

Puget Sound Kelp Research and Monitoring Workgroup

Agenda for October 27, 2021



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Time	Contact	Торіс
1000 - 1010	Helen Berry, WA DNR	Welcome / Introduction
1010 - 1030	Brief updates	<u>Helen Berry</u> , DNR Development of kelp canopy Vital Sign
		Lucas Hart, NW Straits Commission Kelp Plan coordination, Pew-funded study of kelp regulation implementation and Best Available Science
		Brooke Wiegel, UW
		research at UW FHL funded by Kelp legislation <u>Bart Christiaen</u> , DNR Subtidal kelp surveys to characterize understory kelp
1030-1100 (20 min talk, 10 min Q)	Zachary Randell, Seattle Aquarium	Highlights from <u>dissertation</u> , and proposed collaborative ROV and SCUBA monitoring along the western Strait and Outer Coast
1100 – 1120 (15 min talk, 5 min Q)	<u>Dan Abbott</u> , <u>Reef Check</u>	Overview of volunteer-based monitoring of rocky reefs and kelp forests— highlights of work in other regions and plans for Puget Sound
1120-1130 (10 min talk)	Hilary Hayford, Gray McKenna, <u>PSRF</u>	Development of a coordinated network of subtidal index sites – update on sites established and call for participation (both sites and partners)
1130 - 1200	Discussion	

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Questions raised for discussion:

The Puyallup Tribe have been approached by groups that want to site seaweed farms. We would like to learn about potential unintended consequences that may negative impact salmon migration (David Winfrey, Puyallup Tribe).

Have we (or can we) identify kelp areas with high priority for protection and conservation? (Hugo Flores, DNR).

Next meeting scheduled for January 12th, 2022, topics include:

Maycira Costa, UVic - Overview of BC Kelp Project and discussion about kelp research that spans the WA/BC border.

Robert Kiel, Seattle Aquarium – H: Why bull kelp continues to decline and how to restore it.