Northwest Straits Initiative 14th Annual MRC Conference  
**Safeguarding Resilience: Marine Stewardship and the Northwest Straits Initiative**  
November 2-3, 2012  
Northwest Maritime Center, Port Townsend

**FRIDAY**

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| Phil Johnson, Jefferson County Commissioner  
Jerry Masters, Chair, Northwest Straits Commission |
| 12:45 PM – 2:15 PM | Ocean Acidification in WA: Implications for Community-Based Efforts | Maritime Room                                  |
| Panelists:  
Brad Warren, Sustainable Fisheries Partnership  
Bill Dewey, Taylor Shellfish Farms, Inc.  
Norma Smith, WA State Representative  
Jeff Watters, Ocean Conservancy  
Moderator:  
Raechel Waters, WA Sea Grant and Northwest Straits Commission alternate |
| 2:15 PM – 3:30 PM | Polluted Runoff: Responding to Water Quality Issues | Maritime Room                                  |
| Panelists:  
John Stark, Washington State University/ Puyallup  
Leslie Banigan, Kitsap County Health Department  
Harriet Beale, WA Department of Ecology  
Joe Hillers, Island County MRC  
Moderator: Linda Lyshall, San Juan County MRC Marine Programs Coordinator |
| 3:30 PM – 3:45 PM | Break |                                                                 |
| 3:45 PM – 4:00 PM | Working Together to Save Puget Sound | Maritime Room                                  |
| Tony Wright, Executive Director, Puget Sound Partnership |
| 4:00 PM – 4:30 PM | Treaty Rights at Risk | Maritime Room                                  |
| Billy Frank, Jr., Chairman, NW Indian Fisheries Commission, Nisqually Tribe  
Introduction: Terry Williams, Tulalip Tribes |
| 4:30 PM – 4:45 PM | Wrap up |                                                                 |
| 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM | Poster Session and Silent Auction - Cash bar and appetizers | Chandler Building                             |
| 6:45 PM – 7:30 PM | Dinner | Maritime Room                               |
| 7:45 PM – 8:30 PM | Good Fish | Maritime Room                               |
| Chef Becky Selengut, 2012 Seafood Ambassador Award recipient |
### SATURDAY

**7:30 - 8:15 AM**  
Buffet Breakfast

**8:30 - 11:45 AM**  
**Concurrent Sessions**

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| 8:30 AM – 10:15 AM  
Coastal MRC projects / Nexus With Northwest Straits  
Panelists: Carrie Backman, Wahkiakum MRC  
Garrett Dalan, Grays Harbor MRC  
Eric Delvin, The Nature Conservancy  
Jenna Jewett, WDFW (coordinator)  
Jody Kennedy, Surfrider  
Doug Kess, WA Coastal Marine Advisory Council  
Katie Krueger, North Pacific Coast MRC  
Cathy Lear, Clallam MRC  
Mike Nordin, Pacific County MRC | 8:30 AM – 10:15 AM  
MRC Workshop #1: How do MRCs decide on projects and priorities?  
Simon Geerlofs, Snohomish MRC  
Erika Stroebel, Whatcom MRC  
Moderator: Ginny Broadhurst, Northwest Straits Commission | 8:30 AM – 10:15 PM  
Social Marketing: Boosting Your Conservation Project  
Sasha Horst, Northwest Straits Commission  
Karrie Cooper, Stewardship Network of the San Juans |
| **Break - Tretter Gallery** | 10:30 AM – 11:45 AM  
Coastal MRC Program - continued | 10:30 AM – 11:45 AM  
Social Marketing – continued |
| 10:30 AM – 11:45 AM  
MRC Workshop #2: Topics to be determined by participants  
 Moderator: Ginny Broadhurst, Northwest Straits Commission | | |
| **12:00 PM – 1:00 PM**  
LUNCH | | |
| **1:00 PM – 2:00 PM**  
**Concurrent Sessions** | | |
| **Maritime Meeting Room** | **Administration Area** | |
| **Forage Fish: Sustaining the Marine Food Web**  
Panelists: Dayv Lowry, WA Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Jim West, WA Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Ken Dzinbal, Puget Sound Partnership  
Moderator: Duane Fagergren, Puget Sound Partnership | **MRC Workgroup: How to Develop Nearshore Restoration Projects**  
Joan Drinkwin, Northwest Straits Foundation | |
| **2:00 PM – 2:45 PM**  
Tapping the Stewardship Ethic  
Kathleen Herrmann, Snohomish MRC  
Doug Kess, Pacific County MRC  
Tina Whitman, San Juan MRC  
Moderator: Keeley O’Connell, EarthCorps and Snohomish MRC | | |
| **3:00 PM – 3:15 PM**  
Northwest Straits Initiative Forecast | **Maritime Room** |
| **3:30 PM**  
Adjourn | |