



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

Friday, November 16		Location
9:30 AM	<i>Conference registration opens</i>	Lobby
11:00 AM-11:15 AM	Welcome and Opening Remarks Anne Murphy, President, Northwest Straits Foundation Paul Clampitt, Chair, Northwest Straits Commission Kurt Grinnell, Councilmember, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe	Commons A
11:15 AM-12:00 PM	Short and Sweet Success Stories: MRC Ignite <i>Introduction: Dr. Lucas Hart</i>	Commons A
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 A
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 A
3:45 PM – 4:15 PM	Looking Forward: the Next Twenty Years Anne Murphy, Northwest Straits Foundation Patti Gobin, Tulalip Tribes	Commons A
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 D
6:30 PM – 7:45 PM	Dinner and Welcome to Legacy Members Tom Cowan, Northwest Straits Commission	Commons A
7:45 PM – 8:30 PM	Keynote Presentation: Washington State Senator Kevin Ranker	Commons A

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

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