



Northwest Straits Initiative Conference
November 3-4, 2023
Northwest Maritime Center, Port Townsend

Day 1, Friday November 3, 2023

Time	Topic	Location
8:30 -9:30 AM	<p>Jefferson Marine Resources Committee Showcase</p> <p>Jefferson MRC members Jeff Taylor, Janette Mestre, and Troy McKelvey</p> <p><i>An optional walking field trip walk, showcasing the Jefferson MRC's local rain gardens, storm surge monitoring sites, and no-anchor zone sites.</i></p>	<p>Meet at the totem pole outside the Northwest Maritime Center.</p> <p><i>Handout and map included in materials packet</i></p>
9:00 AM	<p>Registration opens</p>	Mezzanine
10:00 – 11:00 AM	<p>Northwest Straits 101</p> <p>Lucas Hart (Director, Northwest Straits Commission), Don Hunger (Executive Director, Northwest Straits Foundation)</p> <p><i>An information session about the Northwest Straits Initiative. New members are encouraged to attend.</i></p>	Maritime Room
11:15 – 12:30 PM	<p>Network and Nourishment</p> <p><i>Unstructured networking time with lunch provided.</i></p>	Maritime Room
12:30-12:35 PM	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Lucas Hart (Director, Northwest Straits Commission)</p>	Maritime Room
12:35-1:00 PM	<p>Tribal Address</p> <p>Chairman Ron Allen (Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe)</p> <p><i>Chairman Ron Allen will share remarks about himself and his work.</i></p>	Maritime Room
1:00 – 1:30 PM	<p>History of the Northwest Straits Initiative</p> <p>Tom Cowan (Gubernatorial Appointee, Northwest Straits Commission)</p> <p><i>As an original member of the Northwest Straits Initiative, Tom will provide a brief and insightful overview of the history of the Northwest Straits Initiative.</i></p>	Maritime Room



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Day 1, Friday November 3, 2023 (continued)		
1:30 – 2:15 PM	Marine Resources Committee Project Presentations (MRC Members/Staff)	Maritime Room
	<p>Port Susan Marine Stewardship Area Sara Maxwell- Snohomish County MRC</p> <p>Beach Seine with Kids Mike MacKay and Glen “Alex” Alexander – Whatcom County MRC</p> <p>Oil Spill Preparedness Lovel Pratt – San Juan County MRC</p>	
2:15 – 2:30 PM	15 Minute Break	
2:30 – 3:00 PM	Marine Resources Committee Project Presentations (MRC Members/Staff)	Maritime Room
	<p>ROV Project Jeff Taylor and Nathaniel Ashford – Jefferson County MRC</p> <p>Short and to the Pint: Clallam MRC Outreach Coasters Ann Soule – Clallam County MRC</p>	
3:00– 4:30 PM	<p>Climate Resiliency in your Community Kate Dean (Jefferson County Commissioner), Jeff Rice (Puget Sound Institute), Charlotte Dohrn (WA Department of Ecology), Robert Knapp (Jamestown S’Klallam Environmental Planning Manager)</p> <p><i>An “interview style” session with an interactive Q&A from MRCs and attendees, focusing on climate resiliency and local community action.</i></p>	Maritime Room
4:30 – 4:40 PM	Remarks from Representative Rick Larsen (WA-02)	Maritime Room
4:40 – 4:45 PM	Closing Remarks and 2023 Environmental Leadership Award	Maritime Room
4:45 – 6:30 PM	<p>Social Networking Hour</p> <p><i>Refreshments and substantial appetizers provided to continue the social networking aspect of the Conference.</i></p>	Maritime Room, Mezzanine, Classrooms



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Day 2, Saturday November 4, 2023

Time	Topic	Location
8:00 – 8:45 AM	Breakfast	Maritime Room
8:45 – 9:00 AM	Reflections on Day 1: What are we learning and what do we still want to know? Travis Tennessen (WWU Center for Community Learning) <i>An opportunity to kick off social networking discussions.</i>	Maritime Room
9:00 – 10:30 AM	Help the Kelp: What are we doing and what can be done? Max Showalter (WA Department of Natural Resources), Todd Woodard (Samish Indian Nation), Jodie Toft (Puget Sound Restoration Fund) <i>Join our Kelp Panel experts as we examine and question kelp conservation strategies. This session will have an interactive Q&A portion.</i>	Maritime Room
10:30 – 10:50 AM	Break	
10:50 – 11:50 AM	Learning Together Activity #1 Facilitator: Travis Tennessen (WWU Center for Community Learning) <i>A facilitated activity to address questions from MRCs within each MRC. Introduce Travis' facilitation style with an example from the Northwest Straits Commission.</i>	Maritime Room
12:00-1:00 PM	Lunch <i>Participants are encouraged to continue conversations for facilitated activity.</i>	Maritime Room
1:00-2:30 PM	Learning Together Activity #2 Facilitator: Travis Tennessen (WWU Center for Community Learning) <i>A facilitated discussion by Travis that will include breakout groups and "design clinics" to address questions within MRC groups, identify solutions to issues, and open project discussions to connect across all Marine Resources Committees.</i>	Maritime Room
2:30- 2:45 PM	Closing Remarks	
2:45 PM	Adjourn	