



## 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Marine Resources Committee Conference

November 3-4, 2017

Four Points by Sheraton, Bellingham

Friday, November 3		Location
10:00 AM	Conference registration opens	Terrace
10:30AM – 11:30AM	Northwest Straits 101 <i>Rich Childers, Northwest Straits Commission</i> <i>Caroline Gibson, Northwest Straits Foundation</i> <i>Anne Murphy, Northwest Straits Foundation</i>	Sehome
11:45AM – 1:15PM	Buffet Lunch	Whatcom
1:15 PM – 1:30 PM	Welcome and opening remarks <i>Nan McKay, Chair, Northwest Straits Commission</i> <i>Jerry Masters, President, Northwest Straits Foundation</i>	Whatcom
1:45 PM – 3:15 PM	CONCURRENT SESSIONS	
Session A	Ocean Acidification: Species Impacts and Local Effects in Puget Sound <i>Moderator: Rich Childers, Northwest Straits Commission</i> <i>Terrie Klinger, Ph.D., UW School of Marine Affairs</i> <i>Kirsten Feifel, Ph.D., WA Department of Natural Resources</i> <i>Micah Horwith, Ph.D., WA Department of Natural Resources</i> <i>Paul McElhany, Ph.D., NOAA NW Fisheries Science Center</i>	Whatcom
Session B	On the Cutting Edge of Kelp: Working to Understand this Critical Habitat Feature <i>Moderator/Presenter: Lucas Hart, Ph.D., Northwest Straits Commission</i> <i>Max Calloway, Master's Program, The Evergreen State College</i> <i>Maycira Costa, Ph.D., University of Victoria</i> <i>Brian Allen, Puget Sound Restoration Fund</i>	Sehome

Friday, November 3, continued		Location
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	<b>Effective Communication with County Officials</b> <b>Moderator: Tom Cowan, Northwest Straits Commission</b>  <b>Rud Browne, Whatcom County Council</b> <b>Kate Dean, Jefferson County Commissioner</b> <b>Mike Doherty, Clallam MRC/former Clallam County Commissioner</b> <b>Helen Price Johnson, Island County Commissioner</b>	Whatcom
4:30 PM – 4:45 PM	<b>Engaging Conservation Leaders</b> <b>Jerry Masters and Caroline Gibson</b>	Whatcom
4:45 PM – 5:00 PM	Announcements and adjourn	
5:00 PM – 6:15 PM	<b>Reception</b> <b>Networking, silent auction and sponsor displays</b>	Fairhaven
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	<b>Dinner</b> <b>Recognition of service: Terry Williams, Tulalip Tribes</b>	Whatcom
<b>Saturday, November 4</b>		
7:30 AM-8:15AM	<b>Buffet Breakfast</b>	Whatcom
8:30 AM – 9:15 AM	<b>Prehistory and History of Forage Fish in the Southern Salish Sea</b> <b>Bob Kopperl, Ph.D., Willamette Cultural Resources Associates</b>	Whatcom
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	<b>CONCURRENT SESSIONS</b>	
Session A	<b>The Evolution of Marine Renewable Energy in the Pacific Northwest</b> <b>Moderator: Simon Geerlofs, Northwest Straits Foundation</b>  <b>Brian Polagye, Ph.D., University of Washington</b> <b>Emma DeWitt Cotter, University of Washington</b> <b>Andrea Copping, Ph.D. Pacific Northwest National Labs</b>	Whatcom

Session B	<b>Innovative Tools for Collecting and Communicating Scientific Data</b> <b>Moderator: Sasha Horst, Northwest Straits Commission</b>  <b>Suzanne Shull, Padilla Bay Reserve</b> <b>Wesley Shaw and Chris Rae, Blue Urchin LLC</b>	Sehome
10:45AM – 12:00 PM	Concurrent sessions	
Session A	<b>Impacts and Challenges from Vessel Traffic in the Salish Sea</b> <b>Moderator: Hilary Wilkinson, Pacific States/BC Oil Spill Task Force</b>  <b>John Veentjer, Marine Exchange of Puget Sound</b> <b>Krista Trounce, Port of Vancouver ECHO Program</b>	Whatcom
Session B	<b>Considering Climate Change in Nearshore Restoration Projects</b> <b>Moderator: Lisa Kaufman, Northwest Straits Foundation</b>  <b>Jay Krienitz, Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program, WDFW</b> <b>Jim Johannessen, Coastal Geologic Services</b> <b>Anna Toledo, Island County MRC</b>	Sehome
12:00 PM – 1:15 PM	Lunch and Marine Resources Committee interactive displays	Fairhaven
1:15 PM – 2:00 PM	<b>The Sea King: Jacques Cousteau’s Ocean Exploration and Marine Conservation</b> <b>Brad Matsen, Author</b>	Whatcom
2:00 PM – 2:45 PM	<b>Ignite! Stories of MRCs in Action</b> <b>Marine Resources Committee representatives</b>	Whatcom
2:45 PM – 3:00PM	<b>Closing Remarks</b> <b>Jamey Selleck, Northwest Straits Commission</b> <b>Anne Murphy, Northwest Straits Foundation</b>	
3:00 PM	Adjourn	