

# ISLAND COUNTY MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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## Project Updates for the December 7, 2021 Meeting

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### **Northwest Straits Commission (NWSC) Grant Reports**

**Outreach:** Update at meeting.

**Hoypus Point:** No updates.

**Cornet Bay Stewardship:** The MRC, in partnership with WICD, hosted a volunteer event to perform vegetation maintenance on October 8th. 12 volunteers and staff removed milk thistle from the newest restoration area.

### **Other Reports**

**Shore Friendly:** Anna Toledo is leaving her position at Island County. Ann Prusha will be serving as the Shore Friendly Coordinator moving forward.

### **Sound Water Stewards (SWS):**

1. **Linda Ade Ridder's tenure as SWS Board President since 2016 ends this year.** She will stay on the Board through 2022 to complete her 6-year term and continue to pass the baton on SWS leadership. Linda's leadership and organization skills have laid the solid foundation for SWS' future success. Linda is a member of the WSU/Beach Watchers class of 2005. She has contributed over 11,000 volunteer hours since then supporting Beach Watchers/SWS activities and administration.
2. **The long-awaited new website is live!** Please spend some time exploring. We think you'll especially appreciate the Marine Species Information, the Media Gallery, and the Project Map. To access the website, go to [Home - Sound Water Stewards](#)
3. **41 Stewards** completed the 2021 Annual Training. They are a highly talented group and have already gotten quite involved in SWS activities.
4. See the **Forage Fish Egg Survey** video, done on Camano's north end by SWS volunteers, in support of Island County MRC: [Forage Fish Project, Sound Water Stewards on Vimeo](#)
5. **Experience Sound Waters University in the field.** We are excited to announce the addition of **in-person field trips on Feb 6**, the day after [Sound Waters University 2022's virtual event](#). Explore the outdoors during the winter alongside expert naturalists.

Four Field Trips will be available at various times on Sunday, February 6, 2022 in Island and Skagit Counties for a wide range of interests, experiences, and mobilities.

**Island Local Integrating Organization:** Update at meeting.