



December 2025 Final Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, December 15, 2025

Time: 5:31 – 7:15pm

Location: Hybrid meeting, Zoom and Clallam County Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room
Minutes prepared by Amelia Kalagher

Member Roll

	Member	Present?	Alternate	Present?
Academic Community	Ed Bowlby	X	Ioana Bociu	
At Large	Alan Clark (<i>NWSC Rep, Vice Chair</i>)	excused	Mary Sue Brancato	
At Large	Tim Cochnauer	X	Ray Kirk	
Conservation & Environmental Interests	Nancy Stephanz	X	[vacant seat]	---
Development Community	[vacant seat]	---	[vacant seat]	---
District I	Jeff Ward	excused	[vacant seat]	---
District II	Ann Soule	X	Lyn Muench	
District III	Mike Doherty	X	Dann May	
Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe	Christopher Burns	X	Robert Knapp	X
Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe	Allyce Miller	X	Chelsea Korbulic	X
Makah Tribe	[vacant seat]	---	[vacant seat]	---
Marine Related Recreation & Tourism	Rob Casey	X	[vacant seat]	---
Port Angeles City Council	LaTrisha Suggs (<i>Chair</i>)	X	Navarra Carr	
Port of Port Angeles Commission	Jesse Waknitz		Katharine Frazier	X
Sequim City Council	Meggan Uecker		Kelly Burger	

Staff and Others Present

Bruce Emery (Clallam County Director of Community Development), Chase O'Neil (CC Habitat Biologist, CCMRC Project Coordinator), Rebecca Mahan (CC Habitat Biologist Manager; CCMRC Coordinator), Amelia Kalagher (CCMRC Administrative Support), John Worthington (of Sequim)

Welcome / Call to Order / Roll Call

Chair LaTrisha Suggs called the meeting to order at 5:31. Roll was called, and others introduced themselves. A quorum was present at the beginning of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

- ***Ed Bowlby moved to approve the November 2025 minutes, Nancy Stephanz seconded. The motion passed unanimously and minutes were approved.***

Public Comment

- John Worthington made a comment regarding salmon restoration and flooding mitigation efforts and expenses.

Presentation

- Chelsea Korbilic led a discussion about ideas stemming from the Northwest Straits Initiative annual conference. Ideas spanned categories including resources, ideas to try, resources needed, and opportunities. MRC members added feedback to the existing ideas, and added a few more.
 - Nancy mentioned an upcoming talk Jan 20: [public Tsunami Hazards and Risks presentation](#), Field Arts & Events Hall, from Port of Port Angeles and WA Emergency Management Division
 - *MRC members who have additional ideas or would like to take action on existing ideas can share this, ideally prior to the January 26th meeting.

Announcements

- *Welcome new and returning members:* Tim Cochnauer is returning to the MRC after a hiatus, and he shared a bit about his background. Rob Casey is also joining the MRC as a new member, but could not be present to introduce himself at this point in the meeting.
- *General NWSC update:* No update, since Alan Clark could not attend.
- *Volunteer time log:* LaTrisha reminded the MRC to track their volunteer hours. Members can access the log through the link in Amelia's emails.
- *Studium Generale:* Nancy is preparing to present the Studium Generale lecture on Jan 22. She asked that *any feedback on the presentation be shared by Jan 8. *The event is open to the public, and all MRC members and alternates are invited to attend and participate in Q&A as it relates to their projects.
- *SeaSpan:* Allyce Miller brought up a Canadian company called [SeaSpan](#) that plans to begin operations in Q1 of 2026 for vessel-to-vessel transfer of liquefied natural gas.

Committee and Project Reports

- *Olympia oysters:* Chris Burns shared that he and other JST staff met with WDFW staff to discuss Olympia oyster restoration goals for 2026-2036 and lessons learned. Annie Raymond (JST) will present their project at the National Shellfish Association conference in Portland in March 2026.
 - The MRC discussed inviting Annie to present to the MRC prior to her conference presentation.
- *Speakers at future meetings:* This topic was moved up the agenda. Nancy Stephanz brought up the possibility of Justine Chorley (Clallam County Emergency Management) giving a

presentation, and the MRC discussed the process for scheduling speakers and the lineup for the next few months.

- *Derelict sailboat:* Chelsea gave an update on the derelict sailboat at Place Rd / mouth of the Elwha. People from several entities came together to help this progress through DNR's derelict vessel process, and it is currently scheduled for removal in December.
- *Advisory sub-committee:* Ann Soule shared the letter that the advisory subcommittee has developed to comment on the Clallam County Comprehensive Plan update. The MRC reviewed and discussed some content in this letter. **Tim Coch nauer moved to approve the letter to be sent to BOCC, DCD and Planning Commission as a “discussion draft”. Allyce Miller seconded. The motion passed by unanimous consent.**

New or Special Business

- **Mike moved to extend the meeting by 10 minutes, Ann seconded.**
- *Annual workplan:* The MRC briefly discussed the annual workplan draft. One update was made: Olympia oyster surveys to take place tentatively in May/June. **The workplan was approved by unanimous consent, with that minor edit to the Olympia oyster schedule.**
- *Member positions:* Discussion of MRC member positions and education and outreach were moved to the next agenda due to time constraints.
- *Education and outreach subcommittee:* LaTrisha plans to establish an education and outreach subcommittee at the January meeting.

Discussion of next meeting date and agenda

- *Next meeting:* The next meeting will take place on Monday, January 26th (moved due to holiday). The following meeting is rescheduled to February 23rd due to holiday.
- *Call for new agenda items:* none at this time.

Public Comment

- The Chair determined public comment could not be taken at this time due to the meeting having been extended.

Good of the Order

- Mike Doherty mentioned funding provided for Tribal stewardship to address climate change and coastal impacts.
- Rebecca Mahan shared information about the Northwest Training and Testing final Environmental Impact Statement. Comment is open until January 19th.

Adjourn

Chair LaTrisha Suggs adjourned the meeting at 7:15.