



**WHATCOM MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE**  
**DRAFT MEETING AGENDA**  
 May 4, 2023 5:00pm – 7:00pm  
 Garden Level Conference Room, Civic Annex Building  
 322 N. Commercial St. Bellingham  
 Or ZOOM [LINK](#)  
 Meeting ID: 898 4927 5200 | Passcode 98225  
 1-253-215-8782 US (Tacoma)

<p><i>We acknowledge the lands we're on today are the ancestral and current homelands of Indigenous Nations who have stewarded them since time immemorial. We respect their sovereignty, support their Treaty rights, their right to self-determination, and we honor their sacred spiritual connection with the land and water. These Indigenous Nations include the Lummi Nation and Nooksack Indian Tribe.</i></p>		
1.	5:00	<b>Introductions and Determine Quorum</b>
2.		<b>May 4 Agenda</b>  <b>Action:</b> Modify and approve agenda as needed. New business can be added if necessary.
3.		<b>Approval of April 6 meeting summary</b>  <b>Action:</b> Review and approve summaries as final.
4.		<b>Community Updates</b>  <b>Objective:</b> Community members attending the meeting who wish to address or update the Committee on Committee related matters will be provided up to five (5) minutes to speak.
5.	5:10	<b>European Green Crab in Whatcom County Update:</b> Leah Robison, Northwest Straits Commission (NWSC)  <b>Objective:</b> Provide Northwest Straits staff with opportunity to relay information and updates on the European Green Crab regional project and the MRC's interest/involvement in volunteering.
6.	5:30	<b>Staff Update:</b> MRC retreat, Combined Review Team, Derelict Vessel Removal, summer meeting schedule, NWSI Conference, job shadow, <a href="#">2022 Annual Report</a>  <b>Objective:</b> Provide staff with opportunity to relay information and updates to the full MRC. <b>Action:</b> Approve MRC staff participation on the Combined Review Team.
7.	6:00	<b>Outreach Events:</b> <a href="#">What's the Point</a> (June 17), <a href="#">Shore Friendly Workshop</a> (May 20, 9:30am – 12:30pm classroom, 1:00pm – 2pm beachwalk), <a href="#">Blaine Oyster Fest</a> (May 20, 12pm – 6pm)  <b>Action:</b> Determine member capacity to host MRC booth at upcoming outreach events.
8.	6:25	<b>Project Updates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chuckanut Outreach Event</li> <li>• Olympia oyster (May 8 and 10) and future planning</li> <li>• Wildcat Cove</li> <li>• Beach Seine with Kids</li> </ul>
9.	6:45	<b>MRC Partner Committee Updates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WWIN/Speaker Series</li> <li>• County Council</li> <li>• Port of Bellingham</li> <li>• Northwest Straits Commission (NWSC)</li> </ul>
10.	7:00	<b>Adjourn.</b>

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**Items of interest:**

- Northwest Straits Initiative [2022 Annual Report](#)
- Kelp Plan Action [Workshop Notes](#)

Community members who require special assistance to participate in a committee meeting are to contact MRC Staff at least 4 business days in advance.

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