16th Annual MRC Conference: Mapping Our Progress  
December 5-6, 2014  
Northwest Maritime Center, Port Townsend, W

FRIDAY
9:30AM-11:30AM  
Boat Tour: Jefferson MRC Nearshore Projects and Early Winter Migratory Birds  
*Hosted by the Jefferson MRC in partnership with the Puget Sound Express*

11:00AM  
Conference registration opens

11:30AM-12:30PM  
Lunch

12:40PM-1:00PM  
Welcome and Opening Remarks  
*Marlin Holden, Natural Resources Committee Chairman, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe  
Christine Woodward, Chair, Northwest Straits Commission  
Jeff Ward, President, Northwest Straits Foundation*

1:00PM-2:15PM  
Ocean and Climate Change: A Spotlight on Local Response  
*Moderator: Jerry Masters, Northwest Straits Commission  
The Washington Shellfish Initiative: Coordination and Progress  
*Julie Horowitz, Office of the Governor  
A Multi-Faceted Approach to Combating Ocean Acidification  
*Betsy Peabody, Puget Sound Restoration Fund  
Assessing Local Impacts of Sea Level Rise  
*Ian Miller, WA Sea Grant*

2:15PM-3:30PM  
Forests of the Salish Sea: The Quest to Protect Kelp and Eelgrass Habitats  
*Moderator: Nan McKay, Northwest Straits Commission  
Why Kelp is the next Big Thing  
*Tom Mumford, Marine Agronomics  
Eelgrass News: Restoring Puget Sound’s Meadows  
*Ron Thom, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory  
Local Action: MRCs and Eelgrass Protection Efforts  
*Cheryl Lowe, Jefferson MRC*

3:30PM-3:45PM  
Break

3:45PM-4:15PM  
Accelerating Sound Recovery through Collective Action  
*Sheida Sahandy, Executive Director, Puget Sound Partnership*

4:15PM-5:00PM  
National Ocean Policy and Communities  
*Beth Kerttula, Director, National Ocean Council*
5:00PM       Announcements and Adjourn
5:15PM-6:45PM Networking and Silent Auction
7:00PM – 8:00PM Dinner
      Environmental Leadership Award

SATURDAY
7:30AM-8:15AM  Buffet Breakfast

8:30AM-9:15AM  Northwest Straits History and MRC Project Highlights
   Ginny Broadhurst, Director, Northwest Straits Commission
   Salish Sea Stewards Morty Cohen, Skagit MRC
   Leave No Trace Barbara Bentley, San Juan MRC
   Port Susan Marine Stewardship Area Kathleen Herrmann, Snohomish MRC

9:15AM-10:15AM  Oil and Rail Transportation Study and Oil and Coal Project Environmental Review
   Moderators: Jeff Ward, Northwest Straits Commission/Foundation
   Scott McCreery, BP
   Gordon White and Dale Jensen, WA Dept of Ecology

10:15AM-10:30AM  Break

10:30AM – 11:45PM  Concurrent Sessions

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12:00PM-1:00PM  Lunch and Interactive MRC Displays

1:15PM-2:30PM  Species at Risk: Recovery Efforts in Puget Sound
   Moderator: Franchesca Perez, Stillaguamish Tribe and Snohomish MRC
   Restoring Pinto Abalone in the Salish Sea
   Josh Bouma, Puget Sound Restoration Fund
   Pacific herring “recovery”: Identifying causes of decline
   Tessa Francis, Puget Sound Institute
   The Decline of the Tufted Puffin in Puget Sound
   Peter Hodum, Oikonos

2:30PM-2:50PM  MRC Awards and Closing Remarks

3:00PM       Adjourn
   Ferry departs to Coupeville: 3:30PM, 5:15PM