



Minutes

April 2, 2026, 10:30 AM – 11:00 PM
Northwest Straits Commission meeting

Attendees

Commission Members: Alan Clark (Clallam – Chair), Rick Beauregard (Whatcom), Elsa Schwartz, Lynne Wenberg (Skagit), Brenda Johnson (Jefferson), Emily Grason, Phil Salditt (Snohomish), Ken Collins (Island), Jason Lim (Puget Sound Partnership), Christina Koons (San Juan)

Commission Staff: Jeff Whitty, Sasha Horst, Lucas Hart, Leah Skare, Jessica Owens, Dana Oster, Suzanne Shull, Niki Kiriara

Others in attendance: Elise Adams (Island MRC)

Absent: Cecilia Gobin (NW Indian Fisheries Commission), Jamie Stephens (Vice Chair)

Welcome and Tribal Acknowledgement

Alan Clark opened the meeting with introductions and the Tribal Acknowledgement.

The February 2026 meeting minutes were approved by consensus as written with the correction of a typo on page three to remove the word two from Jefferson's update.

Business Items

MRC project approval: The Commission reviewed and approved by consensus the project proposals submitted by Marine Resources Committees for the supplemental funding available in 2026.

NW Straits Commission acknowledgement language: The Commission approved language to use in acknowledging the NW Straits Commission on materials when necessary:

NW Straits Commission provides coordination, technical expertise, and financial support to seven county-based Marine Resources Committees (MRCs). The NW Straits Commission amplifies and supports MRC-led work by connecting local priorities to broader regional efforts. Together, we work to protect and restore our local marine habitats and species.

NW Straits Commission 101: Commission staff is hosting a second Northwest Straits Commission 101 webinar to orient new MRC members to the Commission, remind current MRC members of the Commission structure and function and share information with other interested individuals.

Anyone interested can attend; no registration is required.

- April 8. 11:00am-12:30pm: [Zoom Link](#), Meeting ID: 844 5765 9244, Passcode: 542246

Next meeting: The next meeting is a virtual meeting on April 24 which will include a Speed Date with a Scientist, featuring David Trimbach.



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Kelp Day: Jeff Whitty reminded everyone that Washington Kelp Day is April 16.

MRC Reports

Reports from Marine Resources Committees were provided in written format.