



Puget Sound Kelp Research and Monitoring Workgroup

Agenda for October 12, 2022

nearshore@dnr.wa.gov

Michael Calloway logo concept (left)

K36 Yoda kelping off Lime Kiln State Park by Matt Leaman (right)



Time	Contact	Topic
1000 - 1005	Helen Berry, WA DNR	Welcome / Introduction
1005 - 1030	Brief updates - Round 1 (~5 min each)	<p>Elizabeth Spaulding, DNR Habitat Strategic Initiative (HSI) Request for Proposals</p> <p>Wendel Raymond, UW Floating Kelp Canopy Vital Sign – next report on 12/20 and workshop on 1/10/23</p> <p>Max Showalter and Cynthia Harbison, DNR Kelp Forest and Eelgrass Meadow Health and Conservation Plan</p> <p>Vienna Saccomanno, TNC KelpWatch expands to WA</p>
1030-1045 (15 min)	Jeff Whitty , Northwest Straits Commission	Kelp Plan – inventory of research and monitoring projects
1045-1100 (15 min)	Jasmin Schuster & Margot Hessing-Lewis , Hakai	BC/WA Kelp Node
1100-1115 (15 min)	Jennifer Hahn , WWU Rescheduled for next mtg	Study recently published in PLOS ONE of concentrations of chemical contaminants in edible seaweed in the Salish Sea
1100-1130 (30 min)	Brief updates - Round 2 (~5 min each, followed by discussion)	<p>Julia Ledbetter, DNR Major losses observed at Squaxin Island canopy-forming kelp forest</p> <p>Jackie Selbitschka, ReefCheck 2022 dive sites established in Puget Sound</p> <p>Chris Neufeld, Kelp Rescue Early observations of patterns of loss</p> <p>Dayv Lowry, NOAA Processing for Petition for ESA listing of Bull Kelp</p>
1130-1145 (15 min)	Discussion about future of workgroup (facilitated by Helen Berry, DNR)	<p>The October 2022 meeting marks the end of 2 year pilot for this workgroup. Please vote on options for moving forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Sunset workgroup ('our work is done') b) Continue in similar format for 2 years, facilitated by DNR c) Overhaul format, re-envision workgroup
1145-1200	Round Table, as time permits. Requested topic: implications of seaweed farming for restoring/protecting seaweeds? Recent articles by OPB and others anticipate major increase in farms	

[Click to join Zoom meeting](#): Meeting ID: 854 2605 2445 Passcode: 066581