

Aquatic Reserves Implementation Committee Charter

This charter is intended to provide the Nisqually Reach Aquatic Reserve Implementation Committee a clear definition of the aims and responsibilities of each committee member and the committee as a whole.

MISSION

This Implementation Committee's mission is to assist the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Aquatic Reserves Program staff with Nisqually Reach Aquatic Reserve management by developing informed recommendations pertaining to the management of the reserve.

COMMITTEE GROUND RULES

Implementation Committee members must adhere to the specified ground rules.

- Start and end the meetings on time and maintain a timeline consistent with each agenda.
- Disagreements will likely be inevitable, be respectful and considerate of other committee members views and opinions.
- Make every effort possible to not interrupt other committee members.
- If talking to the media, public, or other stakeholders, speak from a personal perspective and not for the entire Implementation Committee.

INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS RESPONSIBILITIES

Responsibilities of the committee may change as reserve management progresses.

- Attend Implementation Committee meetings and review provided materials and be ready to participate.
- Help prioritize restoration, research, monitoring, and educational needs.
- Help identify partnerships and potential sources of funding for management action implementation.
- Engage with respective organizations and interests and keep them informed of the committee's activities.

DNR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Responsibilities of DNR may change as reserve management progresses.

- Serve as the meeting facilitator and help the committee follow the agreed upon timetables.
- Provide the committee with all necessary materials for review (e.g. use applications, project proposals).
- Respect all discussions and opinions and consider all related comments and suggestions regarding reserve management.

- Continue collaboration with the community to cooperatively and successfully implement the Nisqually Reach Aquatic Reserve Management Plan.

PARTICIPATION

The Committee will meet once every four months at a previously agreed upon location and time.

Participation is voluntary. However, effective management of the aquatic reserve will require participation from a diverse representation of stakeholders.

DNR will contact potential participants from the following list to form committee representation:

- Tribal Governments
- Federal Governments
- State Governments
- Local Governments
- Scientific Community
- Special interest groups and NGO's
- Environmental education organizations
- Individual Citizens
- Recreational Groups
- Adjacent landowners/managers
- Business interests