

Jefferson & Clallam County **North Pacific Coast Marine Resource Committee**



Outline

- Background on the creation of Marine Resource Program for Coast of Washington and the formation of North Pacific Coast MRC.
- Role of MRCs
- NPCMRC Work plan
- Accomplishments and Funded Projects



North Pacific Coast MRC

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Creation of Coastal Marine Resource Program

- SHB 2049-2007
- E-MRC workshops in 2007-2008
- SSB 6227-2008



Program Priorities and Benchmarks

- Establish MRCs
- Complement Existing Efforts
- Promote Healthy Communities and Priorities
- Build Partnerships
- Utilize Science



North Pacific Coast Marine Resource Committee

- 2009 Clallam and Jefferson Counties agree to partner for the MRC
- First NPCMRC meeting April 2010
 - Meeting summaries:
http://www.clallam.net/DCD/committee_NNPCMRC.html



What is an MRC?

What do MRCs do?
What do Counties do?



What might be locally important projects?



That's up to each MRC to determine. For areas bordering the Pacific Ocean projects might be developed with the goal of :

- **Supporting sustainable marine resource-based industries.**
- **Supporting cultural and economic integrity of coastal communities.**
- **Encouraging citizen participation in developing an understanding of healthy marine resources.**
- **Engaging in activities aimed at hazard prevention and preparedness.**
- **Increasing sustainable access to marine resource enjoyment and harvest.**



Projects supported by NPCMRC (2010, 2011)

- Feiro Marine Life Center (\$10,814, \$8,763)
- Washington Clean Coast Alliance (\$13,700, \$8,049)
- Examination of River Otter food habits(\$13,500, \$6,000)
- Newsletter and Outreach (\$3,900)
- Citizen Fair (\$3,125)



Beach Clean- Ups



Beach seining



Marine Science Education



NPCMRC Mission

The North Pacific Coast Marine Resources Committee will actively promote ecosystem resilience through understanding, conserving, and restoring our marine resources. This will be accomplished through research, education, community engagement and advocacy for our shared marine environment and the sustainability of its coastal communities.



Work plan 2011-12

- Further develop NPCMRC Strategic Plan
- Adopt New RFP format and guidance
- Support new round of projects
- Develop detailed NPCMRC annual report to County Commissioners
- Partnerships:
 - Identify and develop partnership with the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council
 - Provide input to State Ocean Caucus on the organization of the Coastal Partnership Group
 - Continue to provide input to the National Ocean Council implementation of the NOP (listening sessions, comment opportunities)



Shared Destinies



Questions?

