



## November 2025 Final Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Monday, November 17, 2025

**Time:** 5:31 – 7:09pm

**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> )	X	Mary Sue Brancato	
At Large	[vacant seat]	---	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	X
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 Korbolic	X
Makah Tribe	[vacant seat]	---	[vacant seat]	---
Marine Related Recreation & Tourism	[vacant seat]	---	[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), Stephen Crafton-Tempel (MRC volunteer), Megan Juran (Washington CoastSavers), Angela Glore (NODC), Jonathan Strivens (CC Environmental Health), Rob Casey (prospective MRC member), 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**

- ***Nancy Stephanz moved to approve the October 2025 minutes, Alan Clark seconded. The motion passed unanimously and minutes were approved.***

## **Public Comment**

- John Worthington (of Sequim) made a comment regarding the comprehensive plan.

## **Presentation**

- Bruce Emery, Clallam County Director of Community Development, presented on the County's Comprehensive Plan update. This included a review of the mandatory elements and the new climate element, as well as the critical areas ordinance. Bruce answered several questions from MRC members and alternates, and the MRC discussed some ideas related to the comprehensive plan. Public comment is open for participation as individuals, and the MRC may try to submit a comment as a committee if time permits.

## **Announcements**

- *Northwest Straits Initiative 2025 conference recap:* The conference was held Nov 7 & 8. Alan Clark shared that next year's conference is planned to be held in Jefferson County. \*Those who attended can email their comments on the conference to Alan. Several members shared their takeaways.
- *General NWSC update:* The Northwest Straits Commission may have extra funds available that were left over from other MRCs, and they will be reaching out to MRC staff about this. Alan Clark stated that the conference functioned as the Northwest Straits Commission meeting for this month.
- *Draft 2026 workplan:* The workplan for October 2025 – September 2026 is intended to guide the MRC's work by month, and is a grant deliverable due in January. \*This will be up for final approval during the December meeting, and members should submit their comments to Chase by December 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **Committee and Project Reports**

- *Sound Toxins:* Nancy Stephanz shared that the Sound Toxins team at Feiro Marine Life Center saw increased *Dinophysis spp.* over the prior two weeks, but this had decreased this week.
- *Forage fish:* Chelsea Korbolic shared that the forage fish sampling team is more robust with Tim Cochnauer back on board, new volunteer Stephen Crafton-Tempel participating, and Chase O'Neil now fully trained.
- *Advisory sub-committee:* LaTrisha shared that there was a productive meeting with Commissioner Ozias, discussing the new advisory sub-committee and communication with elected leaders going forward, especially about emergent issues. Alan Clark and Ann Soule briefly shared about the meeting as well, and about possible comment on the comprehensive plan. \*MRC members are requested to send comprehensive plan comments to Chase prior to

Thanksgiving (by 11/26/25) so the MRC may be able to compile these comments for possible consensus at the next meeting.

### **New or Special Business**

- *Derelict sailboat at Place Rd:* Allyce Miller shared information about a derelict sailboat that has run aground at the Place Rd Elwha Beach. Megan Juran (WA CoastSavers), Rebecca Mahan and others elaborated on the boat's status, and the MRC discussed. This vessel is currently priority 2 on DNR's priority list of derelict vessels.
- Discussion of MRC member positions and education and outreach were moved to the next agenda due to time constraints.
- *Oil spills / studium generale:* The MRC discussed possible avenues and specific topics for public outreach related to oil spill prevention and preparedness, and the possibility of including this as a topic for the January 22 studium generale. \*Mike, Nancy and Alan will work on this topic and come to the MRC with a proposal in December.

### **Discussion of next meeting date and agenda**

- *Next meeting:* The next meeting will take place on Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. The following meetings are rescheduled to January 26<sup>th</sup> and February 23<sup>rd</sup> due to holidays.
- *Call for new agenda items:* none at this time.

### **Good of the Order**

- None at this time.

### **Public Comment**

- John Worthington of Sequim made a comment regarding salmon spawning habitat grade.
- Alternate Lyn Muench had emailed her takeaways from the Northwest Straits Initiative conference, and they were read out loud.

### **Adjourn**

***Chair LaTrisha Suggs adjourned the meeting at 7:09.***