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Snohomish County Seeks Citizen Advisors for Marine Habitat Restoration Projects

The Marine Resources Committee is seeking volunteers to help guide Snohomish County's marine and nearshore habitat conservation, protection, and restoration efforts

EVERETT, Wash., October 05, 2016 – Snohomish County is seeking three motivated volunteers to serve on the Marine Resources Advisory Committee (MRC). The committee addresses local marine issues and recommends actions to the Snohomish County Executive and the County Council. Interested parties will learn about marine conservation, participate in research founded on science, and contribute opinions on marine issues over a three-year term that runs 2016 through 2019.

The MRC's goal is to understand, steward, and restore the marine and estuarine ecology of the county. Recent projects have involved kelp monitoring via kayak, assistance on the county's Nearshore Restoration Project between Mukilteo and Everett, the removal of derelict crab pots, strategizing with local government officials on large oil spill procedures and continuing the implementation of the Port Susan Marine Stewardship Area Plan.

Volunteers must apply and go through a selection process. These appointed citizens will help shape local and regional marine conservation policy. The MRC meetings are held in Everett on the third Wednesday of every month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Members are expected to volunteer at least 10 hours per month for MRC project planning and implementation, in addition to the monthly meetings. The deadline for applications is November 18, 2016 or until filled.

The MRC has 12 members, they represent a balance of scientists, local and tribal governments' staff and recreational, economic, and environmental interests. Snohomish County is the most populated of the

seven counties with an MRC in the Northwest Straits region. For more information or to apply, visit www.snocomrc.org. Contact Kathleen Herrmann if you have questions at 425-388-6414 or via email: Kathleen.herrman@snoco.org

About Snohomish County Public Works

The Snohomish County Public Works Department employs approximately 600 staff members that develop and maintain county roads; control and manage surface water quantity, quality, and fish habitats; and oversee the recycling and disposal of solid waste. The department's main office is located at 3000 Rockefeller Ave., Everett, WA 98201. For more information about Snohomish County Public Works, visit www.snohomishcountywa.gov/PublicWorks.

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