

CLALLAM MRC MEETING AGENDA

February 23rd, 2026
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Hybrid Meeting



Zoom meeting link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83769639254?pwd=FmcMflhkw6df902xa2tsxu6UAHGVB.1>

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For more information about the MRC, please contact Chase O'Neil at 360-417-2361.

Welcome by Chair LaTrisha Suggs / Call to Order / Roll

- Determination of quorum

Public Comment on agenda items, limited to 3 minutes per participant

Approval of Minutes

- January minutes

Presentation

- Justine Chorley – Clallam County Emergency Management (15 minutes)
- Cynthia Harbison – WA DNR, Elwha Kelp and Eelgrass Priority Area (20-25 minutes)

New or special business

- NWSC new funding
- Potential MRC social event this spring

Announcements

- Northwest Straits Commission update – Alan Clark
- MRC budget and staff time

Committee and Project Reports

- Project leads report only if an update is needed
- Advisory sub-committee
- Education and outreach sub-committee

Discussion of next meeting date and agenda

- Next regular meeting Monday, Mar 16
 - Presentation: Annie Raymond, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe – Olympia oyster update
- Call for new agenda items

Good of the Order

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Adjourn

Clallam County DCD is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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Mission

- Public outreach
- Planning with response partners
- Coordinate disaster preparedness, response, and recovery

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Administrative Role for Hazmat

- Coordinate the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
- Recipient of local Tier 2 Reports
- Recipient of local spill reports

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Activation Role for Hazmat

- Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
- Resource coordination
- Information management
- Other

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PetroCard Indian Creek Fuel Spill 2025

- July 18, 2025
- Indian Creek off U.S. Highway 101 west of Port Angeles
- Overturned dual tanker truck
- 2,798 gallons of gasoline
- 172 gallons of diesel



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PetroCard Indian Creek Fuel Spill 2025 Impacts

- City of Port Angeles water
- State fish hatchery
- Lower Elwha Klallam fish hatchery and fishery
- Residents in the spill area



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County EOC Role

- Source sorbent materials for first responders
- Source drinking water
- Coordinate equipment
- Public information alerts

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Challenges

- Quick access to materials
- Geographically dispersed response resources
- Operational coordination
- Operational communications

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What would we do different?

- Establish a joint information center (JIC)
- EOC liaison within command
- Increase preparedness outreach to the public
- Exercise spill response frequently
- Coordinate training and supplies for Fire Districts

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Questions



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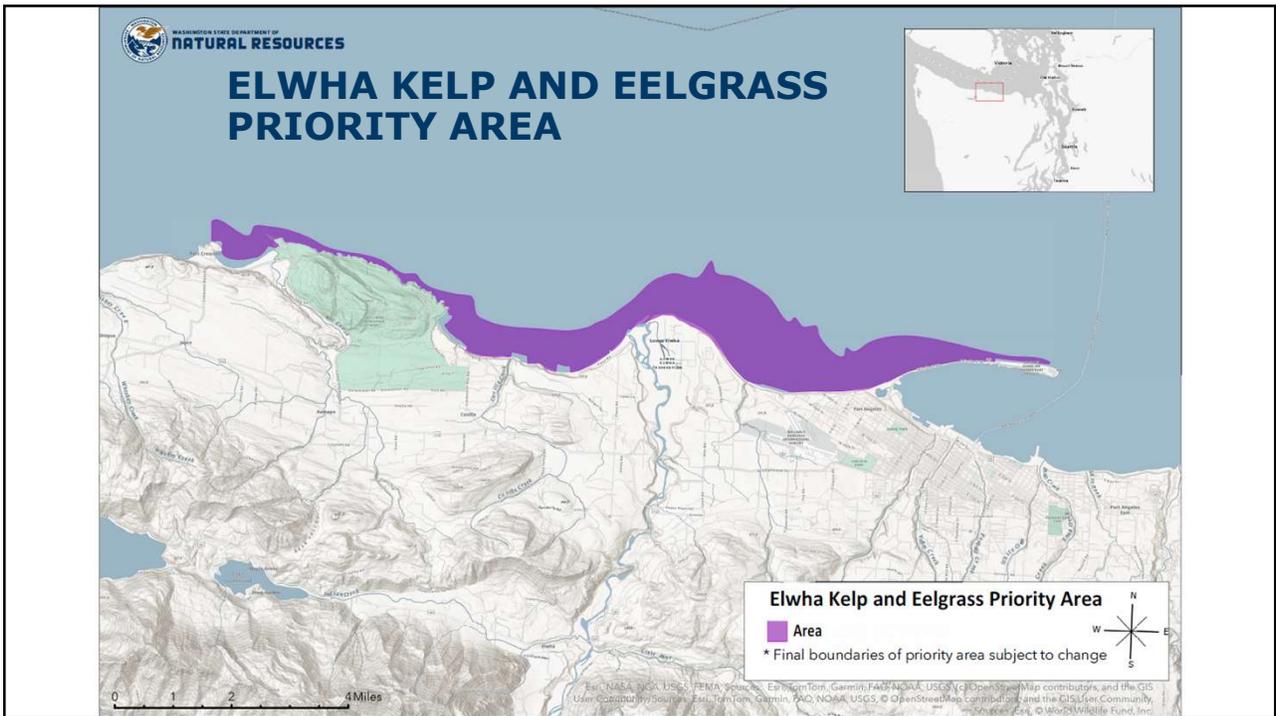


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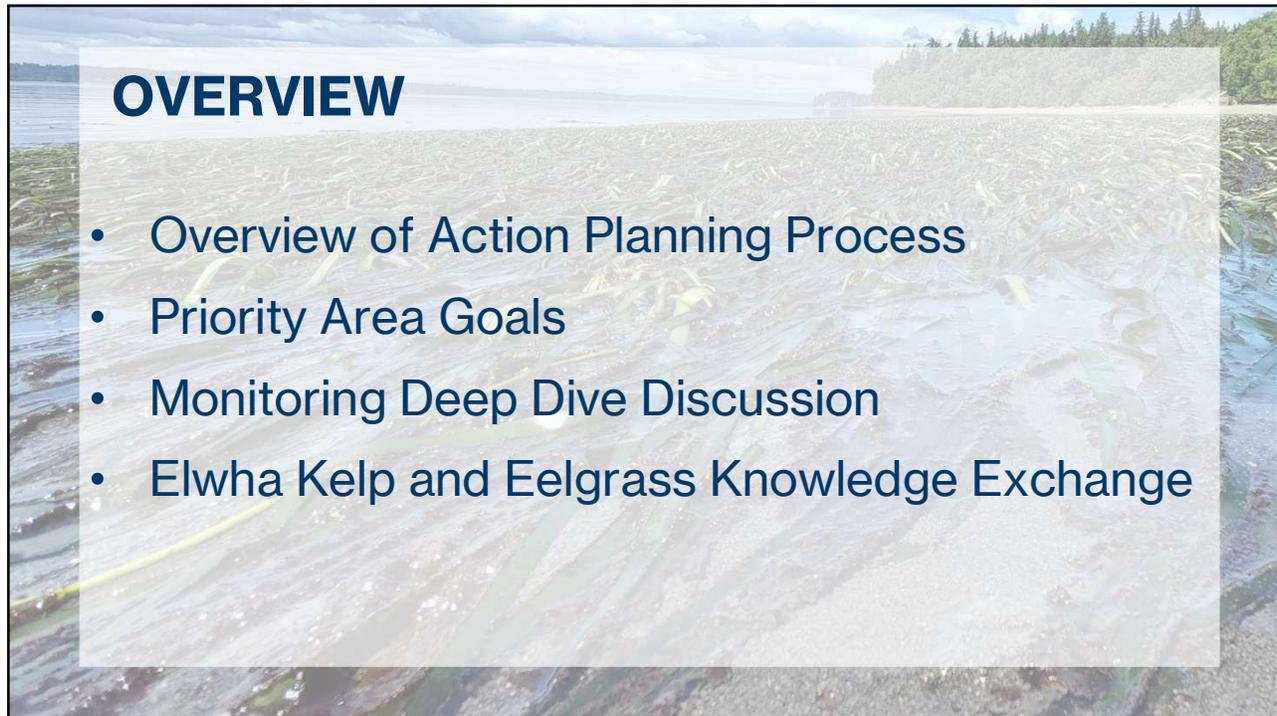


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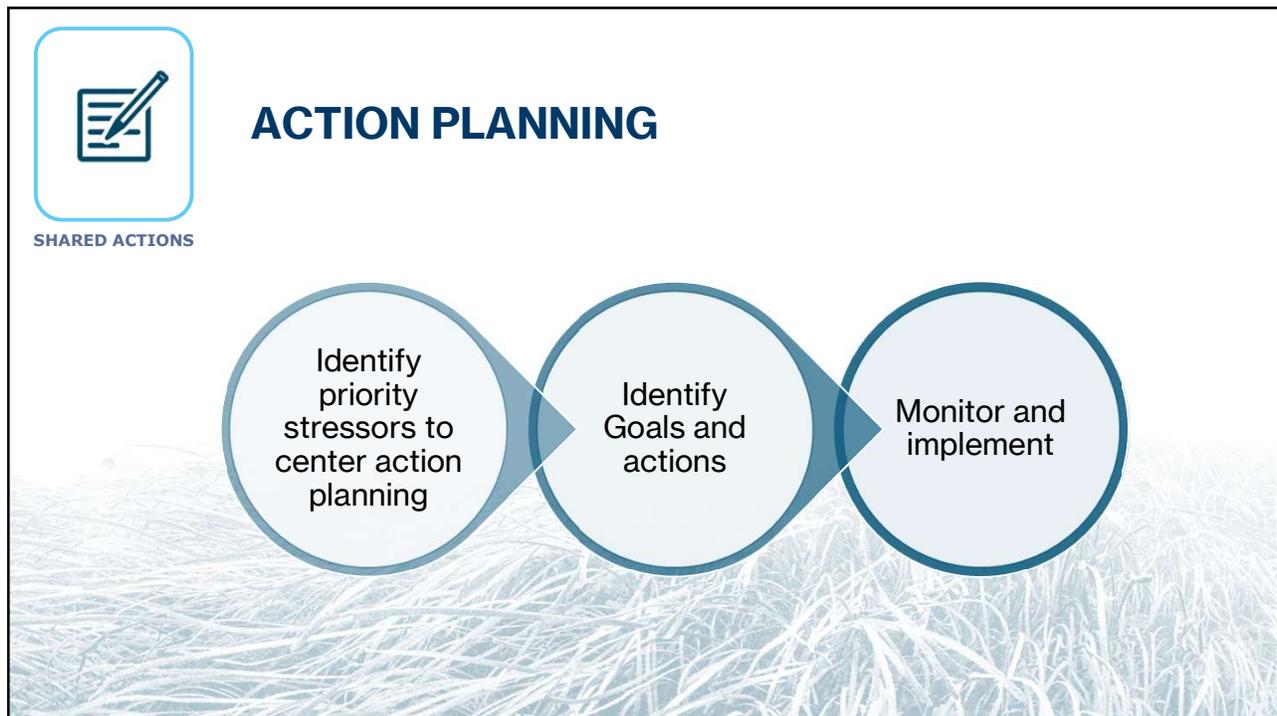
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- Priority Area Goals
- Monitoring Deep Dive Discussion
- Elwha Kelp and Eelgrass Knowledge Exchange

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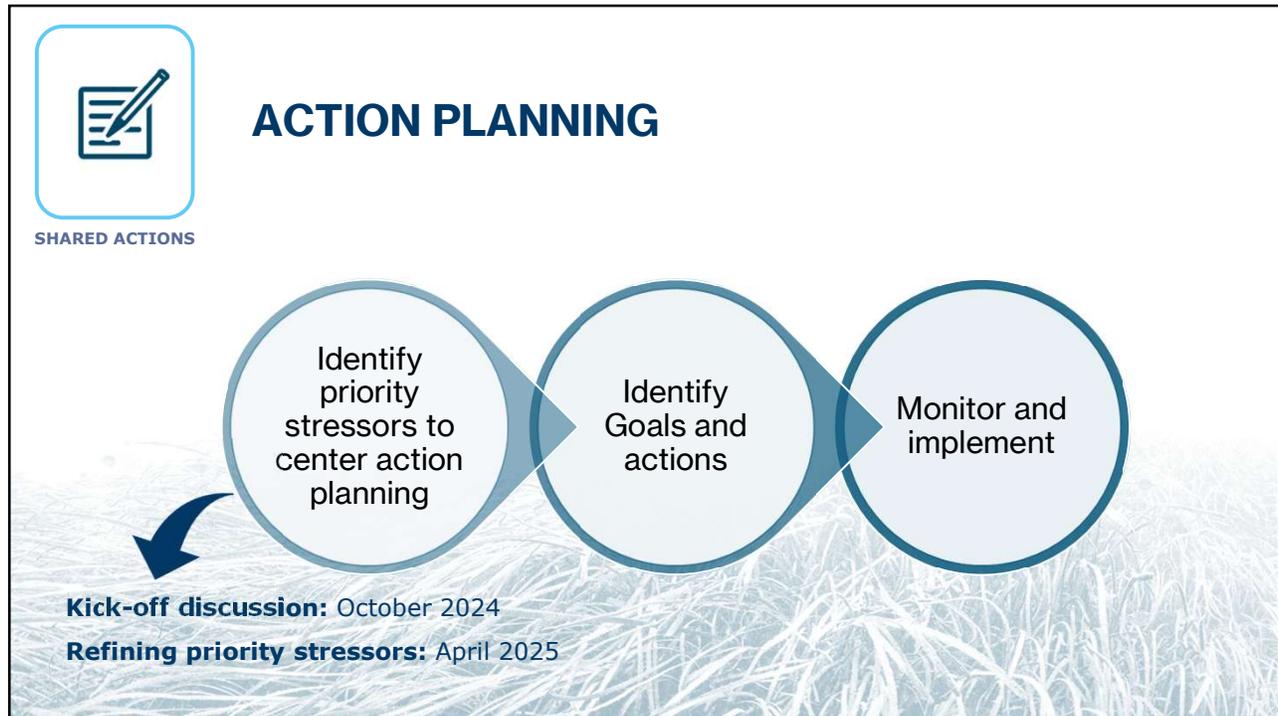
ACTION PLANNING

SHARED ACTIONS



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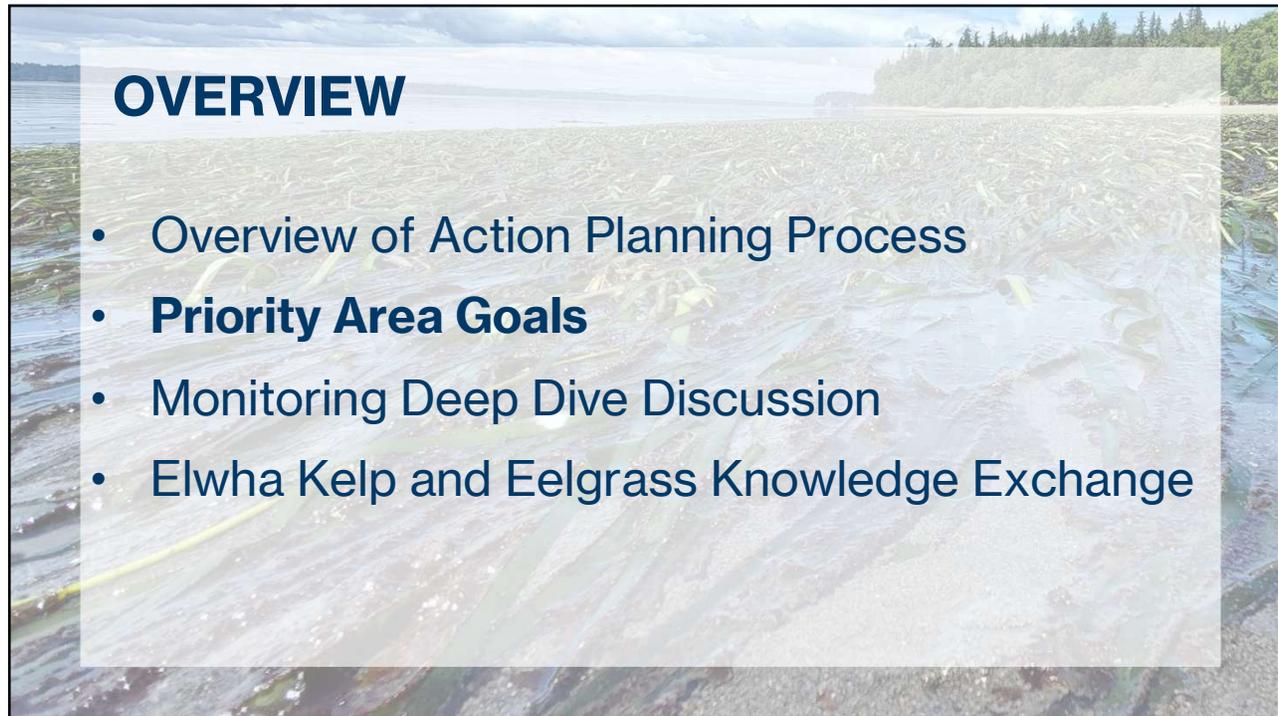
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Conserve existing kelp and eelgrass

Identify and support Elwha Priority area **research needs** to promote kelp and eelgrass **climate resilience**.

Integrate protections for kelp and eelgrass into **Shoreline Master Plan updates**.

"Increase the effectiveness of regulations and enforcement through the **existing Shoreline Master Plan**" (Elwha Chapter: Salmon Recovery Plan).

Integrate additional protections for kelp and eelgrass into **DNR management of state-owned aquatic lands** within priority area.

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Restore where feasible and appropriate

Restore nearshore habitat by **removing hard armoring and employing soft armoring** or other techniques where applicable and minimizing encroachment when possible (by removing lower elevation armor) (Elwha Chapter: Salmon Recovery Plan).

Support **streamlined permitting**, including broad support for reestablishing the Habitat Recovery Pilot Program (HRPP).

Identify where there is **suitable substrate/habitat** for kelp and eelgrass.

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Promote community science and engagement with Feiro Marine Life Center and other local partners

Maintain existing and identify new opportunities for **community science programs**.

Work with local partners to **develop targeted education and curricula** for teens and college students.

Identify and promote opportunities for **community empowerment** through existing partner blogs/social media, community seminars, radio and newspaper segments, etc.

Develop common messaging and talking points.

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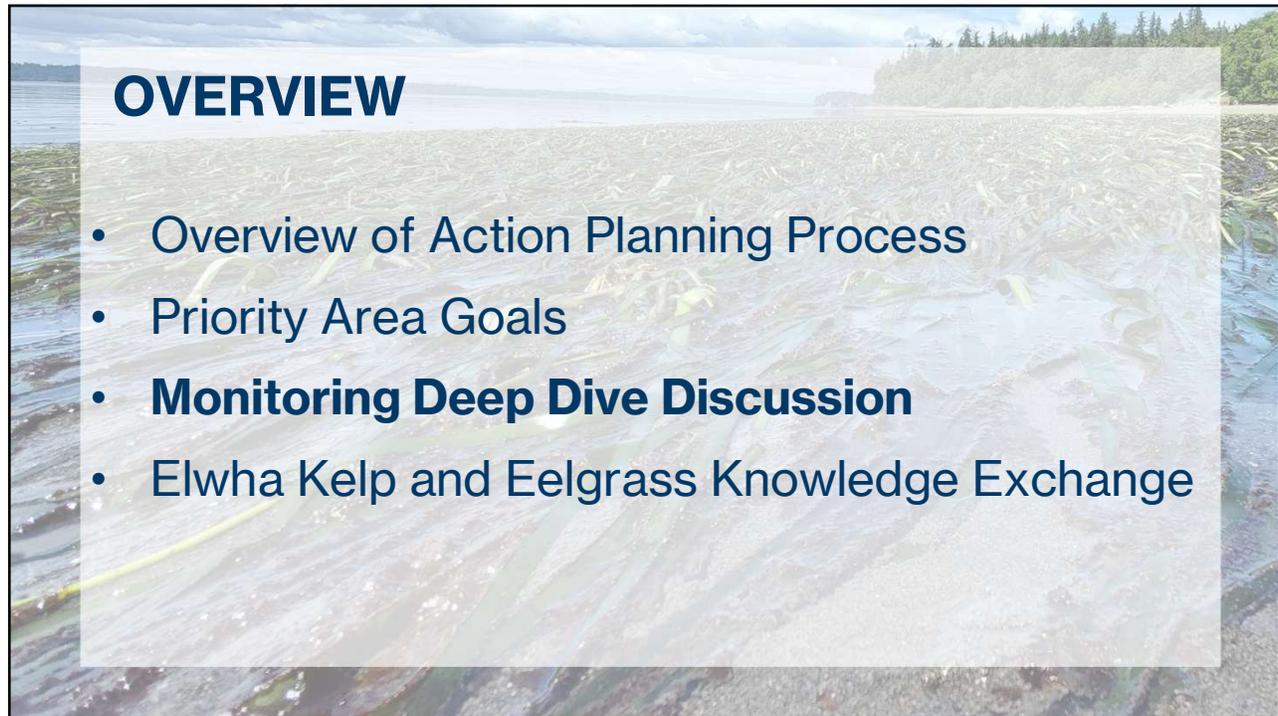
Maintain monitoring efforts & expand where needed

Establish **baseline eelgrass and understory kelp** status.

Support **on-going monitoring**.

Identify with partners habitat indicators for **site-specific monitoring plan**.

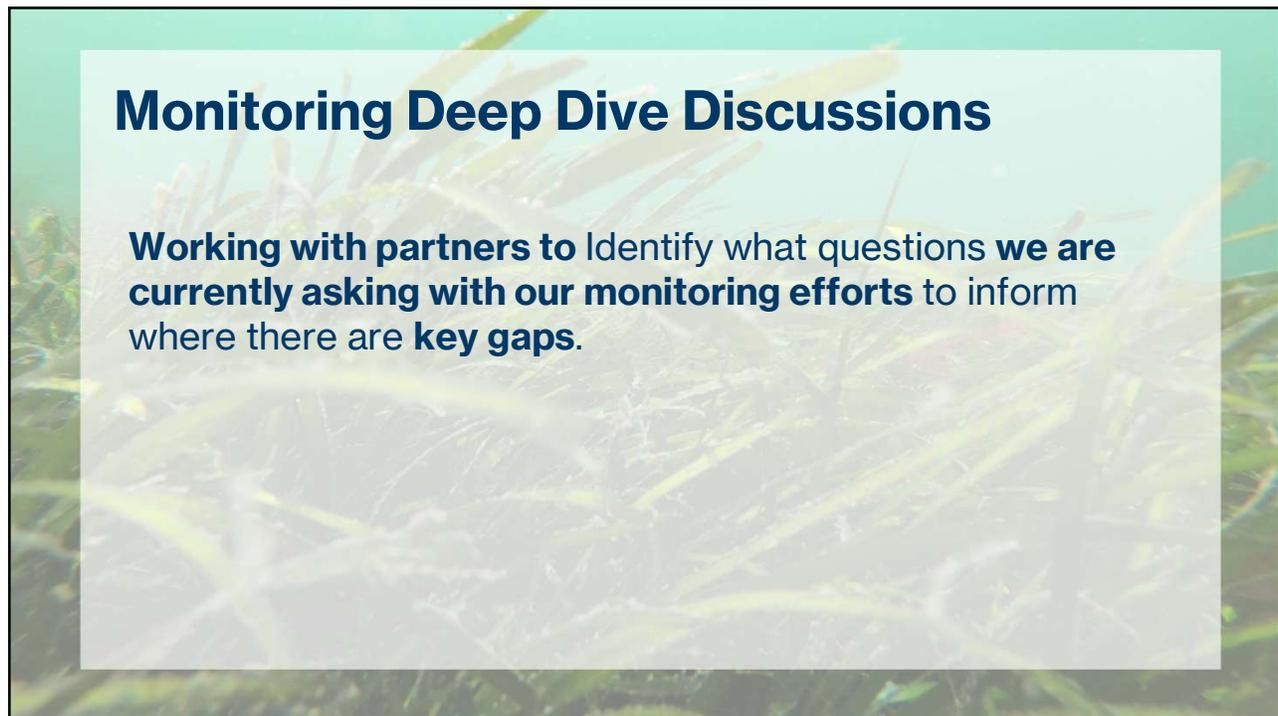
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Monitoring Deep Dive Discussions

Working with partners to identify what questions we are currently asking with our monitoring efforts to inform where there are key gaps.

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DNR'S REQUIRED MONITORING

As described in RCW (79.135.44)

DNR is required to report on a biennial basis:

- **STATUS**
 - Where does kelp exist in priority areas?
 - Where does eelgrass exist in priority areas?
- **TRENDS**
 - How has the extent of kelp changed (since last biennial report, as applicable given data)?
 - How has the extent of eelgrass changed over time (since last biennial report, as applicable given)?
- **SUCCESS MEASURES** as identified with partners

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KELP

Where does floating kelp exist?

How is floating kelp extent changing over time?

What is kelp relative density at sites?

Is the depth range of floating kelp changing over time?

How are kelp communities changing over time?

SOCIAL SCIENCE

2026 – WDFW study forthcoming

EELGRASS

What is the status of eelgrass restoration inside Ediz Hook?

How is eelgrass extent changing over time statewide?

ECOLOGY/COMMUNITY

Where do we observe abalone in the study areas?

Where is there suitable abalone habitat in the study area?

How are juvenile salmon and forage fish using kelp forests?

How are intertidal communities changing over space and time?

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

What is the status and/or progress of ocean acidification and warming in Washington state?

What are the effects of ocean acidification/warming on eelgrass and shellfish populations?

What are environmental conditions where bull kelp currently persists? Where are conditions potentially stressful, e.g. high temperatures?

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We know a lot about the nearshore in this area – but there are key gaps.

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Monitoring Deep Dive - Takeaway

We know a lot about the nearshore in this area – but there are key gaps.

- Further our understanding of status and trends of **understory kelp**
- Establish **baseline seagrass** information
- Updated **substrate/bathymetry** information for entire area
- Connecting environmental monitoring to **priority stressors**

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Elwha Kelp and Eelgrass Priority Area Knowledge Exchange

March 31st, 2026

10am-3pm

Peninsula College

Sharing out research & monitoring by DNR and local partners, highlighting:

- pre/post dam removal dynamics,
- recent trends in kelp and eelgrass, and
- future risks

RSVP HERE!

Elwha Kelp and Eelgrass Priority Area Knowledge Exchange



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Grant No: SEANWS-2023-CLCoCD-00012

PROJECT TITLE: Clallam County MRC Operations and Projects TASK NUMBER: 1-MRC Operations

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Annual Workplan

PERIOD COVERED: October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026

DATE SUBMITTED: January 9, 2026

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Clallam County Marine Resources Committee Annual Work Plan: Oct 2025 – Sep 2026

Project		October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September
MRC Admin	Members	Annual work plan review. Quarterly volunteer hours (Jul, Aug, Sep) due by Oct 7. Attend monthly meeting.		Annual work plan review. Attend monthly meeting.	Quarterly volunteer hours (Oct, Nov, Dec) due by Jan 7. Attend monthly meeting.	Attend monthly meeting.	Attend monthly meeting.	Develop and plan projects. Quarterly volunteer hours (Jan, Feb, Mar) due by April 7. Attend monthly meeting.	MRC annual presentation to the BOCC. Attend monthly meeting.	Attend monthly meeting.	Quarterly volunteer hours (Apr, May, Jun) due by July 7. Attend monthly meeting.	Attend monthly meeting.	Attend monthly meeting.
	Members - Advisory	Track and respond to planning and development proposals, collaborate with County officials.	Review / comment on County comprehensive plan update. Track and respond to planning and development proposals, collaborate with County officials.	Review / comment on County comprehensive plan update. Track and respond to planning and development proposals, collaborate with County officials.	Review / comment on County comprehensive plan update. Track and respond to planning and development proposals, collaborate with County officials.	Track and respond to planning and development proposals, collaborate with County officials.	Track and respond to planning and development proposals, collaborate with County officials.	Track and respond to planning and development proposals, collaborate with County officials.	Track and respond to planning and development proposals, collaborate with County officials.	Track and respond to planning and development proposals, collaborate with County officials.	Track and respond to planning and development proposals, collaborate with County officials.	Track and respond to planning and development proposals, collaborate with County officials.	Track and respond to planning and development proposals, collaborate with County officials.
	Staff	Work on annual work plan (due Jan), website updates, and annual report (due Apr). Quarterly reports (Progress report, Matching funds/volunteer time tracking, report of agendas/minutes) due October 15. NWSC monthly report due. Monthly Clallam MRC meeting.	NWSC monthly report due. Monthly Clallam MRC meeting. Update website monthly. Work on annual report (due Apr).	Finalize annual work plan (due Jan). NWSC monthly report due. Monthly Clallam MRC meeting. Update website monthly. Work on annual report (due Apr).	Annual work plan due January 9. Quarterly reports (Progress report, Matching funds/volunteer time tracking, report of agendas/minutes) due January 15. NWSC monthly report due. Monthly Clallam MRC meeting. Update website monthly. Work on annual report (due Apr). Additional staff training with NWSC.	NWSC monthly report due. Monthly Clallam MRC meeting. Update website monthly. Work on annual report (due Apr). Additional staff training with NWSC.	Finalize annual report (due Apr). NWSC monthly report due. Monthly Clallam MRC meeting. Update website monthly.	Annual report due April 15. Quarterly reports (Progress report, Matching funds/volunteer time tracking, report of agendas/minutes) due April 15. Complete any new member or MRC member reappointment paperwork. NWSC monthly report due. Monthly Clallam MRC meeting.	NWSC monthly report due. Monthly Clallam MRC meeting. Update website monthly.	MRC project presentation to the Northwest Straits Commission. NWSC monthly report due. Monthly Clallam MRC meeting. Update website monthly.	Quarterly reports (Progress report, Matching funds/volunteer time tracking, report of agendas/minutes) due July 15. NWSC monthly report due. Monthly Clallam MRC meeting. Update website monthly.	NWSC monthly report due. Monthly Clallam MRC meeting. Update website monthly.	Closeout report due September 30. NWSC monthly report due. Monthly Clallam MRC meeting. Update website monthly.

	All - Regional Meetings, Trainings, Conferences		Northwest Straits Initiative Conference.	MRC lead staff meeting (potential).	Strait ERN LIO quarterly meeting.	NWSC/MRC staff meeting (potential).		Strait ERN LIO quarterly meeting.			Strait ERN LIO quarterly meeting.		NWSC/MRC staff meeting (potential).
	All - Outreach & Education	Plan for festivals, review educational exhibits. Potentially produce and order new outreach materials.											Host an educational table at Dungeness River Festival and Forever Streamfest if event dates and logistics permit.
	Forage Fish Monitoring	Sampling/monitoring at Cline Spit, Ediz Hook, Elwha East and Elwha West. Enter data into IFORM.	Sampling/monitoring at Cline Spit, Ediz Hook, Elwha East and Elwha West. Enter data into IFORM.	Sampling/monitoring at Cline Spit, Ediz Hook, Elwha East and Elwha West. Enter data into IFORM.	QAPP addendum due January 30. Sampling/monitoring at Cline Spit, Ediz Hook, Elwha East and Elwha West. Enter data into IFORM.	Sampling/monitoring at Cline Spit, Ediz Hook, Elwha East and Elwha West. Enter data into IFORM.	Sampling/monitoring at Cline Spit, Ediz Hook, Elwha East and Elwha West. Enter data into IFORM.	Sampling/monitoring at Cline Spit, Ediz Hook, Elwha East and Elwha West. Enter data into IFORM.	Sampling/monitoring at Cline Spit, Ediz Hook, Elwha East and Elwha West. Enter data into IFORM.	Sampling/monitoring at Cline Spit, Ediz Hook, Elwha East and Elwha West. Enter data into IFORM.	Sampling/monitoring at Cline Spit, Ediz Hook, Elwha East and Elwha West. Enter data into IFORM.	Sampling/monitoring at Cline Spit, Ediz Hook, Elwha East and Elwha West. Enter data into IFORM.	Summary report due September 30. Sampling/monitoring at Cline Spit, Ediz Hook, Elwha East and Elwha West. Enter data into IFORM.
	Bull Kelp Monitoring				NWSC kelp kayak end-of-season meeting. Engage with volunteers to prepare background checks as needed.			QAPP addendum due April 30.	Check all gear to prepare for monitoring. Engage with volunteers and schedule monitoring dates.	Attend Olympic Peninsula practice session. Monitor kelp beds and input data.	Monitor kelp beds and input data.	Monitor kelp beds and input data.	Summary report due September 30.
	Pigeon Guillemot: Monitoring of Breeding Colonies							QAPP addendum due April 30.	Train volunteers and assign monitoring sites.	Weekly monitoring.	Summary and training materials due. Weekly monitoring	Weekly monitoring.	Summary report due September 30. Weekly monitoring as presence dictates.
	West Elwha Beach Stewardship	Twice per month filling of doggie waste bags. Survey available to beach users through QR code.	Twice per month filling of doggie waste bags. Survey available to beach users through QR code.	Twice per month filling of doggie waste bags. Survey available to beach users through QR code.	Twice per month filling of doggie waste bags. Survey available to beach users through QR code.	Twice per month filling of doggie waste bags. Survey available to beach users through QR code.	Twice per month filling of doggie waste bags. Survey available to beach users through QR code.	Twice per month filling of doggie waste bags. Survey available to beach users through QR code.	Twice per month filling of doggie waste bags. Survey available to beach users through QR code.	Twice per month filling of doggie waste bags. Survey available to beach users through QR code.	Twice per month filling of doggie waste bags. Survey available to beach users through QR code.	Twice per month filling of doggie waste bags. Survey available to beach users through QR code.	Twice per month filling of doggie waste bags. Survey available to beach users through QR code.
	Olympia Oyster Restoration							QAPP addendum and contract due May 29.			Survey site.	Survey site.	Summary report due September 30.
	Pinto Abalone	Survey dives.		2025 Pinto abalone final report and copy of 2025 survey data due December 31.			Contract and QAPP addendum due April 15.	Possible survey dives.	Possible survey dives.	Possible survey dives.	Possible survey dives.	Possible survey dives (most likely dates).	Possible survey dives (most likely dates) - survey dives may happen later in 2026, pending schedules.
	HAZWOPER / Oiled Wildlife Education Training			2025 project final report due December 31.		Possible HAZWOPER / oiled wildlife training. 2026 training plan, training contract and recruitment materials due April 15.							