



Skagit County Marine Resources Committee Recruiting New Members!

The Skagit County Marine Resources Committee (MRC) is looking for individuals who want to:

- Learn about marine conservation
- Participate in science-based restoration, monitoring, and research
- Utilize experience, education, and skills to lead Skagit MRC Projects

The Skagit MRC is seeking applicants who can represent the following important projects:

Forage Fish Surveys – This is an ongoing research and data collection project working with multiple partners and volunteers. The Project Lead will plan and coordinate monthly surveys in the field; and collect and submit field samples for analysis and data tracking. No experience necessary. We will train you on the job!

Education & Outreach Events – There are several annual community events the Skagit MRC hosts and participates in to increase public awareness of the marine environment and the creatures that live there, foster stewardship, & nurture partnerships. The Project Lead will work in collaboration with event planning committees, volunteers, and Skagit MRC staff to plan, coordinate, and table events. No experience necessary!

Nearshore Restoration - Skagit MRC works in collaboration with the Northwest Straits Foundation (NWSF) on large nearshore restoration projects. NWSF is the Project Manager and Skagit MRC provides input and support. Skagit MRC is currently involved in the Clayton Beach Restoration Project. The Project Lead will attend project planning meetings and represent Skagit MRC interests in support of the projects. No experience necessary!

Derelict Crab Pot Removal /Outreach– Derelict crab pots are an ongoing issue in Skagit waters. The Project Lead will work in collaboration with the NWSF to identify areas to prioritize for derelict crab pot removal. The Project Lead will also help plan and coordinate the Skagit crabber community outreach effort to help reduce the loss of crab pots by sharing information and best strategies to prevent a lost pot. Crabbing experience is helpful, but not necessary!

Members attend (mostly virtual) monthly meetings on the second Thursday of every month from 9:00 am to 11:00 a.m. Volunteering to lead and/or support MRC projects, including possible field work, is also expected.

If you are interested in applying, please fill out the application found [here](#) and email completed forms to: tracya@co.skagit.wa.us. All applicants are encouraged to attend at least one MRC meeting prior to being considered for official membership.

More information about the Skagit MRC can be found at www.skagitmrc.org

Questions? Contact Tracy Alker @ tracya@co.skagit.wa.us

