

ISLAND COUNTY MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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Project Updates for January 2, 2018 Meeting

Eelgrass Monitoring: Albert Foster sold his boat and is now planning to try using a kayak for his sonar mapping next summer. We are not planning to do the current eelgrass monitoring project next summer. We are thinking of having a meeting of the team in January to discuss future plans for eelgrass monitoring in Island County.

Seining: There are not plans to seine in 2018. The current grant will need to be amended to reflect this.

Smith & Minor Islands Aquatic Reserve: The “Welcome to the Smith & Minor Island Aquatic Reserve” signs are ready to be installed at the access points on Whidbey, (e.g., Libbey Beach). These signs were designed & constructed by WA Dept. of Natural Resources, & provide some natural history information about SMIAR. Discussions about displays for the Libbey Beach kiosk continue, & there is an effort to develop a research project around the birds of the SMIAR.

WSU Extension: No updates.