



MEETING AGENDAS

Wednesday, March 1, 2017
8:30-10:30 AM

Legislative Hearing Room
55 Second Street - Friday Harbor, WA

8:30 AM **Convene MRC Meeting** *Terry Turner, Chair*

8:35 AM **Approval of Minutes of the February 1, 2017 meeting**
Staff Update on MRC Projects

8:40 AM **Citizen Input – The MRC is gathering comments on the request that the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) establish a whale protection zone to support the recovery of Southern Resident killer whales.**

Summary: NMFS received a petition under the Administrative Procedure Act requesting that they use their authority under the Endangered Species Act and Marine Mammal Protection Act to establish a whale protection zone to support recovery of endangered Southern Resident killer whales. Here is the link to the NOAA webpage on Regulations on Vessel Effects.

http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/protected_species/marine_mammals/killer_whale/vessel_regulations.html

The MRC is convening this forum and gathering public comments for three reasons

1. To help it formulate a response to the petition
2. To help inform San Juan County Council about the public's comments on the petition
3. To encourage San Juan County citizens to respond to NMFS by writing and/or on their public comment website for this matter.

This Citizen Input is very informative to the MRC and San Juan County Council. **However, the MRC encourages and recommends that citizens submit their comments directly to NOAA to ensure their comments are part of the official record.**

You may submit information on the Federal Register notice published by NMFS (identified by NOAA-NMFS2016-0152) and the petition by either of the following methods:

Electronic submission: Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal www.regulations.gov. To submit comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal, go to www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-20160152, click the "Comment Now!" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

Mail or hand-delivery: Lynne Barre, NMFS West Coast Region, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Seattle, WA 98115

10:15 AM **Adjourn MRC Meeting**

See reverse of page for Salmon Citizen Advisory Group Agenda, and upcoming events Calendar

**Salmon Citizen's Advisory Group
Watershed Regional Inventory Area (WRIA) #2 Agenda—
2/01/17**

10:20 AM**	Convene Salmon Citizen's Advisory Group Meeting <i>Terry Turner, Chair</i>
10:20 AM	Updates on Salmon Recovery <i>Byron Rot,</i>
10:25 AM	Citizen Input
10:30 AM	Adjourn Salmon Advisory Group Meeting, <i>Chair</i>

Upcoming Meetings/Events

Date	Event	Location	Time
3/6/2017	Marine Managers Workshop Planning	Orcas Landing	9:30 AM – 11:30AM
3/14/2017	Marine Managers Workshop Planning	Orcas Landing	9:30 AM – 11:30AM
3/15/2017	MRC Meeting	Orcas Landing	9:30 AM – 11:00AM
3/15/2017	Salmon Citizen's Advisory Group Meeting	Orcas Landing	11:00 AM – 11:30AM
3/21/2017	Marine Managers Workshop Planning	Orcas Landing	9:30 AM – 11:30AM
3/28/2017	Marine Managers Workshop Planning	Orcas Landing	9:30 AM – 11:30AM
3/30/2017	Executive Committee MRC	Orcas Landing	9:30 AM – 1:30 PM
4/03-04/2017	Marine Managers Workshop 2017	Camp Orkila	Two Days
4/04/2017	MRC & Salmon Recovery Meeting	SJ County Council Chambers	8:30 – 10:30AM

(MRC meeting, see reverse of the page)

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