



20th Annual Northwest Straits Initiative
 Marine Resources Committee Conference
Honoring our legacy - Celebrating our future

November 16-17, 2018

Fort Worden Conference Center, Port Townsend

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Friday, November 16		Location
10:00 AM	<i>Conference registration opens</i>	Commons
11:00 AM-11:15 AM	Welcome and Opening Remarks Anne Murphy, President, Northwest Straits Foundation Paul Clampitt, Chair, Northwest Straits Commission Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe - <i>invited</i>	Commons
11:15 AM-12:00 PM	Short and Sweet Success Stories: MRC Ignite <i>Introduction: Dr. Lucas Hart</i>	Commons
12:00 PM – 1:15 PM	Lunch	
1:15 PM – 2:15 PM	Understanding Tribal Treaty Rights in Western Washington <i>Introduction: Terry Williams, Tulalip Tribes</i> Cecilia Gobin, Tulalip Tribes, NW Indian Fisheries Commission	Commons
2:15 PM – 3:45 PM	Southern Resident Orca Recovery <i>Moderator: Christina Koons, San Juan MRC</i> Sheida Sahandy, Puget Sound Partnership Dr. Joseph Gaydos, SeaDoc Society Dr. Frances Robertson, San Juan MRC	Commons
3:45 PM – 4:15 PM	Looking Forward: the Next Twenty Years Anne Murphy, Northwest Straits Foundation Patti Gobin, Tulalip Tribes	Commons
4:15 PM – 5:00 PM	<i>Break – lodging check in</i>	
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM	20th Anniversary Reception - Showcasing MRC displays and a Giving Game hosted by the Northwest Straits Foundation	Commons
6:30 PM – 7:45 PM	Dinner and Welcome to Legacy Members Tom Cowan, Northwest Straits Commission	Commons
7:45 PM – 8:30 PM	Keynote Presentation: Washington State Senator Kevin Ranker	Commons

Saturday, November 17		Location
7:00 AM – 8:15 AM	Breakfast and Morning Announcements	Commons
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Concurrent sessions	
Session A	Indicators of Straits Ecosystem Health: Actions to Impacts <i>Moderator: Dana Oster, Northwest Straits Commission</i> Dr. Ron Thom, Northwest Straits Commission Dr. Heida Diefenderfer, Pacific Northwest National Labs Hugh Shipman, WA Department of Ecology Dr. Trina Wellman, Northern Economics	Commons
Session B	MRC Story-crafting: Building and Sharing our Personal MRC Stories <i>Moderator: Tarrell Kullaway</i>	Building 204
10:15 AM – 11:45 AM	Concurrent sessions	
Session A	Marine Debris: Taking Action to Clean up the Salish Sea <i>Moderator: Jason Morgan</i> Julie Masura, University of Washington Karin Roemers-Kleven, San Juan MRC Jason Morgan, Northwest Straits Foundation	Commons
Session B	A Window into the Future: Sea Level Rise, Storms, Citizen Science and Visualization Tools <i>Moderator: Dr. Bill Labiosa, US Geological Survey</i> Dr. Eric Grossman, US Geological Survey	Building 204
12:00 PM – 1:15 PM	Lunch	Commons
1:15 PM – 1:30 PM	Senator Patty Murray – video address	Commons
1:15 PM – 2:15 PM	No bull! The Devastating Consequences of Losing <i>Nereocystis</i> (bull kelp) Ecosystems <i>Introduction: Emily Bishop, Jefferson MRC</i> Dr. Mark Carr, University of California Santa Cruz	Commons
2:15 PM – 2:45 PM	Closing Remarks and Grand Prize Drawing Buck Meloy, FisherPoet and former Whatcom MRC member	Commons
2:45 PM	<i>Adjourn</i>	

Coupeville ferry departures at 3:30, 5:15, 6:45 and 8:30pm.