**Nisqually Reach Aquatic Reserve Citizen Stewardship Committee**

**Minutes April 10, 2017**

**NRNC@ Luhr Beach**

**4949 D’Milluhr Rd. NE Olympia, WA 98516**

**Welcome and Introductions**

Committee Chair Daniel Hull brought the meeting to order at 6:06 pm. The March minutes and April agenda were amended and approved. Introductions were made around the table.

**Special Presentation** – No presentation this month.

**Science Projects**

* **Forage Fish Survey (FFS)** – Terence

We are in April so we are no longer in peak season but we are still going out once a month and surveying beaches that were hard to get to during spawning season. It is still relevant so we can gather off season data. The next survey dates are going to be on TBA (the last two will also have the opportunity to picnic on the beach) Eric has been entering all of our data so we can put it in our next report due. Annual great Easter egg hunt will be happening on April 16th. It will have more of an educational aspect this year. We have been doing more outreach on FB . It has been very productive!

* **Pigeon Guillemot Survey (PIGUS)**- Ann/Terence

We are excited because we have 15 new recruits coming to the training and new volunteer Keith has already been going out to the sites. We are prepping for training on April 29th. We are going to be doing a more comprehensive training this year and it will be an activity that gets volunteers some hand on training. Encourage volunteers to keep track of their time so that we can put those numbers on the website. We have Dr. Scott Pierson will be a guest speaker at the training (from WDFW). We are rapping up our winter surveys. In May we want to do some pre-summer season breeding surveys to document when the birds start to become more active. Sites for those surveys have not been determined yet. We will be doing more on the beach training this year as well (site orientation training). We may have another new intern for the summer with will help us do extended surveys. This will help us to design our survey to be more effective in the future. We will be consulting with Whidbey Island to coordinate and how best to analyze our data.

We have completed and turned in our yearly Science Collection permit

**Updates**

**PSC Update** –

**FF** - February Rock sole eggs in 7 samples from Anderson Island. (up to 81 in one sample). March one surf smelt. She will bring data next time. PIGU They can’t come to the training but will pass on some important information to relay at the training. She will email that to T an A. Education - they have done eye on nature and hope to help out with summer camps if they DNR approves.

All hands CSC meeting is coming up on April 20th. They recently did a beach clean-up with National fish and oyster. Terence would like Keith to go out on their next survey (on the 8th), so he can get some hands on experience. It will probably a boat survey.

**DNR/GRANT**- Dan -

Dan heard from Birdie Birdie thinks she may be able to get another 3K and an extension on time. All hands CSC meeting! We would like to get as many members as we can to g. We have a car that seats 7 if you would like to carpool with us!

**Education and Outreach –** Dan -

The first Eye on Nature was today and was a huge success. Over 100 students participated. Dan will send out an email blast asking for volunteers to participate in the upcoming 14 EON events that we have coming up reaching over 740 underserved children. We will make sure volunteers have sufficient training before they assist with programs.

**Summer camp training on Saturday June 10th from 9 to 4**. Please pass this volunteer opportunity on to friends. Dan briefly explained the advanced summer camp to Mt. Rainer. We do have several school group education groups coming up and Dan will be sure to post those on the calendar to avoid and conflictions. Green Congress went well and was a big success.

**Regulatory Actions** – Nothing to discuss at this time

**Other Business**

**PIGU** - Alison Styring ornithology at Evergreen but Anne will doing an outreach education program for her class at evergreen. A thank you card was passed around for former intern Emily Wilke.

**Pier Update** –

They are in the process of tearing down the end of the pier that survived the storm and should be done by next month. The pilings will remain for now so we will be able to keep our pumps for the tanks and the purple martin nesting boxes. We were contacted by an environmental engineering form that wants to help work with us and FW and stakeholders to see about rebuilding a new pier. 70 percent of people surveyed said they would like to see the pier rebuilt.

Meeting was adjourned at

**Attendees**

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Respectfully submitted by Deanna M. Donovan