

ISLAND COUNTY MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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Project Updates for February 5, 2019 Meeting

NWSC Grant Reports

Eelgrass Monitoring (Tautvydas): No updates.

Kelp Monitoring (Rhodes): No updates.

Other Reports

Smith & Minor Islands Aquatic Reserve (Rhodes): The Citizen Stewardship Committee has not been meeting due to a lack of funding support. MRC members involved with forage fish monitoring may want to check out DNR's interactive map (<https://aquarim.dnr.wa.gov/default.aspx#>), which shows surf smelt spawning sites at the north end of the reserve & adjacent to Ebey's Landing.

Sound Water Stewards (Zupich): Update at meeting.

WSU Extension: From Ann Precup: We continue to be busy at work, providing programming and education for the community. Shore Stewards released a newsletter the end of December called "Managing Landscapes for Slope Stability and Wildlife Habitat", which went out to our members (nearly 1,000 at this point!). Shore Stewards will be participating in the upcoming WICD Habitat Restoration Habitat workshop on January 24. We had our kick-off to the WSU Extension Island County learning series at the Camano Library, called Our Earth Our Home, this past Saturday when Heather Trim of Zero Waste Washington talked to the participants about the global, regional and local plastics situation and impact, its effect on our marine environment, legislation and more. I will be presenting in February to the Citizen's Patrol, to share with them the work WSU Extension is doing in Island County, and the wonderful partnerships we have in fulfilling our mission.