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Protection Island Aquatic Reserve Implementation Committee Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

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9 am – 12 pm

Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Marine Sciences Laboratory, 1529 West Sequim Bay Road, Sequim, WA 98382

PARTICIPANTS: **Fayette Krause** (Active Citizen), **Torben Blichfeld**, **Soren Prip** (North Olympic Power & Sail Squadron / Sequim Bay Yacht Club), **Megan Black** (Diamond Point Property Owner), **Lorenz Solman** (US Fish & Wildlife Service), **Charles Brant** (Pacific Northwest National Laboratory), **Betty Bookheim**, **Michael Grilliot** (WA DNR), **Geoffrey Mayhew**, **Meagan Harris** (Washington Conservation Corps)

INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting began with Charles Brant, Director of the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory's Coastal Sciences Division, giving a presentation to the committee on the current research conducted at the Marine Sciences Laboratory (MSL) in Sequim. The committee was taken on a brief tour of the MSL facilities to see the current research in practice

DISCUSSION:

1. DNR began a discussion on whether the committee felt the management action prioritization process we went through at the Dec 2012 meeting was effective. The results of this meeting were provided in a spreadsheet. There was a discussion about how the committee could more effectively approach management action prioritization.
 - The discussion centered around each committee member being provided more information on specific actions that are unclear. Additionally, it would be helpful if DNR were to identify which management actions are currently being implemented and provide some comments.

Questions/Comments

- There was a comment that an exercise involving rankings on the spreadsheet will take more time outside of the meetings, but it will put the committee in a better position to move forward
- There was a short discussion on wildstock geoduck harvesting in the reserve.

- There was a comment that having a timeline or a timeframe and additional information for some of the actions would be helpful for members to make prioritization decisions. E.g. what does the 200 yard bedland withdrawal mean?
- There was a discussion around adding a category to the spreadsheet identifying which management actions each member feels the committee can take action on or help enable. In turn identifying which actions are too broad and overreaching for the committee to tackle on its own, allowing the committee to encourage others to work towards those goals while the committee focus's its energy.
- There was a comment that somebody, if not already happening, should be soliciting DOE's water quality monitoring program to encourage sampling in the Protection Island Aquatic Reserve.
- There was a comment that a collection of previously completed and ongoing studies is needed to give us a starting place with baseline information so we are not duplicating efforts and wasting time. A suggestion was made to connect with the Marine Spatial Planning effort and see if this sort of information is being compiled as a part of that process.
- There was a comment on whether DNR has the money to implement the plan, or is the creation of some foundation needed to seek grants.

A little of both, DNR has a budget to implement the program, but to be successful we need to have energy from other locations. We cannot implement every action at the same time, we have to take steps.

CLOSING:

The next meeting will be held at the end of June 2013 when we will discuss the results of the individual prioritization and decide on a few actions on which to move forward. A doodle poll will be sent out to the committee with suggested meeting dates and times.

- Next Actions for DNR:
 1. Edit the Management Action Prioritization spreadsheet and send to committee
 2. Contact DOE's water quality monitoring program
 3. Continue to engage interested parties for participation