

PRESS RELEASE

The Island County Board of Commissioners is seeking applicants to fill vacancies on the Marine Resources Committee (MRC).

The Board of County Commissioners appoints Marine Resource Committee members for 3 year terms, which may be renewed by mutual agreement. The Marine Resource Committee consists of 14 members, 3 from each of the 3 Commissioner Districts; 1 from WSU Extension; and 4 to be selected from joint BOCC nominees. As of January 1, 2010 the MRC will have five vacancies. Current vacancies include representation of commercial marine, marine sciences; a tribal representative; a representative from the Port of Coupeville and the Port of South Whidbey and a municipal planner. Some vacancies are for full 3 year terms and some are for uncompleted terms.

The Board established the MRC for the purpose of making recommendations for remedial actions to aid in the protection of the local marine environment in Island County and contribute to the protection of the Northwest Straits marine environment through education, research and voluntary action consistent with the goals and tasks spelled out within the "Murray-Metcalf Northwest Straits Citizens Advisory Commission Report to the Convenors", published August 20, 1998.

Interested individuals should provide a letter of interest and statement of qualifications by mail, email or FAX to: Island County Board of Commissioners, Attn: Ingrid Smith, Re: Marine Resources Committee Vacancies, Post Office Box 5000, Coupeville, WA 98239. The FAX number is (360) 679-7381 and email applications should be sent to ingrids@co.island.wa.us Application materials should be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 4, 2009. For additional information please phone (360) 679-7353 or e-mail Ingrid Smith at the above address.

*John Dean, Chairman
Board of Island County Commissioners*