

# ISLAND COUNTY MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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## Project Updates for February 6, 2018 Meeting

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### **NWSC Grant Reports**

Outreach: See the draft forum proposal for information about the planned forum on aging shoreline infrastructure. Tentative dates are Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> on Camano and Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> in Coupeville.

Forage Fish Monitoring (Richards): We are now sending all Whidbey samples to WDFW for processing, as of October 2017. Our 11/28/17 sample from the Long Point index site had both surf smelt (7) and sand lance (13) eggs. That's a first since the start of this most recent MRC sampling effort in November 2015.

We are still looking for someone on Camano to continue the monthly sampling at Maple Grove and Camano Island State Park.

Pigeon Guillemot Survey (Wood): The guillemot survey is presenting a class at the Sound Water University at the beginning of February. Frances Wood and Govinda Rosling will be teaching.

In December we recorded two radio shows with the program Nature Now on the community station in Port Townsend. Our hope is to encourage volunteers in that area to expand our guillemot survey.

A meeting was held with Sarah Converse from the University of Washington, who is looking to hire a grad student to dig into and analyze data from all three guillemot surveys (Island and Clallam Counties and South Sound). She would welcome any suggestions as to what direction that analysis might take.

We have already received an application for our summer intern position.

### **Other Reports**

NW Straits Commission / Foundation: January meeting highlights distributed 1/29.

Shoreline Restoration and Armor Removal (Toledo): Toledo is partnering with NWSF to organize two Shore Friendly workshops – 1 on Whidbey, 1 on Camano. These workshops will focus on alternatives to hard shoreline armoring and utilizing native vegetation on shorelines and slopes. The workshops will be planned around areas identified to have armor removal sites that are both feasible and have moderate-high ecosystem benefit. The Whidbey workshop is planned for South Whidbey. The Camano workshop is planned as a less formal “community chat” on South Camano.

ILIO (Bennett): Update at meeting.