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Snohomish County Seeks Marine Resources Committee Members

Volunteers will help guide Snohomish County's marine and nearshore habitat conservation, protection, and restoration efforts

EVERETT, Wash., November 20, 2020 – The [Marine Resources Committee \(MRC\)](#), a service provided by [Snohomish County Surface Water Management](#), is focused on protecting, and restoring the marine and estuarine environment of the county. The committee is seeking up to four new members motivated and eager to learn about marine conservation, participate in science-based research, and contribute to policy recommendations on marine issues as a part of the MRC.

Those selected to serve on the MRC will help recommend actions to the Snohomish County Executive and the County Council during a three-year term running 2021 through 2023, with the possibility of two additional terms.

The MRC is involved in creating and piloting marine ecology research projects and tools such as the recent [Snohomish Estuary Creosote Piling Prioritization Plan](#) and removal of derelict vessels. The committee also helps with community education, such as annual recreational crabber education to reduce the loss of crab pots in Port Susan.

Appointed committee members' involvement and responsibilities include attending monthly meetings and volunteering for a minimum of 10 hours a month. MRC meetings are now virtual on the third Wednesday of every month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Members will participate in MRC project planning and implementation, including field work. All field work is being done under COVID-19 safety guidelines developed by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Snohomish County Health District, including social distancing of six feet, wearing masks and routinely cleaning high touch surfaces.

The MRC currently has 12 members, they represent a balance of scientists, local and tribal governments' staff and recreational, economic, and environmental interests. In addition to these interests, the committee seeks members with diverse backgrounds in areas such as commercial fishing, marinas, railroads, or housing development.

To apply, submit an online application form [here](#), selecting "Marine Resources Advisory Committee" from the drop-down menu, and send a cover letter explaining your interest in volunteering along with

your resume and three references to Elisa Dawson at Elisa.Dawson@snoco.org. The deadline for applications is December 20, 2020 or until filled. For more information, visit www.snocomrc.org.

About the Snohomish County Marine Resources Committee

The Marine Resources Committee (MRC) is a service provided by Snohomish County Surface Water Management, a division of Public Works. The MRC's goal is to understand, protect, and restore the marine and estuarine ecosystems of the county. Local citizens appointed by County Council use science-based information to develop and implement projects and help shape local and regional marine conservation policy. MRC members work to complement ongoing efforts by both government and non-profit agencies. There are seven MRCs in the Northwest Straits region of the Puget Sound. For more information, visit www.snocomrc.org.

About Snohomish County Public Works

The Snohomish County Public Works Department constructs and maintains county roads; controls and manages surface water quantity, quality, and fish habitats; and oversees 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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