



21st Annual Marine Resources Committee Conference
Building Momentum Across the Salish Sea

November 15-16, 2019 ~ Everett, WA

Courtyard by Marriott and Edward H. Hansen Conference Center

Registration: The registration check in table will be staffed from 9:30-11:30 AM on Friday. Please stop by to pick up your nametag and other conference materials.

Friday, November 15		Location
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	Field trip: Howarth Park (optional) <i>Hosted by the Snohomish MRC, led by Bob Hillman</i>	Howarth Park
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Northwest Straits 101 (optional) <i>Dr. Lucas Hart, Director, Northwest Straits Commission</i> <i>Don Hunger, Executive Director, Northwest Straits Foundation</i>	Flight Deck <i>Marriott</i>
11:15AM – 12:30PM	Lunch - <i>buffet</i> <i>Round table discussion, MRC project sharing slideshow</i>	Ballroom <i>Marriott</i>
12:30 PM – 1:00 PM	Welcome and opening remarks <i>Alan Clark, Chair, Northwest Straits Commission</i> <i>Anne Murphy, President, Northwest Straits Foundation</i> <i>Sarah Brown, Chair, Snohomish MRC</i> <i>Executive Dave Somers, Snohomish County</i>	Ballroom <i>Marriott</i>
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Tying it all together: the impact of our collective actions <i>Dr. Tessa Francis, Puget Sound Institute</i> <i>Dr. Ron Thom, Northwest Straits Commission</i> <i>Dr. Tom Mumford, Marine Agronomics</i> <i>Moderator: Dana Oster, Northwest Straits Commission staff</i>	Ballroom <i>Marriott</i>

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Room check-in and break	The Landing Marriott
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Musings on habitat loss and restoration in Puget Sound Dr. Tish Conway-Cranos, WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Moderator: Lisa Kaufman, Northwest Straits Foundation staff	Ballroom Marriott
4:00 PM – 4:15 PM	Lessons learned from painting <i>Fishes of the Salish Sea</i> Ray Troll, Artist	Ballroom Marriott
4:15 PM – 4:30 PM	Remarks from Senator Liz Lovelett Introduced by Tom Cowan, Northwest Straits Commission	Ballroom Marriott
4:30 PM	Announcements and short walk or shuttle to evening venue	
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM	Reception and networking Podcast: OCTOPOD – Open Communications for The Ocean Raye Evrard and Allie Brown Book signing: Cruisin' the Fossil Coastline Dr. Kirk Johnson and Ray Troll	Foyer Edward H. Hansen Conference Center
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM	Dinner and Keynote Speaker Welcome - Chairman Shawn Yanity, Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians Environmental Leadership Award Deep Time and the Salish Sea Dr. Kirk Johnson, Sant Director, Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History	Ballroom Edward H. Hansen Conference Center

Saturday, November 16	
Location: Courtyard by Marriott Ballroom	
7:30 AM-8:45 AM	Breakfast - <i>buffet</i>
8:45 AM – 9:00 AM	Tying it all together - summary results <i>Dr. Tessa Francis, Puget Sound Institute</i>
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Building community connections <i>Cheryl Lowe, Jefferson MRC staff</i> <i>Rebecca Benjamin, North Olympic Salmon Coalition</i> <i>Dr. Julia Parrish, UW Coastal Observation & Seabird Survey Team</i> <i>Moderator: Sasha Horst, Northwest Straits Commission staff</i>
10:30 AM – 10:40 AM	Remarks from Representative Debra Lekanoff <i>Introduced by Tom Cowan, Northwest Straits Commission</i>
10:40AM – 10:50 AM	Break
10:50 AM – 11:50 AM	Climate change and the blue carbon revolution <i>Dr. John Rybczyk, Western Washington University</i> <i>Moderator: Dr. Ron Thom, Northwest Straits Commission</i>
11:50 AM – 12:00 PM	Remarks from US Representative Suzan DelBene <i>Introduced by Christina Koons, San Juan MRC and Northwest Straits Commission</i>
12:00 PM – 1:15 PM	Lunch - <i>buffet</i>
1:15 PM – 2:15 PM	Transboundary cooperation in killer whale conservation <i>Dr. Rob Williams, Oceans Initiative</i> <i>Moderator: Ginny Broadhurst, Salish Sea Institute</i>
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2:15 PM – 2:45 PM	MRC Awards <i>Presented by:</i> <i>Nan McKay, Northwest Straits Commission/Foundation</i> <i>Anne Murphy, President, Northwest Straits Foundation</i>
2:45 PM - 3:00 PM	Closing announcements
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Continued conference networking <i>Attendees are encouraged to take advantage of reserved space at the Marriott for follow up conversations and networking.</i>