

PRESS RELEASE  
MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE (MRC)  
FEBRUARY 28, 2023

Island County Marine Resources Committee has openings for new members. The Board of Island County Commissioners invites applicants from Whidbey and Camano Islands to express interest and request appointment.

The goal of the MRC is to protect and restore marine life, habitat, and water quality along Island County's shoreline through research, restoration, and education. Members of this voluntary, advisory committee serve a three-year term. The 16-member committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month from 3-5pm. Meetings are held in Coupeville (8 meetings/year) or on Camano (4 meetings/year). More information about the MRC can be obtained on their website at [www.islandcountymrc.org](http://www.islandcountymrc.org).

The Board of Island County Commissioners seeks members representing a diverse array of stakeholders, including tribes, science, military, commercial and recreational marine users, ports, planners, engineers, agriculture, conservation groups, NGOs, education, and economic interests. Applicants should have interest and/or experience in marine resource issues.

Applicants should submit a completed application by mail or email to: Kelly Zupich, MRC Coordinator, P.O. Box 5000, Coupeville, WA 98239 or [k.zupich@islandcountywa.gov](mailto:k.zupich@islandcountywa.gov). Application forms can be found at [www.islandcountymrc.org/About-Us.aspx](http://www.islandcountymrc.org/About-Us.aspx)

*Janet St. Clair, Chair  
Board of Island County Commissioners*

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Per Resolution C-79-99 adopted June 28, 1999 and updated per Resolution C-93-14 on October 27, 2014 the MRC membership shall be composed of 13 voting members and 3 ex-officio members.

POSITION	MEMBER	ORIG.APPT.DATE	TERM EXPIRES
1.	Melanie Bacon, Ex Officio - BOCC		
2.	Sarah Bergquist, Ex Officio, WSU Extension		
3.	DNR Manager, Ex Officio - ICDNR		
4.	Kestutis Tautvydas	12/15/15	01/18/25
5.	Paul McElwain	02/14/23	02/14/26
6.	Andi Kopit	12/21/09	12/31/23
7.	Barbara Bennett	12/15/15	12/31/23
8.	Patrick Havel	02/14/23	02/14/26
9.	Kelly Webb	02/14/23	02/14/26
10.	Elsa Schwartz	12/22/14	12/31/23
11.	Scott Chase	06/18/19	02/14/26
12.	VACANT		
13.	VACANT		
14.	Ken Collins	02/09/21	02/09/24
15.	Jodi Crimmins	02/09/21	02/09/24
16.	VACANT		
	Todd Zackey – non-voting technical advisor		
	Florian Graner – non-voting technical advisor		
	Anthony Turpin – non-voting technical advisor		
	Tom Leschine – non-voting technical advisor		
	Mark Stamey- non-voting technical advisor		
	Kelly Zupich– MRC Coordinator		