



**18th Annual MRC Conference**  
**November 4-5, 2016**  
*Northwest Maritime Center, Port Townsend, Washington*

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

10:00 – 11:00 AM      **Commission business meeting**

11:00 AM                **Conference registration opens**

11:15 AM – noon

| <b>TRACK A: Chandler Building</b>   | <b>TRACK B: Maritime Room</b>                        |
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| <b>NWS 101 – Short history on the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative and guide to who’s who and what we do</b><br><i>Ginny Broadhurst, Northwest Straits Commission</i><br><i>Caroline Gibson, Northwest Straits Foundation</i> | <b>Open time for MRC members to discuss projects</b> |

11:45AM – 12:45PM    **Buffet Lunch – Maritime Room**

1:00 – 2:00PM            **Welcome and Opening Remarks**  
*Nan McKay, Chair, Northwest Straits Commission*  
*Jerry Masters, President, Northwest Straits Foundation*  
*US Representative Derek Kilmer, 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District*  
*Joshua Berger, Maritime Sector Lead, Governor’s Office*

2:15 – 3:30PM            **Concurrent Sessions**

| <b>TRACK A: Maritime Room West</b>   | <b>TRACK B: Maritime Room East</b>   |
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| <b>Visualizing Ocean Acidification Through Modeling</b><br><i>Dr. Tarang Khangaonkar, Pacific NW National Labs</i><br><i>Dr. Laura Bianucci, Pacific NW National Labs</i><br><i>Cristiana Figueroa-Kaminsky, Dept of Ecology</i> | <b>What’s Happening with Marine Birds?</b><br><i>Dr. Peter Hodum, University of Puget Sound</i><br><br><b>Endangered Southern Resident Killer Whales: A Species in the Spotlight</b><br><i>Lynne Barre, NOAA</i> |

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4** (continued)

- 3:45 -5:15 PM      **Importance of Northwest Straits Initiative Forage Fish Surveys in Puget Sound**  
*Dr. Lucas Hart, Northwest Straits Commission*  
*Phillip Dionne, WA Dept of Fish & Wildlife*  
*Jason Morgan, Northwest Straits Foundation*  
*Suzanne Shull, Northwest Straits Commission/Padilla Bay Reserve*
- 5:15 – 6:30 PM      **Networking and Interactive MRC Displays**
- 6:30 – 8:00 PM      **Dinner and Keynote Speaker**  
*Jonathan White, Author - Tides: The Science and Spirit of the Ocean*
- 8:00 PM              **Adjourn**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

7:30 – 8:15 AM **Buffet Breakfast – Maritime Room**

8:30 – 10:00 AM **Concurrent Sessions**

| <b>TRACK A: Maritime Room</b>   | <b>TRACK B: Chandler Building</b>  |
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| <p><b>Building Cohesive Approaches to Restoring Olympia Oysters in Puget Sound</b></p> <p><i>Cheryl Lowe, Jefferson MRC</i><br/> <i>Dr. Paul Dinnel, Skagit MRC</i><br/> <i>Brian Allen, Puget Sound Restoration Fund</i><br/> <i>Ralph Riccio, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe</i></p> | 8:30 – 9:15 AM   |
|   | <p><b>Philanthropy and MRCs</b><br/> <i>Nate Biletznikoff, Shell Puget Sound Refinery</i><br/> <i>Jerry Masters, Valley Supply Co.</i><br/> <i>Caroline Gibson, Northwest Straits Foundation</i></p>   |
|   | 9:15 – 10:00 AM  |
|   | <p><b>Online Outreach for MRCs</b><br/> <b>Social Media and Behavior Change</b><br/> <i>Sasha Horst, Northwest Straits Commission</i><br/> <b>A Case Study – Facebook for San Juan MRC</b><br/> <i>Arnie Klaus, San Juan MRC Coordinator</i></p> |

10:00 – 10:15 AM **Break**

10:15AM – 12:30 PM **Film: Sonic Sea**  
*Dr. Rob Williams, Oceans Initiative: Underwater Noise in Salish Sea*  
*Michael Jasny, Natural Resources Defense Council*  
*Moderator: Ed Bowlby, Clallam MRC*

12:30 – 1:30 PM **Lunch – Maritime Room**

1:30 – 2:30 PM **Plenary Session**  
*Moderated by Dr. Tessa Francis*  
**Puget Sound Vessel Traffic and Management**  
*Captain Joe Raymond, US Coast Guard*

**Status Report on Puget Sound Restoration**  
*Sheida Sahandy, Puget Sound Partnership*

**Bioprospecting the Sea:**  
**What a CT scanner can tell us about Salish Sea and other fishes**  
*Dr. Adam Summers, UW Friday Harbor Labs*

2:30 PM **MRC Awards and Closing**

3:00 PM **Adjourn**

3:30 PM-4:30 PM **Optional Field Trip: Restoration of the Western Flyer**  
*Tour of John Steinbeck’s former boat, currently being restored in Port Townsend.*  
*Led by Rich Childers, WA Dept of Fish & Wildlife*