

# ISLAND COUNTY MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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## Project Updates for January 17, 2017 Meeting

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### **NWSC Grant Reports**

Eelgrass Monitoring (Tautvydas): Data analysis from 2016 work has been completed. The team will meet at Gregg Ridders house Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm to review the data, including Albert Foster's sonar data, assess the status of the project, and decide what we want to accomplish in 2017.

Seining (Tautvydas): Dawn Pucci has identified an intern, Barney Boyer, at NOAA Northwest Fisheries Science Center, that is interested in conducting the data analysis of the 2009-2016 seining data from Cornet Bay.

Dawn Pucci, Jim Somers and Kes Tautvydas met in Dawn's office on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 to discuss seining at the recently created pocket estuary at Dugualla. After consulting with several regional salmon science players, we have come up with an initial plan for this site. We will use a combination of typical beach seining in a few places inside and outside the estuary and a fyke net in the channel opening leading into the estuary. This will necessitate two teams – one at high tide to deploy the fyke net and complete the standard beach at high tide and the second smaller group to retrieve the fyke net and analyze the catch at low tide. The proposed dates are: Feb. 17 at 0900 hours and again at 1600 hours; March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1000 hours seine only; March 17<sup>th</sup> at 0900 hours seine and fyke.

Bull Kelp Monitoring (Rhodes): No update.

Outreach (Bennett): Barbara will interview Department heads and Elected Officials this month to include with outreach needs analysis.

Topics will include:

- MRC role in support of County Departments and Elected Officials
- Current and future scope of work
- Strategies/ needs to communicate re: MRC within County
- Strategies/ needs to communicate with the broader community

### **Other Reports**

Smith and Minor Islands Aquatic Reserve – SMIAR (Rhodes): No update.

Island Local Integrating Organization (Bennett): No update.

Sound Water Stewards (Farrington): No update

WSU Extension (Lawrence): No update