED BY: COUNCIL

3 SPONSORED BY: CONSENT

4 INTRODUCTION DATE: May 4, 1999

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6 RESOLUTION NO. 99-023

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8 ESTABLISHING A WHATCOM COUNTY MARINE RESOURCE COMMITTEE AS
9 PROVIDED FOR UNDER THE NORTHWEST STRAITS COMMISSION

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11 WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Council recognizes that the marine waters of
12 Whatcom County represent an unparalleled resource of enormous environmental and
13 economic value to the people of the region for this and future generations; and
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15 WHEREAS, despite the considerable research and regulatory efforts, previous
16 efforts have failed to adequately protect natural habitats and fish and wildlife populations
17 within these waters; and
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19 WHEREAS, the Northwest Straits Commission was established on October 1,
20 1998, to provide an ecosystem focus on the marine resources of the Northwest Straits, to
21 help mobilize science to focus on key priorities, and to guide and provide resources to
22 county Marine Resources Committees; and
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24 WHEREAS, active county participation in a regionally coordinated program is the
25 best available tool to ensure counties in the Northwest Straits area are constructively
26 engaged in effective marine conservation areas; and
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28 WHEREAS, the Northwest Straits Commission and/or participating entities may
29 provide financial assistance and technical expertise to participating local governments to
30 use for planning, revision of city and county ordinances, and scientific studies; and
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32 WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Council desires to establish a Marine Resources
33 Committee to protect and enhance the local marine environment and contribute to the
34 protection of the marine environment of the Northwest Straits; and
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1 WHEREAS, the marine environment is an essential element in the recovery of
2 threatened and endangered salmon species.

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4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Whatcom County Council that a
5 Marine Resources Committee is hereby established as outlined in Exhibit A to this
6 resolution.


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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the mission and tasks of the Marine Resources
9 Committee are as outlined in Exhibit B to this resolution.

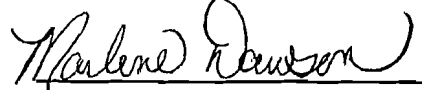
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11 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Marine Resources Committee shall
12 establish a link with other efforts within the county to restore and enhance fish and wildlife
13 habitat, especially as they apply to threatened and/or endangered salmon species, including
14 but not limited to planning under ESHB 2514 and HB 2496.

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16 APPROVED this 18th day of May, 1999.

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19 ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY,
WASHINGTON

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23 Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council


_____ Marlene Dawson, Council Chair

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27 APPROVED AS TO FORM:


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30 Civil Deputy Prosecutor

EXHIBIT A

Committee – Established. There is hereby established the Whatcom County Marine Resource Committee as provided for under the Northwest Straits Commission.

Purpose. Guided by sound science and the needs of the Northwest Straits marine ecosystem, and consideration for the citizens of Whatcom County. The Whatcom County Marine Resources Committee will address local marine issues and recommend remedial action to local authorities. The Committee will build local awareness of issues, and gather support for remedies consistent with the Benchmarks for Performance as established in the August 20, 1998 Report to the Convenors by the Murray-Metcalf Northwest Straits Citizens Advisory Commission.

Committee Members. The Whatcom County Marine Resources Committee shall be comprised of 17 members. The Committee shall have representation from the following sectors: 2 members with relevant scientific expertise; 3 members to be elected officials, (1 each from the County, Blaine, and Bellingham); 3 members with an economic interest (such as, but not limited to, the Port or commercial fishing); 2 members with recreational interests (such as, but not limited to, sport fishers); 3 members with conservation and environmental interests; and 2 members who shall be citizens at large. In addition, each recognized tribe shall be offered a seat on the Committee, with the representative to be appointed by the respective tribal authority.

Ex officio members. Ex officio members shall be appointed from Planning and/or Public Works staff of the County, Blaine, and Bellingham. The Committee may appoint additional ex officio members as necessary.

The chair of the Committee shall be selected by a majority of the Committee members. Committee members, by consensus, shall select a representative to serve on the Northwest Straits Commission.

EXHIBIT B**MISSION OF THE WHATCOM COUNTY MARINE RESOURCE COMMITTEE:**

- ~ Encourage county-wide participation in the Whatcom County Marine Resource Committee.
- ~ Consistent with a scientifically based regional system of Marine Protected Areas (MPA's), identify local candidate sites and urge their inclusion at the appropriate level (especially voluntary).
- ~ Help ensure a net gain in highly ecologically productive near-shore, inter-tidal, and estuarine habitat within the county, as well as no significant loss of existing, high-value habitat.
- ~ Work with State (the Puget Sound Action Team and resource agencies) tribes, and local authorities (especially planning departments) to help map, assess, and protect near-shore habitat and prevent harm from upland activities through local and state ordinances and shoreline plans.
- ~ Help ensure a net reduction in the closure of county shellfish harvest areas due to contamination.
- ~ Contribute to measurable increases in salmon recovery (including numbers of fish of brood stock size and age, average fish size, and abundance of prey species), as well as sufficient amounts and quality of protected habitat.
- ~ Contribute to measurable increases in bottom fish recovery, such as rockfish, (including numbers of fish of broodstock size and age, average fish size, and abundance of prey species), as well as sufficient amounts and quality of protected habitat.
- ~ Contribute to increase in other key marine indicator species (including those identified in the 1997 West report on Puget Sound marine resources).
- ~ Use and contribute to a scientific data pool on marine resources (for example, through the Puget Sound Ambient Monitoring Program – PSAMP), including a scientific baseline, common protocols, unified GIS, and sharing of ecosystem assessments and research.

SPECIFIC TASKS

- ~ Help assess marine resources and problems in concert with governmental agencies, tribes, and other entities.
- ~ Help identify local implications, needs, and strategies associated with the recovery of Puget Sound salmon under the Federal Endangered Species Act in concert with governmental agencies, tribes, and other entities.
- ~ Work with the Puget Sound Ambient Monitoring Program and other programs to enhance the scientific baseline and monitoring of the marine environment in the Northwest Straits.
- ~ Identify and prioritize current actions and the need for additional measures.
- ~ Work closely with county leadership to implement local marine conservation and restoration initiatives.
- ~ Coordinate with the Northwest Straits Commission on marine ecosystem objectives.
- ~ Provide reports at least semi-annually to the Northwest Straits Commission that describe the status of projects and activities.
- ~ Reach out to the public and other key constituencies on such issues as the link between healthy marine habitat and healthy resources and how MPA's can play an important role in habitat and resource protection.
- ~ Assist in establishing a working relationship with the government and citizens of British Columbia to enact similar actions within marine areas that fall under their jurisdiction.

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL

NO. 1999 - 158 B

CLEARANCES		Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned To
Orig. Dept.:	County Council	9/21/99	RECEIVED SEP 21 1999 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL	9/28/99	Natural Res./Council
Division Head:					
Dept. Head:					
Prosecutor:					
Budget:					
Executive:					

SUBJECT:

Resolution amending Resolution 99-023 - Marine Resource Committee

ATTACHMENTS

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

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This resolution amends only Exhibit A to the original resolution. No other amendments are proposed.

RECOMMENDED MOTION (for final action):

COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN:

1999 - 158 B 9/28/99: Approved 7-0, Res. #99-047

Related File Numbers:

Ordinance or Resolution Number (this item only):

RES. # 99-047

1 marinerresources.res9/21/99

2 PROPOSED BY: COUNCIL
3 SPONSORED BY: CONSENT
4 INTRODUCTION DATE: 9/28/99
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6 RESOLUTION NO. 99-047
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8 AMENDING RESOLUTION 99-023, ESTABLISHING A WHATCOM COUNTY
9 MARINE RESOURCE COMMITTEE AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER THE
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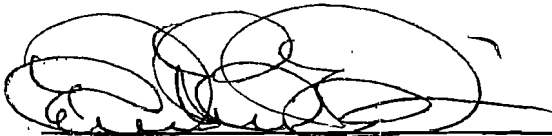
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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY,
WASHINGTON

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