

Whatcom County Council Climate Action and Natural Resources Committee

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

1:10 PM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

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COUNCILMEMBERS

Todd Donovan
Kaylee Galloway
Mark Stremmler

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

Call To Order

Committee Chair Kaylee Galloway called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m. in a hybrid meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Todd Donovan, Kaylee Galloway, and Mark Stremmer

Also Present: Barry Buchanan, Ben Elenbaas, and Jon Scanlon

Announcements

Special Presentation

1. [AB2025-387](#) Presentation on the Whatcom Marine Resources Committee's 2024 annual report
Austin Rose, Public Works Department, read from a presentation (on file) about the Marine Resources Committee (MRC), why they exist, how they came to be, their key role and activities, and why they focus on the Northwest Straights region.

The following MRC members also read from the presentation on MRC programs and events:

- Glen Alexander ("Alex") reported on the Beach Seine with Kids program.
- Richard Beauregard spoke about monitoring harmful algae blooms

Rose spoke about bull kelp monitoring and Olympia Oyster restoration in Drayton Harbor. She and Beauregard answered whether they do any monitoring in Point Roberts. Rose stated they are not doing water quality monitoring in that area.

This agenda item was PRESENTED.

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
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Kaylee Galloway-via email 6/4/2025

Cathy Halka, Council Clerk

Kaylee Galloway, Committee Chair

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