



NORTHWEST STRAITS
marine conservation initiative

AGENDA
Pacific Sand Lance Workshop
September 16, 2009

Hosted by the Northwest Straits Commission

The goal of this workshop is to convene regional forage fish experts, to review what is known and not known about Pacific sand lance in the Northwest Straits. Our objectives are to:

- 1) Identify any known risk factors to regional sand lance populations.
- 2) Identify possible opportunities for partnerships among researchers.
- 3) Identify information gaps to inform the design and development of future research projects.
- 4) Produce a one page summary of the workshop, and post to the Northwest Straits Initiative web site.

10:00 AM	Welcome and introductions <i>Ginny Broadhurst, Director, NWSC</i>
10:10 AM	Northwest Straits Commission interest in sand lance <i>Joe Gaydos</i>
10:15 AM	Role of WDFW in regional life history/ distribution/ ecology studies <i>Dan Penttila/ Greg Bargmann</i>
10:30 AM	Discussion: What do we know/ not know about: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biomass• Habitat• Life history strategies• Sand lance as prey – what eats them in this region?
12:30 PM	Lunch (provided)
1:00 PM	Where are the major information gaps? Where are the existing data?
1:40 PM	New data gathering methods <i>Jim Norris/ Gary Greene</i>
2:00 PM	Review workshop findings
2:45 PM	Wrap up
3:00 PM	Adjourn