

ISLAND COUNTY MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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Project Updates for September 1, 2020 Meeting

NWSC Grant Reports

Forage Fish Monitoring: Monitoring continues at Cornet Bay, Ala Spit, Hidden Beach, and Glendale. We have three new volunteers at Hidden Beach who have attended two survey events and are quickly getting up to speed. We will be working with Jason Morgan to plan monitoring at Sunlight Shores. Ann Prusha will be attending a WDFW training this month, and will be helping coordinate and support the forage fish team. We are also exploring options with WDFW to provide training to new volunteers.

Outreach:

Needs assessment: Outreach is focusing on a needs assessment this fall. Interviews will take place October - November and a summary report will be presented in February.

Committee members working on planning the assessment, Kelly, Ed, Anna and Barb (and Andi who will catch up one-on-one with Barb) met virtually on 8/19. Topics included: selection of questions to ask in interviews and a wish list of individuals, and representatives of County Departments and Organizations to be interviewed, and logistics for scheduling interviews and training MRC members who wish to conduct interviews. Next meeting: 9/17 2:30.

Art contest: We announced the winners of the Design Your Own Salish Sea Creature art contest, in partnership with Sound Water Stewards. The winning entries are posted on the [MRC website](#).

Other Reports

NW Straits Commission/Foundation: None.

Island Location Integrating Organization: Update at meeting.

Salmon Recovery Technical & Citizen Committee: Update at meeting.