

ISLAND COUNTY MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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Project Updates for May 4, 2021 Meeting

NWSC Grant Reports

Forage Fish Monitoring:

1. We are back to using volunteers!
2. New volunteers are being oriented to process and sites (Seahorse Siesta, Maple Grove, Hidden Beach, Cornet Bay, and Hoypus Point so far with more to come).
3. Ken has volunteered to serve as the MRC forage fish project champion and is also getting up to speed on sites with help from Ann and Matt.
4. Have been discussing sharing results with teams and how we might make the data more accessible.
5. Anna and Ann will be presenting about our forage fish program to SWS Class of 2021 on Thursday, May 13th at noon

Kelp Monitoring: The kelp team met to discuss plans for the upcoming monitoring season. Linda Rhodes will be stepping back from the primary coordination role, but will continue to volunteer on the water. Ron Beier, a Sound Water Steward who has been volunteering with the team for a few years will be taking on the coordination role. Hannah will remain the MRC Champion for the kelp project, with support from Randy and Ken.

Other Reports

NW Straits Commission/Foundation: Update at meeting.

Salmon Recovery Technical & Citizen Committee: Update at meeting.

WSU Extension: Update at meeting.