**Nisqually Reach Aquatic Reserve Citizen Stewardship Committee**

**Minutes August 14, 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 6:08 pm. The July minutes and August agenda were approved. Introductions were made.

**Anderson Island CSC Meetings**

CSC meetings on Anderson Island are hard to organize and tend to have low attendance. The Islanders are much more interested in having occasional socials as opposed to meetings and share stories about our experiences in and around the reserve and maybe conduct an activity, such as a fish seining. We may actually be able to convince mainland CSC members, as well as CSC members from other Aquatic Reserves to join in on the social events. We are considering scheduling the social for the 23rd of September.

**Special Presentations -** No special presentation tonight.

**Science Projects**

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

June and July are not really the typical spawning season, so it has been slow going in the last couple of months. On 22nd of the month Terence will host Point Defiance Zoo summer youth thingy. On the 23 24 25 Terence will be doing surveys at various locations, followed by lab work on the fresh samples over the next few days. Terence and the intern (?) are working on finalizing the 2016-17 report.

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

Some sites and colonies were slow in the beginning but they have really picked up of late. There was some concern at first so we were glad to see many of the birds returning. The season is slowing down and will be winding up soon. Data party may occur next Wednesday. Video shoot happened last month. DNR videographer and other people from DNR were in attendance. They were making the video in order to provide people with more information about what we are doing in the aquatic reserves.

* **New mussel report is out.**

We have helped with this survey several times and they would like us to participate again this winter. The report indicated that we actually have quite a high of level of toxins in the area around our site.

**Updates**

**PSC Update –** the pacific nw national labs did an eelgrass transplant last week and it looks hopeful that the transplant will be a success. The kelp and sea grass projects are completed. Forage fish – they aren’t sampling much at the moment and are just catching up on their lab work. Although, they are doing a ff survey by boat on the Thursday the 17th Terence working on “a stage of the egg” display together for surf smelts but he needs more juvenile examples

**DNR Update**  - The information film about the ARs needs some more information fror us. We would like to find a special factor that is our main identifier. The main consensus was PIGUS, since we have so much data and so many volunteers. Please let her know if you have any other good ideas by Thursday. Send Birdie a “wish list” for supplies and the like, as she is looking to find more money to support our programs and projects. The implementation meeting will be happening in October.

**Grants and NRNC Update**- Dan –

* Beach Naturalist cooperation with SSEA

**Education and Outreach –** Dan –

Summer camp is done and was a raging success. Esp the camp out part

**Regulatory Actions** –

Nothing at the moment

**Other Business**

 Watershed Festival is right around the corner!

Volunteer appreciation will also be happening soon.

We need a catch phrase

Kayaking fundraiser. Sam. Riviera to Eagle Island and back. Talk it up at the social and decide on a date

NEW WEBSITE IS GOING UP TOMORROW!! Thanks Josh!

Feast at the Reach September 9th! Get your tickets now!!

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25

**Attendees**

Respectfully submitted by Deanna M. Donovan