

Marine Resources Committee (MRC)

Committee Member Expectation

Adopted 8/03/2022

The MRC's vision is to sustain and enhance a healthy, resilient marine environment where individuals are engaged and strive to support life for all inhabitants of Island County.

The MRC values collaboration, inclusivity, and community-driven projects which are scientifically based, meaningful, and generate lasting results

Annual Review of Committee Member Expectations:

1. Each year, Committee Members will be expected to review and agree to comply with the MRC Committee Member Expectations (this document).
2. Prospective Committee Members will read and review the Bylaws, and Articles of Incorporation.

The Island County Marine Resources Committee is a participatory group that both provides leadership and is actively involved in the MRC's activities. Members who accept a term on the Committee are expected to devote their time and make purpose-oriented governance and policy decisions.

It is expected that Committee Members will spend an average of ten (5-10) hours/month on Committee activities (plus travel time). Committee Chairs and Committee/Team Leads, can expect to spend more time, depending on their responsibilities.

All Committee members agree to do the following:

- a) Support the vision/values, and policies, of the Marine Resources Committee.
- b) Further the work of MRC with time and skills. Additionally, serving on at least one MRC subcommittee or project in addition to Committee service.
- c) Attend monthly Committee meetings and other events requiring Committee participation including the annual MRC Retreat. If you plan to miss a Committee meeting, you are responsible for notifying the Coordinator or Chair ahead of time and for getting the information you missed by contacting the Coordinator, Chair and/or from reading meeting minutes and other materials. You should plan to miss no more than 2-3 committee meetings each year. (Please discuss this with your coordinator if a situation arises that requires more time away.)
- d) Carry out committee responsibilities in an effective and timely manner, including bringing new ideas into the organization, helping with education activities, volunteering for projects and submitting information about hours volunteered and other documentation as requested by the county.
- e) Support the MRC by furthering the cooperative partnerships with other organizations.
- f) Recruit and support Committee Members, staff, and project volunteers.

g) Commit to a minimum 3-year term.

Specifically, the Marine Resource Committee members are expected to:

- a) be responsible for governance, as defined in the Bylaws, and for stewarding, accountability, and future direction strategies in the areas of vision and values.
- b) participate in organizational and program planning, implementation, and monitoring towards fulfillment of the MRC mission and goals.
- c) be responsible to ensure ethical integrity and compliance with legal, financial, and government requirements, in partnership with the staff.
- d) to help develop the annual project list, provide adequate project development oversight, and ensure adequate resources especially capacity in order for the MRC to fulfill its' mission.
- e) listen to one another and treat others with respect.
- f) be part of MRC "eyes and ears" into the larger organization and to bring observations, concerns, suggestions, issues, or recommendations to the Coordinator, Committee Chair, and/or Committee as appropriate. Additionally, make sure that we are actively working towards being inclusive in all that we do.
- g) represent the MRC in such things as:
 - representing the organization at certain meetings and/or events.
 - serving at an event.
 - serving on an ad hoc task force or committee.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I fully understand and agree to the outlined commitments for serving on this Committee.

(Signature)

(Date)

(Print name)