

# ISLAND COUNTY MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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## Project Updates for December 3, 2019 Meeting

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### **NWSC Grant Reports**

**Forage Fish Monitoring (Kukuk/Bennett):** Update at meeting.

### **Outreach (Bennett):**

- MRC Conference award: The MRC received an award for our 2019 Community E efforts at the MRC Conference. Congratulations to all for the work accomplished this year!
- Rain garden signage: The sub-committee is working with artist Larry Eifert to finalize the designs for signs at rain gardens at Greenbank Farm and Crescent Harbor Elementary School.
- Marine food web display: Zupich and Toledo will be setting up the marine food web display at the Oak Harbor Library for the month of December.

### **Other Reports**

**NW Straits Commission/Foundation (Schwartz):** The big news for the Initiative is the success of the Conference! The next Commission meeting is Dec 6. Whatcom MRC has open seats – so please help spread the word. The Foundation is having a holiday party on Dec 12 in Bellingham and all are invited.

### **Shoreline Restoration and Armor Removal (Toledo):**

Oak Harbor Marina Restoration Feasibility: Blue Coast Engineers was selected as the consultant to conduct the feasibility study. A kick-off meeting was held to gather information on site conditions and constraints.

Hoypus Pt and Possession Pt Restoration Feasibility: Toledo and Lisa Kaufman are drafting a request for qualifications to solicit a consultant to conduct a feasibility study of armor removal and habitat improvement at Hoypus Point and Possession Point, and a conceptual design for one of the sites. A consultant is expected to be selected in December.

Shore Friendly: Island County is in the process of establishing a contract for the next round of Shore Friendly funding. These funds will allow the creation of a mini-grant program for shoreline homeowners to take actions to remove hard armor or prevent the installation of new hard armor.

**Island Location Integrating Organization (Bennett):** Update at meeting.