

San Juan Islands National Monument Advisory Committee
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January 22, 2015

8:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

San Juan Island Grange

152 1st Street N., Friday Harbor, WA 98250

Next Steps/Action Items from Meeting

- Mac Chair will Doodle poll to MAC members for the next 5 meetings which includes one of the proposed Field Trips
- Marcia deChadenes and Lauren Pidot, BLM, will send out links to MAC regarding other Resource Management Plan examples
- Marcia deChadenes and Lauren Pidot, BLM, will work with MAC Working Group, Taxonomic Task Force, TTF, February 23rd for the upcoming proposed Public Scoping meeting planned for March,
- Nick Teague, BLM, will continue to work on the Virtual tour PowerPoint DRAFT to present to the public at the March scoping meetings.
- MAC appreciation letter to Daniel Picard will be forwarded onto Spokane by BLM
- Rhea Miller, MAC Vice Chair will work with Erin Corra towards the MAC 'Student Ambassador' program

Welcome and Opening remarks

Marcia deChadenes, San Juan Islands National Monument Manager welcomed all attendees to the MAC meeting and also shared the absence of Daniel Picard, Spokane District Manager (Designated BLM Official) who was unable to attend the meeting.

Amendments to the Agenda

MAC Vice Chair, requested an opportunity to discuss Student Involvement in future MAC meetings. Request was acknowledged and added to the Bin Items portion of the agenda.

MAC Chair reviewed with members the process for how MAC meeting minutes would be shared with the public to help ensure transparency and public involvement.

- Once the MAC meeting minutes are ready the Chair and Designated BLM Official will send out the DRAFT minutes to the MAC members to consider the DRAFT. MAC members will be able to proposed changes to the minutes prior to the DRAFT being published on the MAC webpage. The DRAFT MAC Meeting minutes will remain DRAFT until approved at the next MAC meeting and at that time the MAC meeting minutes will become FINAL and posted on the MAC webpage.
 - MAC members shared appreciation for the detailed nature of the MAC meeting minutes

MAC member, Eric Eisenhardt, Wildlife/ Ecological requested an opportunity to discuss 'access'. This topic was acknowledged and moved to Bin Items.

Approve Minutes of last meeting

The 1st MAC Meeting minutes of October 29-30, 2014 were presented and approved

Chair Transitions discussion

Tom Reeve, MAC Chair, shared appreciation for those MAC members who were able to make the meeting and acknowledged there were enough MAC members present for a quorum (7) and also enough MAC Members present for voting (8). MAC Chair led a discussion regarding the MAC positions which would expire in 2015, 2016, 2017

Four MAC positions cycling out in July 2015

MAC Chair led a discussion on the 4 MAC positions which would be cycling out in July 2015. Those four MAC positions are: Recreation/ Tourism, Education/ Interpretation , Cultural/Heritage, and Wildlife/ Ecological. These four MAC positions will begin a 3 year term in 2015. There will be a posting at the end of the month to begin recruitment. BLM, Marcia deChadenedes will post the information on the MAC webpage and begin the outreach effort. Also shared were:

- There will be a 10 week period through the Federal Register Notice for the postings.
- BLM, Marcia deChadenedes shared that there was increased Tribal interest in participation for the MAC positions.
- Recommendations were made to the four MAC members to reapply and the process could take place on-line via the MAC webpage.

There was also a request made by MAC members that BLM, Marcia deChadenedes, Acting Designated Official email and notify all the MAC members of the process to ensure successful recruitment and timely responses. Marcia deChadenedes also shared the application process which could take up to 6 months for final approval from the Department of Interior.

Mike Jonas, Cultural/ Heritage, requested clarification on the Tribal interests to the MAC. BLM, Marcia deChadenedes, Acting Designated Official shared there would be no expansion of the 12 designated MAC positions and that representatives from the Tribes who have inquired were interested in all MAC positions and not only the Tribal Interests position.

Select New 2015 Chair and Vice Chair

Marcia deChadenedes, San Juan Islands National Monument Manager and Acting Designated BLM Official, led the process for election of the new 2015 MAC Chair. Nominations were called for and Tom Reeve and Rhea Miller were the only names verbally nominated amongst the present members. MAC members voted on paper. MAC member Gene Helfman who participated via conference line voted through email.

- MAC voted unanimously: Tom Reeve MAC Chair 2015

As the newly elected MAC Chair for 2015, Tom Reeve led the process for the new MAC Vice Chair 2015. Nominations were called for and the only name verbally highlighted was for Rhea Miller. Rhea Miller accepted the nomination. The MAC Chair led the process for voting in the MAC Vice Chair via paper voting. MAC member Gene Helfman who participated via conference line voted through email.

- MAC voted unanimously: Rhea Miller MAC Vice Chair 2015

Daniel Picard-BLM leadership changes

Marcia deChadenedes, San Juan Islands National Monument Manager and Acting Designated BLM Official shared updated information regarding the transition of leadership positions in the BLM Spokane District.

- Daniel Picard, Spokane District Manager and Designated Federal Official for the MAC has accepted a position with the Bureau of Reclamation in Salt Lake City, Utah. He will be officially departing the Spokane District in February, 2015
- During this transition for the Spokane District there will be an up to 1 year, Acting position advertised and filled while the Spokane District looks to fill permanently the District Manager position. This Acting District Manager will be the Interim Designated BLM Official for the MAC once they are brought onboard.
 - MAC member Gene Helfman requested a MAC letter be crafted and sent to Daniel Picard, BLM, in appreciation for his support and leadership over the past several years. Gene H will write a DRAFT MAC letter for the MAC to review by the afternoon for possible approval.
- Also in the Spokane District the Border Resource Area Manager position is currently vacant and there will likewise be an active recruitment/ application process to fill that vacancy
- BLM State Director for both Washington and Oregon, Jerry Perez, has identified that his top 2015 priorities for the Spokane District include the San Juan Islands National Monument Management Plan and the Eastern Washington Resource Management Plan. The Spokane District has 2 Resource Management Planning efforts underway simultaneously.
 - For the SJINM, Jerry Perez has identified a team of BLM staff to assist the Spokane District through the Planning process. This team has been identified as the Monument Oversight Team, MOST. The MOST have had multiple internal monthly calls and meetings in an effort of collaboration and cooperation.
- Chris Carlton, BLM, Spokane District, Environmental Planning Lead who was leading the San Juan Islands National Monument Resource Management Planning effort and also the Eastern Washington Resource Management Planning effort has accepted another BLM position in Utah and will be leaving soon.
- Lauren Pidot, BLM has accepted and been identified as the San Juan Islands National Monument Resource Management Planning effort lead. Lauren works out of the Portland main office and will be coming to the San Juan Islands on extended working events throughout this process. Lauren will not be leading the Eastern Washington Resource Management Planning effort. The San Juan Islands National Monument Resource Management Planning effort is her primary work assignment.

Presentation on DRAFT SJINM Headlands, Rocks and Islands PowerPoint

Nick Teague, San Juan Islands National Monument, Outdoor Recreation Planner shared a Power Point presentation as a DRAFT for MAC editing and feedback: San Juan Islands National Monument Headlands, Rocks and Islands 'Virtual Tour'. During the presentation feedback was requested to ensure

the FINAL presentation which is intended for Public Scoping meetings will meet the desires and expectations of the MAC and become a useful product for the public to better understand the objects and values of the SJINM. MAC members shared a desire for:

- A short and concise representation of the SJINM which demonstrates the diversity of the Monument.
- A longer and more comprehensive representation of the SJINM which could be incorporated into an interactive Webpage map for visitors
- Broader map in corner with highlighted area represented to demonstrate location and then continue the drill down.
- Objects and values area described at length in text box
- View arrow on photos to demonstrate angle of view to photo of landscape

Nick will continue to work on DRAFT and present again to a Working MAC group on February 23

Review of the Proclamation

MAC Chair led a discussion on the Proclamation and what the MAC should be thinking about and looking into regarding the MAC's collective interpretation of the wording to help develop consensus. Shared was the fact that the Proclamation is a legal mandate. It is 'Law' and the Objects and Values are those items which need to be collectively understood and consensus on the interpretation would be most valuable. It was decided to break the Proclamation into sections to better understand and discuss the wording:

- A MAC discussion on the meaning of 'Restoration' and how that fit into the parameters of the National Conservation Lands, NCLS: Protect, Conserve and Restore proved to flush out an understanding that there were many meanings of the definition of "restoration" and that within the context of this discussion "restoration" did fit the parameters of the National Conservation Lands.
- There was agreement that there is a large emphasis on the cultural and tribal objects and values and also ecosystems.
- Objects and Values: the Resource Objects and Values, ROVs, of the Proclamation have been noted by BLM staff in their interpretation of the writing. These ROVs were then incorporated into the DRAFT Purpose and Need of the Environmental Impact Statement.
 - A discussion on how the ROVs can be used as an instrument to be in compliance with the National Conservation Lands parameters to protect, conserve and restore and to be referenced when making recommendations and advising the BLM regarding the SJINM Resource Management Plan and also when establishing a MAC position on a topic or controversial subject.
 - This discussion brought about a clarification that through this planning effort the BLM could not place restrictions on other agencies and that our BLM authority is only on BLM lands.
- More specifically:
 - Withdrawals: the BLM Solicitors (Legal folks) will be looking at the withdrawals and will help determine the extent and interpretation for what is off the table. This type of information will assist greatly in the decisions and discussion on Right of Ways, ROW, and similar items as they will be decisions in the SJINM Resource Management Plan and also possibly shared in the Analysis of the Management Situation, AMS.
 - 1st paragraph: Last sentence: the word 'refuge' was identified by several MAC members to be a significant word choice although the word 'refuge' did bring into light different associations and personal meanings for the interpretations of the word. Likewise the

last sentence was expressed by all as important for science and research and classroom future generations. As with the word 'refuge' the word choice of 'treasure' brought about discussions and sharing of what that word choice meant to members.

- MAC members expressed the 'active management of BLM lands' would be a critical and important task to ensure the ROVs were protected, conserved and restored.
- 2nd Paragraph: a discussion revolved around the tribal perspective and interests for Traditional Cultural Properties, TCP, and restoration. Marcia deChadenedes, BLM, SJINM Manager and Acting Designated Federal Official shared that there has been an increased interest with several tribes for restoration of TCP areas and a couple of grants were applied for in the anticipation for working in these areas. Also, clarification of how many tribes (7) the SJINM typically consulted on for federal actions was shared by Marcia deChadenedes.
- 3rd paragraph: Concern was shared by MAC members that the lighthouses and also homestead areas were not fully described in the proclamation but were still clearly established as significant ROVs.
- 4th paragraph: a discussion ensued on 'fire dependent' landscapes and the interpretation of this term as related to MAC recommendations towards a range of Alternatives for the Monument Plan. Also, the terms wetlands and habitats were expressed as points of interests and importance.
- 5th paragraph: a discussion ensued on clarification about BLM's jurisdiction and influence on species as it relates to the Resource Management Plan. For example, there appeared to be clarification needed for: marbled murrelets, orcas, seals, porpoises and others. Some MAC members shared there was no mention of forage fish and the importance of their role towards larger systems. However, a discussion did allow that through active management activities above mean high tide how this could positively affect marine dependent systems. Although Black-tailed deer are specifically mentioned a larger community discussion will more than likely take place during the planning effort. Also mentioned and shared was that there was no mention in this section about wildflowers and butterflies. However, a discussion developed and allowed that these were covered by other ROVs, in other areas.
- 6th paragraph: the word choice of 'benefits' was shared by all that this was important and had value to be referenced in the future as a national benefit.
 - **Whereas:** as noted of importance by MAC members were:
 - 1st paragraph: the history and significance of the Antiquities Act as it relates to our collective story in the SJI and the SJINM
 - 2nd paragraph: the word choice of 'preserve' without referencing restoration may be interpreted as not allowing active management. However, a discussion developed and allowed that these were covered by other ROVs, in other areas.
 - 3rd paragraph: a discussion around the mean-high tide and those unique areas of BLM SJINM lands which were below mean-high tide. Possible future clarification may be needed in these unique situations and impacts to the tidepools and lower areas.
 - 4th paragraph: as described above withdrawals interpretations will be reviewed by BLM solicitors (legal team) for a legal opinion on what is allowed and or not to be considered.
 - 5th paragraph: a further discussion on the National Conservation Lands parameters once again highlighted protect, conserve, restore.

- 6th paragraph: small discussion clarifying the Proclamation and BLM ownership, management and administration only applies to the BLM lands.
- 7th paragraph: small discussion on role of the MAC and clarification on that the MAC is to advise BLM on the Management Plan and process and the MAC does not have decision authority.
- 8th paragraph: small discussion on definition of motorized and also non-motorized mechanized vehicles. Motorized vehicles includes those vehicles with motors such as: cars, trucks, All terrain vehicles, Utility terrain vehicles, motorcycles. Non-motorized mechanized vehicles includes: bicycles, wheel chairs, wheel barrows and the like.
- 9th paragraph: positive affirmations for acknowledgement of Tribal rights and protection of religious and cultural sites.
- 10th paragraph: no discussion.
- 11th paragraph: small discussion and clarification that the BLM generally defers to DFW to regulate hunting & fishing limits, restrictions or 'takes'. The BLM does manage the habitat to support these animals. Acknowledgement that there will be public concerns regarding hunting on the BLM lands.
- 12th paragraph: small discussion on the role of Homeland Security and existing locations of Aids to Navigation.
- 13th paragraph: Acknowledgment that there are no existing withdrawals.
- 14th paragraph: discussion and clarification on definition of safe and efficient aircraft operations. Acknowledgement the BLM cannot restrict or control aircraft operations that would make an operation unsafe.
- 15th paragraph: small discussion and clarification of the word choice of 'locate'. Acknowledgement in this case the word 'locate' is referencing occupancy of the land, for example squatters and setting up long term camping sites beyond the legal limits.
- 16th paragraph: no discussion.

Finalize MAC Vision

The MAC Draft vision Team brought forward and shared their Draft MAC Vision Statement. MAC members made a few recommendations and these changes were accepted and voted on.

- MAC voted unanimously in support of the changes. Acknowledgements were made and shared that the MAC vision statement can change over time.
- MAC Vision Statement:
 - The San Juan Islands National Monument provides an awe-inspiring experience that connects people to a flourishing, intact landscape, rich in natural, cultural, and historical features.

Purpose and Need, review draft

Lauren Pidot, BLM, provided a presentation a Preliminary DRAFT Purpose and Need, P&N, Statement for the Resource Management Plan, RMP. The preliminary Draft P&N was developed by a BLM Interdisciplinary Team, IDT, as a starting point. Items shared by Lauren included:

- A clear P&N which was not vague is critical to the RMP process.
- Alternatives must fit and meet the objectives in the P&N.
- The P&N is just for the Planning effort and helps define the life of the plan which is typically 10-15 years with BLM reviews at about every 5 years.
- The DRAFT P&N will be reexamined by many BLM people including: IDT members, Managers and Solicitors. The FINAL P&N may take a while to nail down. Each significant change to the DRAFT P&N will be shared with the MAC.

The MAC decided it was best to examine each paragraph of the DRAFT P&N.

- 1st paragraph: small discussion, sharing and acknowledgement that the 'Need' of the P&N refers to the Laws which defines the BLM to perform this action.
- 2nd paragraph: small discussion on and ensuring the protection of the natural character of the landscape was emphasized and also to replace the word choice of 'beaches' to be changed as 'shorelines'
- 3rd paragraph: minor grammatical changes and recommendations. In the last sentence add the word 'restore', as to read: 'preserve and restore...'
- 4th paragraph:
 - Minor word choice removal: 2nd sentence dropping the word 'current'. Recommendations were made to drop the word 'inter-tidal'.
 - Small discussion and recommendations to consider adding references to the culturally modified meadows for example, fire dependent grasslands or fire dependent landscapes.
 - Recommendations to drop the species list and focus on: 'supporting and managing for a variety of species which includes threatened and rare, special status species.
 - Recommendations to include 'rocky balds' as a significant landscape feature which was also mentioned in the proclamation.
- 5th paragraph: small discussion and recommendations to change wording of statement to read as: A final purpose of the plan is to manage these resources while addressing increasing human demands. The Plan will provide management for visitor, recreation, educational and scientific research uses consistent with preservation and protection of the above objects and values.
- 6th paragraph: no discussion
- 7th paragraph: recommendations to add: 'restoration' as to read 'level of protection, restoration and conservation consistent...'

Analysis of the Management Situation update

Lauren Pidot, BLM, provided a presentation on the Analysis of the Management Situation, AMS and what that means relevant to the Resource Management Plan, RMP. Lauren shared the following:

- BLM will update the AMS from the previous Eastern Washington / San Juan Islands Resource Management Planning effort that was initiated a few years ago. The BLM Interdisciplinary Team, IDT will be the folks to update the AMS.
- BLM will have it available for the MAC to review by Spring of this year, 2015.
- The AMS reflects a point in time, a snap shot of where things are at regarding resources and what we know.
- The AMS is not a decision document but rather a tool to use to identify gaps and resources needed to further move the Plan along.

MAC discussed and acknowledged the work which went into the previous AMS and need for updates since this previous effort was done prior to the designation of the Monument.

Planning Timeline, Scoping schedule/ FY15 accomplishment targets, potential numbers of MAC meetings (these topics were combined)

Lauren Pidot, BLM, provided a presentation on the preliminary planning timeline and scoping schedule and also the Fiscal Year 2015 accomplishment targets and potential MAC meetings. Lauren shared the planning schedule may change over time due to the many variables.

MAC Chair posed the question to the MAC members, “Where does the MAC need to make deep dives?” into the planning timeline and topic areas to be most effective, efficient and respectful of MAC members availability.

- Preliminary Timeline:
 - public scoping is currently planned to take place in 2nd week March of 2015
 - Notice Of Intent, NOI will be published and approved by BLM
 - Invitations to public to attend will be sent through a variety of outreach methods
 - Multiple ways for public to participate and ensure their voice and concerns are heard will be utilized by both written and oral comments.
 - MAC highly recommends the BLM makes available opportunities for oral comments to be heard and shared by members of the community. This is important to the community.
 - The Scoping period last for 30 days after the publishing of the NOI or 15 days after the date of the public meetings.
 - Publishing the public scoping report, producing the Analysis of the Management Situation, AMS, and developing a Draft Range of Alternatives by the end of September, 2015. This will be a significant measure of “success”.

MAC Vice Chair shared a concern on: “how does the MAC address in the planning effort or make recommendations to the BLM for a variety of unknowns such as: Right Of Ways, structural towers, use of drones, electromagnetic warfare training nearby to Monument lands and other items?” A small discussion ensued and acknowledgement for ensuring items such as these were presented during the public scoping process as related to concerns for the management of the Monument.

Range of Alternatives: Clarification on what does a range of Alternatives look like was shared by Lauren Pidot, BLM, and acknowledgement that the range of the Alternatives for the Monument would be more focused than other traditional Resource Management Plans, RMPs, due to the parameters of the proclamation. For example, while working within the parameters of the ‘Purpose and Need Statement’, a range of alternatives could be described as: keeping things as they are, more fully describing the levels of management and moving towards using it all up (this is the traditional, multi-use, non-designation lands model) Thus using the Proclamation as a parameter the range of alternatives for the monument would focus more on ensuring the objects and values identified were managed while still protecting, preserving and conserving the values.

- Lauren Pidot, BLM, recommended the possibility of an Alternative Workshop to be held in summer or early fall, 2015. The MAC supported the idea as a useful opportunity to better understand the process and to be more effective in making recommendations during this stage

of the planning effort. MAC requested a focus could be on some of the projected larger topics such as: Cultural Resources and also Recreation.

Number of MAC meetings: a discussion and acknowledgement that there are a number of big issues / topics that the MAC will want to work with more closely and with a deeper focus. This deeper understanding and focus will require field trips relevant to the bigger issues and topics. Items also considered and discussed to help determine the numbers of MAC meetings were:

- MAC meetings will have an external component which relates to the Public Scoping meetings and an internal component related to issue determination. For example, how will the BLM manage the lighthouses?
 - At the end of the Public Scoping period the BLM will bring back to the MAC: ‘this is what we heard and learned’ through the development of the Public Scoping Report.
 - MAC members who may be cycling off the Committee will need and want an opportunity to review, process and comment on the Scoping Report.
- Proposed Days needed:
 - Day for: Determination of Issues and Issue Development
 - Range of Alternative Days: These will be big topic days and a day for each
 - Cultural and Historical
 - Ecological
 - Recreation and Tourism also including Special Designations
- Lauren Pidot, BLM, shared that the Public Scoping and Comment Period is not a voting process. Meaning that the number of comments received on a topic or concern does not have more value as an issue for consideration than does another comment of a different concern. All comments are equal for their consideration as a relevant issue. The Intension is to identify what are the issues.
 - What are the questions we should be asking and not what are the answers.
 - MAC Vice Chair posed the question who figures out if a question has been answered? The BLM has the final determination. However, the BLM can still be taken to court after the Decision Record has been signed. If taken to court the BLM does typically have deference from the court.
 - A concern was raised by the MAC to ensure the public has opportunities to know what was considered, dropped and why? Assurances were made by BLM that throughout the process there will be opportunities to track these types of decisions.
 - The MAC will have an opportunity to review all public comments received.

Scheduling of MAC Meetings: A discussion ensued on how best to ensure MAC meeting were efficient and productive. Consideration was expressed for when and where MAC members could attend meetings specific to their interests: Topical or geographical. These topical or geographical possibilities considered:

- MAC meetings with no vote
- Sub-committees meetings which would be informal and with no quorum
- All present MAC meeting for Cultural and Historical (1 day) and informal sub-committee meetings for Ecological (1 day) and Recreation/ Tourism/ Special Designation (1 day)
 - Shared and expressed were the challenges to find dates for those who want to attend all or some and dates for more specific MAC Representatives at their respective topic areas.

- Working MAC groups: this would involve BLM and other specialists and presentations for educational purposes. Also considered were:
 - This would be an informal MAC gathering allowing preparation work, come to the MAC with reporting and options.

(all models considered were acknowledged that each could be facilitated to ensure a public comment period)

Working MAC groups was determined to be the most effective model. These working MAC Groups would conduct pre-work, research and come to the MAC with options to consider.

- February 23rd: will focus on Public Scoping design and preparation: TTF will be working with Marcia deChadenedes, BLM and Lauren Pidot, BLM to review scoping design and also Nick's Virtual BLM Properties Tour Power Point presentation.
- March 30th MAC Meeting is cancelled and the date is held for other MAC business

Full MAC Meetings: 3 full days will be needed for the full MAC to hear public comment and consider: Cultural and Historic, Ecological, and Recreation. Recreation, Tourism and Special Designation will be last due to its all-encompassing and dependent on other discussion outcomes.

- March 30th: will be a MAC Field Trip
- MAC Chair will doodle poll 5 new dates for the following through September:
 - 1 day for Scoping Review
 - 1 day for Cultural and Historical
 - 1 day for Ecological
 - 1 day for Recreation, Tourism and Special Designation
 - 1 day for Field Trip

Public Outreach, website changes

Marcia deChadenedes, San Juan Islands National Monument Manager and Acting Designated BLM Official shared updates on public outreach, website and available information. Marcia will provide links to the MAC for all manuals which may be helpful to better understand the special topic areas. Marcia also shared ways to find these manuals from the BLM websites. Marcia also recommended:

- To check out Resource Management Plans, RMP, can be found under each BLM website page.
- Check out alternatives sections of the RMPs
 - Probably best to reference RMPs which are within the National Conservation Lands system.
 - Some of these areas may not have their RMPs FINAL
- Lauren Pidot, BLM, will also send out links and good examples. There is a good BLM model which is not part of the National Conservation Lands system however is one of our premier partnership areas with small overall acreage, similar to the San Juan Islands.

Website: the SJI NM website is in transition and will incorporate more frequent updates, reading list, new ownership map,

Public outreach continued: Marcia shared based upon recent outreach efforts to advertise the MAC meeting she will reach out earlier to the local papers. MAC members recommended persistent follow up with the editors is often needed to ensure the information makes the papers. Likewise a follow up with a letter in the editorial section may be helpful.

MAC members also shared there is a good model for public outreach with the Grand Staircase Escalante with virtual meetings and other positive outreach measures which could be adapted for the SJI NM.

Scoping forum design basics

Lauren Pidot, BLM shared the Draft Scoping forum design and a discussion followed. A traditional model which has worked well in the past for BLM was shared. This included: Welcoming open-house model, presentation on the planning process, description of what is a helpful comment, pick up comment cards, and engage in the open house format. Lauren also shared the possibilities for:

- Meetings on all 3 of the main islands
- Consideration for several hours of time dedicated to each meeting to ensure people could participate and making those times available as best as possible to ensure the maximum number of people could make the event.
- Hosting a meeting in Anacortes
- Interisland ferry meeting

MAC members shared concerns about the Lopez public meeting with the US Navy which followed an Open house format and how disempowered this made many residents feel. MAC members also shared the outcomes of the COAL meeting on San Juan Island and the difficulty with the Open mic and high numbers of people who wanted to speak.

- MAC highly recommended providing opportunities for Oral comments to be shared and heard by others. This also is an opportunity for education amongst those attending
- Possible limit of time to speak: for example 2 minutes with sign in roster.
- Open-house type of event as well to engage with specialists and specific areas of interests
- Power Point presentation of Nick's virtual tour of BLM, San Juan Islands National Monument: Headlands, Rocks and Islands
 - Possible online video of Nick narrating his PowerPoint made available for those who could not attend

February 23rd: will focus on Public Scoping design and preparation: interested MAC members will be working with Marcia deChadenedes, BLM and Lauren Pidot, BLM to review scoping design and also Nick's Virtual BLM Properties Tour Power Point presentation.

Summary of discussion points and bin items

MAC Vice Chair brought forward a recommendation to incorporate local student involvement and participation to the MAC meetings. This would be similar to the participation of youth in significant events for our local tribes. These young participants could be identified as "Student Ambassadors" to witness and participate in the meetings.

MAC members suggested juniors or seniors in high school may be at the right age to participate and the Lions club has youth contingent known as Leos. Also suggested were members of the local high school civics classes.

This could be a MAC led process as a MAC internship involving:

- Applications
- Essays
- School credits for learning: governance
- BLM could offer intern status

MAC voted and approved unanimously to endorse and support the MAC led “Student Ambassadors”

- MAC Vice chair and MAC member Erin Corra will work with local schools staff to engage and explore the possibilities.

Access: A MAC member had asked for Access to be added to the bin items but felt it was covered throughout the meeting and will be examined in detail throughout the planning process.

MAC appreciation letter to Daniel Picard: MAC members reviewed and made edits to the appreciation letter to Daniel Picard, BLM, Spokane District Manager for his involvement and support to the MAC and National Monument.

MAC voted and approved unanimously the FINAL letter.

MAC agreed the letter of appreciation would be read aloud in Spokane by BLM staff for Daniel Picard’s going away gathering. The MAC members present also signed a card to be added to the framed letter which also would have a nice photo attached.

Summary of Discussion Points:

- Acknowledgement and reminder of MAC members rotation, processes and timelines
- Acknowledgement for Virtual presentation and having MAC working group review DRAFT as it comes along
- Review of MAC meetings to be scheduled and MAC Chair to Doodle Poll
- Review of Public Scoping comments to be shared with MAC for an all MAC review

Public Comments

MAC members discussed that anything said and shared during the public comment period goes into the Administration Record and is made available to the public to ensure transparency. This Administrative record would be forwarded onto the BLM as well.

MAC members voted and approved unanimously this would be the process.

Tom Owens: a member of the public and resident of Orcas Island said he will email in his comments and thanked and acknowledged the MAC for their work on this project.

Madrona Murphy: botanist and resident of Lopez Island and also a member of KWIAHT, a local non-profit science and research organization. KWIAHT, which means ‘a clean place,’ has a Memorandum Of Understanding with the BLM. Madrona shared their desire to be available, as needed, to the MAC. KWIAHT could be a resource for the MAC and has extensive programs engaging citizen science in the San Juan Islands. Their programs include Salmon seining and research, seabird monitoring, and the Indian Island Marine Health Observatory along with others. Many of their programs directly involve working, researching and studying changes on the San Juan Islands National Monument lands.

Mary Ferm: a resident of San Juan Island and an adjacent property owner to BLM rocks and islands and also has a Masters degree in Science shared her concerns that through this interim planning process there are National Monument Rocks and Islands which are extremely fragile. Mary also shared many of these areas are sensitive places for wildlife and plant communities that do not or should not have recreational visitors. She shared her concern that during this interim planning process the maps and

information available may cause more people to visit these areas and cause impacts. She shared her concerns that these fragile areas with limited access would have visitors trampling through the intertidal zones causing damage to the marine life which are an important part of the food chain for larger and other marine animals. Mary also shared her family have been stewards of the BLM rocks and islands near their property for over 60 years helping to protect them as well. Mary also shared her concern for marine organisms which may be found nowhere else in Washington State could be damaged by human activity visiting these small areas especially when traversing the inter-tidal zones.

A MAC discussion followed Mary Ferm's comments in which the MAC posed the question "how to educate people to better appreciate and understand the fragility of the Inter-tidal zones"?

- MAC recommended that the BLM work towards better collaboration with other agencies who have jurisdictional authority of inter-tidal zones and below.
- Question posed by MAC: is there a place in the Purpose and Need statement to highlight the cooperative and collaboration with other entities? Through the Planning process the established Cooperating Agencies may be a place to begin working on this topic.
- As a process step the MAC could consult with the BLM to outreach and work with public land owners towards collaboration for intertidal zones stewardship and education.

MAC voted and approved unanimously: MAC recommends the BLM consult with any public agencies with ownership or jurisdiction of adjacent inter-tidal areas during the development of the Resource Management Plan.

MAC members engaged in a small discussion regarding how did people find out about the MAC meeting. Marcia deChadenedes , BLM, shared that the following outlets were used:

- BLM's San Juan Islands National Monument email list of interested parties
- Utilization of shared networks amongst partners and community members
- Advertising on Salishrocks.org and San Juan Islander
- Submitted request to local papers for information on MAC meeting to be published

Wrap-Up and Adjourn

MAC Chair requested feedback to the MAC members for comments on the meeting process and procedures. There were no comments suggesting changing the format for process or procedures.

San Juan Islands National Monument Resource Advisory Committee Meeting 1-22-2015 Meeting Agenda

8:30 Daniel Picard opens and welcomes, Tom Reeve takes the Chair - Opening remarks

- Amendments to the Agenda for today?
- Approve minutes of last meeting
- Select 2015 Chair and Vice Chair

8:45 Chair - Transitions discussion

- Four MAC positions cycling out in July 2015
- Daniel - BLM leadership changes

9:00 Nick Teague - shares “virtual fieldtrip” of the different monument resources

9:30 Chair - Review the Proclamation

10:15 Break

10:30 Rhea Miller - Finalize MAC Vision

10:45 Lauren Pidot - Purpose and Need, review draft, gain feedback

11:30 Lauren Pidot – Analysis of the Management Situation update

11:45 Lunch

12:45 Lauren Pidot, Chair - Planning Timeline, Scoping schedule

1:15 Lauren Pidot - FY15 accomplishment targets, potential numbers of MAC meetings

2:15 Marcia deChadenedes - Public Outreach, website changes

2:30 Lauren Pidot - Scoping forum design basics

3:30 Chair - Summary of discussion points and bin items

3:45 Public Comment

4:45 Close

Attachment B: Meeting Attendees

MAC Members

Erin Corra	Education/Interpretation
Eric Eisenhardt	Wildlife/Ecological
Gene Helfman (phone conference)	Wildlife/Ecological
Michael Jonas	Cultural/Heritage
Barbara Marrett	Recreation/Tourism
Rhea Miller	Public-at-Large
Thomas Reeve	Public-at-Large
Thomas Reynolds	Recreation/Tourism

MAC Members Not Present

Michael Carlson	Private Landowners
Jacquelyn Ferry	Cultural/Heritage
James Stephens	Local Government
Thomas Wooten	Tribal Interests

Meeting Organizers/Sponsors

Marcia deChadenedes	San Juan Islands National Monument Manager
Lauren Pidot	San Juan Islands National Monument Resource Management Planning Lead
Nick Teague	San Juan Islands National Monument Outdoor Recreation Planner

Other Meeting Attendees (Members of the Public)

Tom Olsen	Member of the public
Mary Ferm	Member of the public, Adjacent Landowner to SJINM property
Madrona Murphy	Member of the public, Member of KWIAHT, Non-profit, Science and Research organization

DRAFT: for MAC Review 2015, Chapter 1 of 5

San Juan Islands National Monument Headlands, Rocks and Islands Virtual Tour



13-3: Lummi Rocks (2)



Special Features:

Size: 8 acres +

Recreation: Day-use, sea kayaking, motor boating,

Wilderness Character: Yes

Research and Science:
WWU

Plants, Animals & other values:
Marine Mammal Haulout; #404
nearby, USFW Wilderness
Islands nearby, USCG ROW



13-4: Blind Island



Special Features:

Size: 3 acres +

Recreation: Camping, sea kayaking, motor boating, Cascadia Marine Trail

Wilderness Character: No

Research and Science:
KWIAHT

Plants, Animals & other values:
Marine Mammal Haulout;
#445, USFW Wilderness
Islands nearby, MOU WASPC



13-5: Chuckanut Rocks (5)



Special Features:

Size: 1 acre -

Recreation: sea kayaking,
motor boating,

Wilderness Character: No

Research and Science:
KWIAHT

Plants, Animals & other values:
Marine Mammal Haulout;
#274, Seabird nesting site



13-6: Fauntleroy Rock



Special Features:

Size: 1 acre -

Recreation: sea kayaking,
motor boating,

Wilderness Character: Yes

Research and Science:
KWIAHT

Plants, Animals & other values:
Marine Mammal Haulout;
nearby #383, 384, 385, USFW
nearby



13-7: Dot Rock



Special Features:

Size: 1 acre -

Recreation: none

Wilderness Character: No

Research and Science:

KWIAHT

Plants, Animals & other values:

Marine Mammal Haulout;
nearby ,USFW nearby, SJPT
preserve nearby



13-9: Reads Bay Island



Special Features:

Size: 3 acre +

Recreation: Day-use,
wildflower viewing, Sea
kayaking, Boating

Wilderness Character: Yes

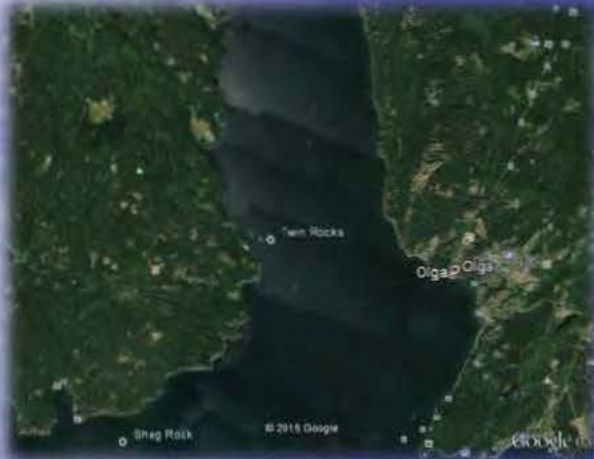
Research and Science:
KWIAHT

Plants, Animals & other values:

Wildflowers, Marine Mammal
Haulout; nearby # 387, 388,
389, SJPT preserve nearby,
Historic Kelp Mill site



13-10: Twin Rocks (2)



Special Features:

Size: 2 acre -

Recreation: Day-use, Sea kayaking, Boating

Wilderness Character: Yes

Research and Science:
KWIAHT

Plants, Animals & other values:
Marine Mammal Haulout; #
448, nearby USFW



Proposed additional items for FINAL

San Juan Islands National Monument Map

Accompanying Matrix Document

Expand *Special Features/ Objects and values:*

Size:

Location:

Cultural:

Recreation:

Visual Resource Management:

Wilderness Character:

Research and Science:

Special Plant & Animal features:

Marine Mammal Haul outs:

USFW Wilderness Islands nearby:

Other special designated lands nearby:

Associated partners and agreements:

Right of Ways and Easements:

Others?

