

ISLAND COUNTY MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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Project Updates for January 8, 2019 Meeting

NWSC Grant Reports

Forage Fish Monitoring (Toledo): We are looking for volunteers interested in forage fish monitoring. Volunteers survey select beaches once per month using protocol developed by WDFW. The time commitment is typically 2-6 hours/month, depending on how many beaches the volunteer surveys. Once we have enough interested volunteers, we can schedule a training through WDFW.

Outreach (Bennett): King Tides have provided lots of public awareness of Whidbey communities' closeness to nature's forces. Photos of sites and damage for My Coast will provide important tools for future outreach.

Anna provided the first quarterly update to the Board of County Commissioners in December, including a summary of the annual report, presentation of the first newsletter, and invitation to view the newly produced MRC video.

Other Reports

NW Straits Commission / Foundation (Schwartz): The December 7 NWSC meeting highlights were forwarded to MRC members. The next NWSC meeting will be on January 25 in Island County.

Shoreline Restoration and Armor Removal (Toledo): Through the Shore Friendly grant, we are developing a cost-benefit analysis to compare different shore protection options: bulkhead replacement, bulkhead removal, soft shore protection, moving/raising a house, and leaving a beach natural. The report should be ready by the end of January.

Island Local Integrating Organization (Bennett): Update at meeting.