

San Juan Islands National Monument Advisory Committee
Meeting Notes
April 19th, 2016 7:30am – 3:30pm
Grace Church, 70 Sunset Lane
Lopez Island, 98261

In Attendance:

MAC Members:

Gene Helfman (Wildlife/ Ecology)
Barbara Marrett (Recreation/ Tourism)
Michael Jonas (Cultural/ Heritage)
James Stephens (Local Government)
Tom Reeve (Public-at-large, Chair)
Rhea Miller (Public-at-Large, vice-chair)
Jacquelyn Ferry (Cultural Heritage)
Joseph Jones (Wildlife/ Ecology)

BLM Staff:

Linda Clark (Spokane District Manager)
Marcia deChadenedes (Monument Manager)
Jeff Clark (Public Affairs—Spokane District)
Lauren Pidot (Planner)
Nick Teague (Recreation Planner)

Facilitator: Marta Branch

Note-taker: Kelsey Green

Went around the circle with introductions.

Special Introduction from visiting guest:

Linda Clark: District Manager
Hasn't been able to attend meetings yet but thankful to MAC to assist BLM, advisory councils really important. Really wants to impart how much work is appreciated. From Coeur d'Alene Idaho. Worked for fed gov for 25+ years. Background in archeology and planning

8:00 Introduction and MAC Business (including election of new char and vice chair)

Updates

Long term management goals, and working on implementation level for trails, will hear what community members will have said. Try to keep the two separate. On the ground - lots happening - great public meetings around human uses and the Monument in January in all islands and Anacortes See: Spreadsheet sent with agenda. Heard lots of varied opinions

- Ex: Opposing positions on same piece of land

- Big job but path forward
- Simultaneously at implementation level, social trail damage at Iceberg Point.
 - (a) Nick has organized work parties to protect plant species
 - (b) Clear that things have been coming back
 - (c) Internship opportunities. Would like to thank Marcia and Nick for all their hard work
 - (d) Marcia - facilitating community discussions, with Rhea
 - (e) BLM discussions
 - Ex: Kay harbor re-route
 - Being able to convene the community and bring them together is wonderful thing, and gives monument special role as listener and brings them together.
 - Assist in reflecting communities desires/ needs/ wants
 - Reflects Nick's hard work in the community as well.

Emails received from Tom and Marcia about 2.0 Planning Initiative

- BLM.gov/plan2
- Extended deadline for comments until May 5th.
- At least two other orgs are participating:
 - Wilderness Society
 - Conservation Lands Foundation

Q - Any initiatives popping to the forefront?

- Landscape Scale Planning. Idea - how do we all get together to manage the islands?

Tom - any comments or questions on the agenda? Working lunch. Will try to end on time. There will be two public comment periods to accommodate everyone's schedule.

- Will read note from Mike Carlson: Represents private landowners within the MAC.
- Minutes
- Expiration of Terms
- First meeting of calendar meeting MAC, elect officers

Marcia - Good use of time to honor people who are cycling out of MAC, and share information of criteria and standards for those applying

- Tom - will get to that with appropriate time.

Tom – Reading Mike's Remarks:

Consider desire for traditional island character activities ex. deer hunting. Tourism becoming detrimental. Friday Harbor and Roche becoming like Disneyland.

Jamie - Went to WA DC as part of Save our Sound, which would give islands status of Chesapeake Bay, etc. Increase in budget. Made appointment with congressional delegation. In coordination with Marcia, Kristin Bale, part of Planning 2.0. Appointments to committees, timelines going and coming out. Delay of one month could mean delay of 5 or 6 months. Hoping for this to be fast and efficient. Council had sent a letter a year ago, acknowledging Terrestrial Manager's group, etc. BLM should be more involved in soundscape on Whidbey Island. Need to follow up about timing of MAC appointment. Methodology, number of days, etc. She is trying to get it out.

Q - what is the status that Chesapeake has?

- Save our Sound - Puget SOS.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

- 1) Open the floor to nominations
- 2) Go around and do two confidential ballots

Open the floor to Nominations for Chair. Write down on Post-its votes for chair

- Rhea - nominates Tom Reeve.
- Part of multiple groups.

Tom - One consideration that might affect other candidates

- A third of us have terms expiring every year.

Results: 7 out of 7 vote Tom Reeve Chair

- Quorum requirements:
- 12 members of MAC, need 7 to have Quorum for meeting for conducting business, need 8 to make a recommendation to secretary.
- Have 8 today, but one reason why reappointment process is important.

Nominations for Vice Chair

- Gene: Nominates Rhea as Vice Chair
- Group votes for Vice Chair by confidential vote

Marta (facilitator): Invited by planners to facilitate. Would like to protect the process and move goals forward and protect fair open and honest. Is aware of what group is doing. Time is kept in appropriate ways. Asks if this is ok with everyone. Unanimous agreement.

8 ballots: 7 for Rhea as vice chair

Edits for Minutes:

- Spell Iceberg and Watmough correctly
- Acronyms need to be spelled out
- Very difficult to take minutes
- Hard to follow if you were there, appreciate narrative style

Rhea - appreciated style of last meeting's minutes

Meeting Minutes approved.

Tom - All would love to get minutes out as quickly as possible next time

Terms and applications: Tom Reeve

- How do we get the right people to apply?
- How do we do the outreach?
- Have until May 2nd

- Four slots:
 1. at large slot
 2. local gov slot
 3. tribal and cultural slot
 4. private landowners

How to make sure that the right people are applying?

Marcia - Got it as a press release. Less responsive to article writing. On Salish Rocks and monument newsletter.

- Sent to trails list, about 300 people
- Also though Friends of San Juans
- Stewardship network is having meeting tomorrow, Barbara will remind.

Marcia - what is the circulation list for Visitor's Bureau?

- about 350

Tom - Push for nominations even if sure that person occupying will re-up, etc.

- Desire for more public citizens paying attention
- Good problem to have, try to nudge more people even if totally happy with current member

Rhea: Two of four vacancies are from San Juan

Q: Will Mike Re-up?

Marcia - Nation wide - BLM

RAC term is three years. Members stay on for twelve or fifteen years. Staggered so wouldn't lose organizational history at once. If interested to re-apply, please mention that you haven't had a chance to complete full cycle of membership.

Tom - Other thoughts on recruitment?

Jeff has been taking care of RAC and initial release was for both advisory councils. Will do one specific to MAC and one specific to Eastern WA. Will make sure to send out to everyone.

Tom - If people feel motivated, letters to editor make it easier to get published than press releases.

Marta - the county has a number of communication lists. Orcas Island has community 'blast,' where a lot of new people look.

Tom - Jamie - county sends county.

Gene - One of frustrating things is that a lot happens on front end and then things slow down. Is there anything that can be done about that?

- Tom: Whatever happens in DC happens, period where a MAC meeting could not be scheduled, would not have had 100% attendance. Hopefully some pressure will be added.

Linda - Enough ruckus and feedback.

Jeff - Would love to be optimistic and national call for nominations comes from DC, didn't get till Feb/ March. Really don't know where black hole is, or where it sits. Frustrating for us as well. Need three out of each category. From Eastern WA .

Tom - Aware that Marcia has tried to get an official answer. What is the actual legal requirement for quorum? Initially presented as a number of 8 of 12.

Linda - The only thing that they have control over is nominations, so let's try to do that well. The part of the process that they can't control.

Marcia - A lot of paperwork to this process. Make recommendations and alternates to suggestions. Don't always come back as they suggest. Letters from secretary have a level of genuine choice.

Tom - Two more things: For those whose terms are coming up, would like discussion. What are reflections on process and content? Would also like to get perspective of whole process.

Rhea - Doesn't have complaints about process here. Because Nick and Marcia are integrated into community.

- Watched standoff in Malheur. Polarization of viewpoints - how mean and vicious are we going to be with one and another in regards to land management. Grateful that we took the time to converse with each other over sustainable tourism. Hope to not end up in more ugly scenes. SJ County not exempt from potential for serious problems.

Tom - Several people attended the sustainable Tourism workshop. Still opportunity for input. Process which was guided by Rhea and Marcia, what do we want to protect and degree of consensus was astonishing. Once discussion was framed.

Barbara - important time to be having these discussions. Working on tourism master plan for county, input is important. Comments from Lopez have been taken into account.

Jamie - A lot of changes happening in the islands. Ex - wireless broadband changes doing a terrible job of communicating. In terms of process, Jamie will be reapplying. Given that, term is still up. All have swallowed pride and accepted process. Cooperating agency group has a lot more input than we do as an advisory committee. First cooperative agency meeting, looking at all the people not in San Juan who have a influence on decisions. Seemed odd that we are advisory and local. Would like advisory to be a bit more equal.

Linda - Would like to clear up advisory committee and cooperating agency are not decision-makers.

Lauren - Because it is an all-agency group, easier to share information pre-publication.

Marcia - when Chris was doing training, representing Samish tribe, did talk about difference. Had much more power in directing outcomes.

Lauren - Sharing draft of AMS; cooperating agencies have this information.

Discussion ensued regarding above

Lauren - Talk about having slot for a MAC presentation at the May 2nd meeting.

Marcia - May 2nd and 3rd, taking them on a walk around

- Second meeting much more effective. What they are working on is very similar to what they are working on, looking at alternatives. When they share documents they become public knowledge. Somewhat constrained in what they can share with public.

Tom: Would like to acknowledge all the work that has been done.

Group laughs, discusses Sally

Marcia - Would like to thank MAC advisory committee members. Did not realize that there would be so much engagement. Last year - 6 meetings, all day intense meetings. A lot of investment in dialogue. Full of passion. Should be lauded for patience with process. Would like to learn how to better facilitate opportunities and thank you for contributions. Mike Carlson - great contributor. Thank you so much for your work. Jamie got support through one stop shop. Presentation will be at the Terrestrial Manager's meeting.

Tom - Next topic, where are we in the process?

Lauren: See: Preliminary Schedule

Looking at second box, developing and rounding out alternatives. After finished with that will be looking at Environmental Impacts. Will have public comment period on draft, winter of next year, then will develop proposed plan. Find a good approach to meet diverse needs. Discussed two MAC meetings. In the afternoon, will get geographically specific input from the MAC. Meeting in July, then again in late Fall after analysis is done discussing preferred alternative.

Tom - Can you talk about implementation level trail designation?

Lauren - Doing it concurrently. Nick will do an example. Received a lot of input during public meetings, which trails people would like to see maintained or built. Look at alternatives.

Tom - Feedback on the table that the recommendations MAC should be making? And or the time that they are doing their analysis.

Gene - Make sure that the ideas that are coming from sustainable tourism that comes out of that that becomes part of plan, that input of the public is seriously considered.

Tom - Right now whatever comes out of sustainable tourism is not official BLM input. One of the things that is implied is that RMP specific way

Barbara: The way the questions were framed would be difficult to put into plan. Not specific.

Gene: Idea not well formulated, but if there is overlap, at some point there is consistency that community concerns overlap.

Marcia: Next stage for sustainable tourism conversation is to consider infrastructure and what networks need to be fashioned. This information would be considered for recreation and public use. Next meeting

intended for two months. Offered to the community, and if interested in occurring on other islands, community needs to take ownership if they want data collected from other islands.

Barbara - informing other alternatives.

Tom - other opportunities from cooperating agencies. Another way of getting input. Not sure how it fits into an RMP draft, but important for community to see that views are considered, and not something thrown at them from 'on high.' Don't want DC to decide what happens to our area. Comfort with kind of schedule that Lauren is describing. July and Fall meetings covering how it's happen on the ground. Does that make sense for the next six months?

Barbara - Alternatives, for ex providing restrooms - all the geographic

Joseph – How?

Marta - Break scheduled for 9:00am. Some of current discussion is what will be going into next.

Group - Let's address that question later.

Tom - Doodle results received last December are not accurate. Because terms overturning in July, will re-doodle to reschedule for second half of that period. June 1 to July 25th, for first meeting. Does not want to put second meeting on calendar yet because not sure will have 12 names.

Break: 9:05 to 9:15

Lauren - Introduction to the Analysis of the Management Situation (AMS)

- Snapshot of what we know about the document.
- No formal public comment period but do get comments. Information from AMS may be updated or added to for the draft. Particular info on species or habitat, may be updated.
- Use the AMS for developing 'affected environment.' Resources and lands that could be affected.

Tom - As we go forward, 5/10 years, how well are we protecting what proclamation says that we are supposed to be protecting. How seriously do we take the AMS as a baseline? - This is what the situation is, vs. input and then when you see the EIS that this the real base limit.

Lauren - Answer in two parts. Draft is analysis plus part of planning process. In terms of legal challenges to changes over time. Not sure. Would have to look at other cases.

Tom- Still trying to figure out what is the AMS. Planning is based inventory, baseline

Lauren - this is the initial take. Doesn't have all the monitoring data, but has species data, etc. Is an opportunity to take a look at these resources.

Tom - How is the AMS managing things like cultural sites that may not want a public document. Address cultural sites? Doesn't ignore topic but not incredibly specific.

Linda - Different for San Juans because doesn't have a resource management plan, is there enough change to warrant a revision? Analysis and management situation here is looking at all the resources here and how they need to be managed.

Joseph - Becomes historic document?

Linda - No. Tom - motivating document.

Lauren - Plan level document as well. Doesn't describe a lot of site specific.

Linda - help sets the stage.

Marta - Guide scoping of EIS later?

Lauren - Has done scoping for this process. Planning 2.0 addressing this. In this case, at a plan level for all different resources, this is what we know and can see as opportunities. Always new science coming out.

Jamie - Narrative view of things from previous meetings were we went through various sections with plans or habitats. Get to indicators of what might be considered alternatives. Trends and indicators. Indicators. Seems similar to the work we've done so far.

- Pointed out draft, Example section points out more specifically what would be in the document. Always accept comments, within a month would be most useful. Coming out late May.

Tom - Clarifying: Would like feedback before next MAC meeting. How much public feedback do they want?

Lauren - If people have data sources at the plan level that they would like to see incorporated, great time for that information. What management opportunities they would like to see us take, if they haven't already provided that input.

Tom - When the AMS comes out, how much information should be given?

Lauren - Snapshot of information that BLM currently has that would be affected by the plan. High-level snapshot. Peruse it to see how BLM is thinking about things, and if they have information that they would like incorporated.

Tom - This is how the BLM is looking at the resources and gives public an opportunity for other data sources.

Rhea - Good idea to contact MAC members with feedback?

Tom - General email address for BLM. Encourage when this is ready for publication, have little 'cover letter'

Gene - Challenge and danger, public will consider this a decision or comprehensive document. Cover letter needs to state that thesis is the stuff that we are looking at, not specially doing.

Group agrees. No decisions or proposed decisions.

Tom - document needs to be framed well

See: Introduction to the Analysis of the Management Situation (AMS)

Lauren - Each section begins with key points. 1 - 4 pieces that the specialist were really important for people to understand. Context and current condition section. High-level overview of what we know is in the monument. Ex - noxious weeds and invasive plants, various species and sites. etc.

How we are currently managing this resource? In a more typical AMS, this would be a larger part of the document. Trends and forecast. Management Opportunities--Not fully fleshed out (that comes in the draft), but just things that we are thinking about. Plan will explore tradeoffs between different approaches. Indicators - Comparing potential impacts of each alternative.

Tom - Curious and concerned that people are going to look at invasive species list, not sure that they want that input, but will get it. Sounds like there is an opportunity for input. Are there overall directions that aren't reflected here that we should consider when we prepare our draft alternatives. Looking at the ways we are analyzing alternatives.

Lauren - Sure, if there are pieces that people want to contribute. ok.

Rhea - Question. What's an invasive species? Ex iceberg has no view because trees are so tall; what about native plant species that are encroaching. Lauren: this will be in the vegetative and habitat section. Discussion about invasive and natives.

Rhea - has become a volatile issue 30, 45 days ago. Lauren - 3 specialists are in the midst of dealing with this issue for the alternatives.

Marta - Trying to capture requests. Would like to get the correct recommendations that reflect what the group's ideas.

Tom - A lot of what we are saying he realizes that Marcia is hearing. Appreciates level of absorption. At times may be helpful to utilize voting power. Would help calibration of what to put on record as voted on recommendation. Feels like being well heard but wherever threshold comes up, let's go on record.

Marcia - how this monument became created was response from community and they decided. Value of AMS is to reflect that we have a grasp on landscape. Even if it is a high level assessment to integrate public feedback. Putting it on the agenda for July, for comments or suggestions. Would be real positive.

Lauren - Yes, can do it. There won't be a second version of AMS, but we can take input and build into draft. Tom - what group sees at end of May will be done. Seeing comments reflected would be helpful.

Gene - Categories set in stone? Lauren - Document in final review now. Gene - surprised that there is a category for special status plants but not animals. Lauren - special wildlife is covered but in the wildlife section.

Marcia - let's do research on whether we can pull that out. Discussion regarding how much time to spend working on the document.

Tom - People feel comfortable about what to expect at the end of May?

Michael - Section 4-10. Section to talk about lighthouses? Lauren - those are under cultural resources. Tom - does cultural resources treat archeology and traditional use? Lauren - some overlap between those two. Tom would like to make sure that both are covered. Marcia - anthropocentric landscapes - where are they? Tom - reason the landscape altered by humans? Lauren - Habitat and vegetative communities. A lot played out in terms of vegetative communities. Culturally important plants are in a few sections.

Moving ahead in agenda

10:00 Overview of input received from January human use Charrettes and how we have been using these comments (Lauren)

End of Jan, four human use charrettes. Idea was to gather more specific info. Site-specific decision. For plan level decisions, looking at high level rules. For each alternative looking at human use, range of approaches. Ex. facilitate use of land through developments. Actual citing would be implementation level decisions. Exception - trail level. What would happen specifically on the ground in very specific spot.

Tom - lifespan of decision.

See presentation slides

Four charters, on Islands, and Anacortes. Participants used maps and stickers to provide geographically specific input. 71 individuals provided comments at the meetings. Asked four questions Human use focused but people could give input on other areas. Will be a report coming out on this. Topics on which with BLM received more than 20 comments. Received comments on all topics with wide variance. Got way more comments about Iceberg Point than anything else. How are they using these comments? Making sure these are represented in range of alternatives.

Rhea - What constitutes a threshold when a comment is put in? Lauren - things can be pulled out of the alternative when developing the final plan. Tom - this is the challenge, that the requirements are represented. How do you frame it so that it doesn't kill an alternative? Making sure that people don't read it the wrong way.

Marcia - Those discreet pieces, ex. pesticides, these will get a lot of attention. Challenge is helping the public understand that all the items that make an alternative are optional. This RMP unlike other RMPs because it will have a lot of public readership. What is the best way to educate the public on these discreet pieces.

Tom - A launch party. Here is the release of the RMP. The local press all knows and says that it is being released - here's how to read it, here's how to not read it. Early education will help.

Lauren - Really happy about level of engagement so taking us through the exercise with the public.

Tom - Are we asking for anything of readers of that report. How widely to distribute?

Lauren - Distribute as you see fit, but not looking for comments. Working on draft, hoping to be done soon. Then review period.

Tom - bundle the releases of the two documents? We are trying to show them progress as well as content.

5 minute break. Meet over at maps.

Nick - Charrette Section.

Can have a direct impact and feedback loop into the report. Divided archipelago into four quadrants. Each quadrant has multiple maps to represent all landscapes.

Asked specific questions about human uses on the land. Holding off talking about trails. Save till afternoon session.

Tom - Representing just the MAC members. A chance to get our voice in as well as capture comments.

Nick - planting seed that this is an opportunity for MAC or as individual.

Lauren - If you can wear both hats, great.

Marcia - Think about other ways that you can open it up, only seasonally open, maybe only open to scientific or education opportunities.

Nick - using color-coded dots, getting card with special code. Can also use initials.

Four categories of comments (with color coded dots):

1. Uses you value and/or would like to see managed for- Blue
2. Restrictions that you would like to see on landscape - Red
3. Comments that don't fall into the other categories- Yellow
4. Comments on trails--green

10:45 MAC members share comments on activities they would like to see facilitated or prohibited within the monument

12:00 Lunch and Public comment Period

Tom recaps for attending public what we have covered so far. What we are looking for now is public input. Advice on the process for BLM. No authority but here to represent the community. What to keep in mind, what to focus on, priorities, anything that should be incorporated into management plan High-level policies that will guide the management of these lands for decades. Simultaneously developed a trail committee. Open to all input, implementation or strategic. BLM listening in. Can always send written comments.

Beverly Zapalac

Work as an architectural engineer, so familiar with the way things are done architecturally and structurally. When the bond was introduced, did not explain what preliminaries were. Too much money for too many things. Actually, preliminaries are taken as a process. The draft is equivalent to preliminaries. Then the public would not hold on to each detail.

Bob Walker

This whole activity is to define allowable uses. Wondering if there is an area available to be considered where you don't address the use of an area - mute on certain areas. Some camping, mute on excluded uses because limited impact on environment. When limited use something like camping might be allowable, but problem is five years down the road then may become a problem. Areas with limited use and used by locals may be mute.

Tracy Cottingham

Trails - Iceberg but can hold until the end.

Opportunity she had on Sunday - life transforming. Has liked lichens all her life, joined a leading expert in lichens on Sunday. Changed how she thinks about fragile landscape. Education needs to be a key element for any visitor on monument lands. Docent at Patos Island, digs into history etc. Learned that lichens are older than some of the trees. Can see if you look carefully wear and tear from otters and humans. Have learned that in some areas it's better to work on grassy areas. Once you share information to users they will walk differently.

Sally Reeve

Also on the hike. Many people enjoying Iceberg, people were enjoying themselves, but going places they shouldn't be going, because they didn't know

Tim Clark

Consider climate change in any decision you make. Long term plan - consider how it will be changing. sea level rise, drought, storms. Biggest concern - human dimension. Pac NW one of few places in the country a very nice place to live. Many more people here in short term, and many many more in the long term. Thank you for all the work.

Mike Moore

Lopez rocks - get together for sustainable tourism - Lopez rocks some remarks

Heiki - woman who listed number of papers without links. carrying capacity of national parks Robert Manning U of Vermont. Gave four or five references about use of nt. monuments.

Tom/ Marta - there are comment cards, in addition to verbal comment,

Wendy Mickle

Brief request - Lopez properties' - not be loved to death. Would like to endorse that bikes, horses and motorized vehicles not allowed on property or hunting.

Tom - Another public comment period at 2:30 if you want to encourage people to show up.

Returning to 11:30

Tom - open to motion from MAC member for public comment submitted to BLM for their consideration as official comments

Rhea - does this go directly to BLM?

- Yes, not just public input to the MAC. MAC asking BLM to pull this in as public input.

Rhea - feels that this sanctifies comments when BLM open to comments anytime.

Tom - This does not give blessing to comments.

All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

Tom - would Marta like to facilitate this area of discussion.

Marta - How is what is on this agenda different from what has already occurred. Lauren - talk with each other about what you would like to have happen. Some has occurred during activity, but there was some unknown about small groups moving apart, and perhaps not all done together thus, this would be a chance to share deeper thoughts. Tom - also open to people's thoughts on process.

Jamie - On islands with haul outs and not accessible, not a lot of dots. Does that mean these are hands off places? Assuming that we are in agreement that these are sensitive hands off areas. And where you did put dots why you picked that location. Tom - not necessarily trying reach agreement but will come when we look at alternatives. Tom - was capturing this in yellow sticker comments.

Rhea - Only put things down for areas that she had things to say. Ex - outer rocks didn't put things down.

Barbara - Outer islands without rocks still allow usage but not publicize it. A lot of places on Lopez for ex that Lopez does not want publicized, so visitors bureau does not want publicized. In management plan can allow locals traditional use - sounds like a lot of rocks would fall under this category.

Tom - Related thought which Nick can address. Along those lines if people want this to be protected and maintained but not publicized. Possible when developing trail plan can still maintain without being on map? Does trail need to be on route plan? Does not want social trail if we can avoid it. Would like to be able to satisfy both. Ask recreation planner later.

Marcia - Worth consideration and alternative. Can it be done at all? Yes. Matter of finessing language. When we produce maps, we choose what is on the maps.

Lauren - Outreach materials are not plan decisions. What goes into outreach materials can be decided by managers and staff outside of the planning process.

Marcia - They are public lands. For opportunities of different locations. The fact that it is part of the monument will remain but consider example of only watering land on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Only allowed use on weekends. Many ways that conservation/ limited use can occur. NO dogs example.

Tom - Land Bank tried on Turtle Back. This half pedestrian this half equestrian and this half cyclist.

Rhea - Using trails and restrooms foul. Good that we have facilities but needed them to be adequate to the task. Many of these facilities drain right to shoreline. Gender issue? Best - Patos, worst - Turn Point.

Gene - Intent of not publicizing trails good, but Google earth shows trails. So can't hide.

Tom - How to address loud chunk of feedback. How to address desire to have some places less visited while still accessible to the public. Struggling with how to achieve it.

Jacquelyn - How to decide which trails.

Joseph - Leave out local use and tourist use. Better to focus on optimal use.

Tom - People seeking solitude, but can work on preserving that experience in certain spots.

Gene - Signage. BLM discouraged from putting up signs. But way to educate on activities permitted is to put up signs. Should have signage where to bring their dingy so they aren't disturbing kelp beds.

Marcia - We are pretty well constrained on signs, but looking at expanding. NEPA processing, cultural sensitive. Limitations - real challenges are limiting people. But cannot make new rules. Iceberg - discouraged use on social trails really stretched abilities. But if we didn't do something, resource wouldn't be present. But cannot change use of landscape while in the RMP period. Also talking about implementation level. At plan level can talk about that, hoping for focus on awareness and stewardship.

Lauren - Have gotten a lot of comments, and have been wide ranging. Range of perspectives on whether structures and signs should be allowed. Would signs be allowed just for health and safety, what is the instance in which they would be allowed.

Tom - Where do they become part of the experience as they become part of landscape. Important part is interpreting, etc.

Joseph - More monument can work with schools and youth groups and orgs to draw public into citizen science activities, etc. the better. Best way to indicate land resource for years to come. BLM doing a great job.

Tom - this process runs the risk of...who are the visitors, how do we educate them, how do we interpret the landscape with them. What do we want them to learn.

Jamie - Indian Island a great example of a place people what to use, and how they should treat the land.

Rhea - On impact of climate change - how much info would you want on paper, online, etc. Wants differ in terms of technology, impact, etc.

Tom - Because this is spanning decades, would like the group to decide on recommendations without getting hung up on mechanism.

Sustainable tourist meeting - got very specific.

Lauren - By policy monuments should have implementation-level education and interpretive plans-- cover what messages are most important for education and interpretation.

Gene - Recreation is where we discuss rock climbing? Tying off to a tree is ok, bolting is not (ex).

Lauren - In plan can make decisions such as no permanent installations on landscape. Education around that would be post-plan.

Marcia - Different categories of recreation planning, with different activities and diff goals. Can tell that people feel passionately about, don't want to discourage from wanting to happen. Not your expertise to know how to do messaging, but worth expressing what kind of experience you want to have. Want to make sure that this is retained for given area, and know that we will do some kind of interpretation and education. Identify what landscape is important retain.

Gene - With respect camping, campers, mean that no overnight camping and no camp stoves.

Nick - No overnight camping, there are permitted uses for camp stoves in areas that are appropriate, in range of alternatives, will be an option. Ex Patos blind and Posey, fires allowed in zone.

Tom - Looking back on exercise any other themes or poignant examples?

Joseph - Moving forward, doing everything we can do facilitate use of islands by Native Americans who for whom the San Juans were an original use area. To everyone's benefit that partnership activities taking place such as totem pole and long house at English Camp. Glacier National Park has put up a longhouse. Out of site where glacier took it out 400 years ago. Looks traditional but meets seismic standards and restroom facilities. BLM and park service taking the lead on working with Lummi. 14 years running natural resource training program. Looking at demographics, problems. Life expectancy of boy child born on reservation is 37.

Gene - Reources to support those activities through tribal corporatoins.

12:55 - 1:00 Break

1:00 Overview of potential range of approaches for Draft RMP for traisl on Chadwick Hill (Nick) - activity

1:20 MAC Members provide geographically specific comments on trails they would like to see closed, maintained or built - actiivty with maps.

2:00 MAC members share comments on trails they would like to see closed, maintained or built.

Tom - At same point as before, broad comments.

Rhea- Iceberg, after smaller trails closed, more use on main trails. Main trails will then be wider.

Tom - One comment made before, came out from January meetings. Keep people from top of Chadwick, will get more trampled. We can do better trails (better defined) more carrying capacity, less likely to cause social trail. If designed well can improve sense of solitude. If we encourage people via design to rest, picnic, sit down, where hidden by topography, Iceberg would feel less crowded since all sitting is on hilltops. Give them places to go where they are sticking out. Places where we could add trails and utilize more space to handle more crowds while increasing sense of solitude. More trails does not equal uglier.

Jamie- Thinking of a boardwalk along wetlands. Top of Chadwick Hill good example. Could have boardwalk and define area.

Tom - Ex. 14 km of boardwalk. No social trails to be seen. Everyone stayed on boardwalk. Plaques saying where funding came from. Really well done, amazing experience. New Zealand.

Rhea - Talk about transportation/parking issue? Have a problem with where people are parking and walking. What sites are used, etc. In that sense of transportation and parking, external access. How much is RMP discussion vs. implementation planning.

Nick - During implementation level, is where designations get determined.

Marta - Does anyone want things on flipchart? Recap - transportation/ parking.

Barbara - Visitor's Bureau encourages people to leave cars and bikes at home. But difficult. Small shuttle busses or vans could talk people; out to spots and didn't need as much parking. Encourage people to leave cars at home. San Juan - more developed shuttle system. Should be captured. Ties into sustainable tourism discussion.

Michael - Private Shuttle? Yes on San Juan.

Lauran - Travel/ Transp. implementation level - address... many access roads not BLM.

Jamie - Identify in RMP - vote on making a necessity?

Tom - One question before making such a recommendation, goes bucket BLM conservation land straggly - on BLM property or ideally off BLM property to preserve that land. Ex - Iceberg is in collaboration with county parks. Attempting to assist with focusing on what happens on BLM land, is there a place in the RMP for that?

Joseph - Yes, it is cooperative.

Rhea - Say it upfront

Marcia - there is this opportunity to address this in the RMP.

Tom - Will make sure this doesn't get lost. Expand to what happens to vehicles bikes when they get there?

Jamie - Formal recommendation? Moves to consider where parking etc. can occur.

Group voting on: Need to consider where supporting infrastructure including parking, bicycle storage, restrooms, transit, etc. can occur off BLM land.

Rhea - Moves that board recommend to MAC that they work with adjacent agencies such as Land Bank at gov lot 2 and road end at Cattle Point or San Juan County for access. Expand consideration to include supporting infrastructure.

Tom - Road at St Mary, and other examples. Adjoining or nearby ownership to accomplish access.

Rhea - Seconds Jamie's. Rhea seconds.

All in favor. None opposed, no abstentions.

Rhea moves that plan supports agencies to support access and infrastructure such as bike racks, restrooms, trash cans, transits.

All in favor, None opposed.

Tom - Take away from trails discussion? Joseph - preventative medicine. At different trailhead, info on cleaning boots, why and how.

Gene - Would like to see one-way trails wherever possible. Encounter people much less.

Joseph - regarding trails and implementation Indian island needs attention. Needs signage or small boardwalk to minimize impact on nesting and critical species.

Tom - In other meetings, at kayak landings looking for ways to minimize impacts with guidance.

Gene - What sort of structures are you talking about? Brass capped posts driven into substrate. Tom: Or seasonal PVC pipe like snowplow posts.

Tom - Throw another angle to reflect on. When Nick was presenting four trail alternatives and why you choose what you want in each one. Spur thoughts on what should be in plan? Has been repeated - letting the public know why we are doing it. Looking at alternatives, does that give ideas as to how alternatives are presented in general?

Rhea - has been through this process before, so understands. Make clear that blocks can be taken out.

Tom - Issue with alternatives, no matter how you divvy up options there will be flags in each ones. Making sure that everyone understands that this is for analysis.

Tom - Anything else on trails?

Jamie - Not really practical but could put all those things on magnets so that you could move them around.

Marta - Have worked in public arena in hot public meetings, BLM has a lot of people trained to do hot public meetings. The managers are going to be up to task of dealing with public. Cards and dots went to Lauren.

Public Comments

No difference between emailing and writing on cards

Tim Clark

Climate change. Some of the impacts are drought. Another possible impact is species change. Ways around that are to preserve areas that are wet. Or north/ northeast facing slopes. Research of people walking on trails - impact on wildlife is a quarter mile. Consider this when you make decisions. Dogs impact much wider.

Wendy Mickle

Like suggestions of new trails at Chadwick Hill. Would be nice to keep things from being unused, but if animal habitat is not a big concern, would be great to spread out some of the human use. Dogs - as a monitor the concept of leashed dogs is a joke. Majority of dogs off their leashes. One way to cut down on traffic is no dogs. Marcia said. Considering at Iceberg unleashed dogs danger to nesting birds. Trample flowers. Prohibit dogs at Iceberg dogs would serve many purposes. IN reaction to discussion of more developed trails at Iceberg, a more developed trail will be a shock to many, but in keeping the rest of the area, will be a hard sell to begin with but would be a goo away to go. Lastly - board ward - monitoring watmough and swamp area. Suggest as a prime candidate for boardwalk.

Leslie McDonald

Adjacent landowner to Chadwick Hill. Lots to think about, appreciates hard work. A lot of work going be done will definitely raise red flags, especially in a way that people wont' be upset. Here specifically about equestrian use on northeast side on Chadwick Hill, her family using for 40 years plus. Her family is the one who creating the trail. Advocating against motor bikes. Requesting that in the plan that is open to possibility of new non motorized trail for 50 acre chunk on NE side of Chadwick hill. Area is impenetrable now, would like to request in plan possibility of new trail system. Multi use trail. Equestrian use allowed. Other trail Anderson field Trail 1 to 4, goes backside of property, historical equestrian trail, remain open to equestrian use. Advocate non-motorized use. Mountain bikes haven't decided on. Possibly hook into NE 50 acres. Hardly anywhere to ride horses on island anymore.

Rhea - Young teenagers - males go skate parks, females ride horses.

Leslie continue - Multi use trails people; get upset about horse poop. maybe with understanding that this is a horse area. Walking is ok but understand that poop is around. Do our best to keep poop off. Seasonal closure is ok. Not interested in horses going up hill. When actual trail and looking at trails, down the road a bit. Also wants to bring up signage. Not sure was discussed already, adjacent landowners to trail, but hikers come to land lost, children and old people are lost with no water. Would like to advocate for low impact attractive signage to show routes so that people don't get lost. Elderly people are hot with no water.

Gene - Do you feel that you represent large majority of equestrians?

Leslie - Yes. Don't think anyone really cares about riding their horses to top.

Joseph - If there is a safety concern, can signage go up sooner?

Marcia - No.

Joseph - not exposing themselves to liability?

Marcia - Do share trail maps but if to designate trails and trail maps then change the use officially, but it is of use to us that we need more signage. So they don't get lost. Means that it's more likely that we will be able to act.

Tom - Solution to safety concern that doesn't involve signage? That implies designated route.

Leslie - If private landowner can be helpful in that?

Tom - You can put whatever you want on their property.

Joseph - Simple signage directing back to trailhead establish new trail usage?

Bob Walker

Really like the idea of trails open and new trails possibility. Dispersing people with different activities in mind good away to protect environment. Like equestrian usage on north side. Would propose that we use this as a priority for funding of new trails. Issues with people going onto property is where there's a little path, put a little privacy property sign would eliminate people getting lost. He put a log across. He likes trails and approach for expanded trail. Personally love scramble route from top to bottom. Would need to have signage describing primitive nature of trails. Afraid that will have to become familiar with trail system to know.

George Lawson

Current and longtime monitor of Chadwick Hill - comment on signage and direction. A lot of longer term local population that have been here a long time remember history and freedom of accessibility, so going to through a sense of loss and grief over relinquishing as they face this new world of new restrictions. Believe the public will adjust to signage if done appropriately. Initial resistance will decrease significantly. Personal desire is to keep Chadwick Hill quiet noise free light free zone that is able to maintain its spiritual quality.

Leslie

Cape St Mary trail - would like to advocate for a minimum trail development in that area.

Rhea - Appreciates the idea of grieving, and reactions/ strong feelings - reality check that source of migration. Group of people who moved here 30 or 40 years ago - naming it is 90% of problem solving. Lopez grieving process extends to many areas. Change is hard, and happening. Hopefully we'll do a better job of rolling it out, ferry system reservations.

Michael - Not a problem on Lopez only.

Tom - Chance to reflect on this meeting. Comments that were not able to get out, wished we would have done? Revisit people's expectations for next gathering. In addition to Doodle poll, will be receiving feedback. Wants to make sure that all on same page. Thank you - a long day and an early start especially for those coming from mainland or FH, and the public who was able to attend.

Barbara - Important to have this meeting here.

Tom - Reflections on content, etc.

Michael - Quadrupled knowledge on trails.

Barbara - Great to see possibilities. Really helpful.

Rhea - First with the way this was organized. But really appreciated it and big maps.

Tom - Really appreciated little guided tour of each map.

Marcia - Commit to getting research out to group where other orgs have partnered with land management agencies. And to make sure that all knew that didn't mean to laugh at government acting quickly.

Barbara - Comment to Mike. Leading us towards studies on carrying capacity. Good to know studies are out there.

Jamie - Made good progress. Appreciated Nick break down on process/ Lego method.

Gene - Enjoyed today more than any other meeting. Seem to be constructive today. But implementation and cost are worrisome.

Lauren - Implementation of the plan will happen over 15 - 20 years. Can choose things that fit within guidelines of plans.

Linda - Has a budget system to look at budget system coming at them in short term

Gene - San Juan ntl monument is a showcase

Joseph - Public benefits from what we are doing.

Linda - Thank to group for work. Second time out to islands. Impressed at sense of place. Has been to lots of places without this sense of place. Very impressed at how passionate everyone is about land management and partnerships. Comments from people saying but it's only a thousand acres. She didn't understand how everything is intertwined. One thing she is taking away is messaging. How can we explain things to public, messaging? How they give us constructive comments that everyone can help with. Thank you all and to public at large.

Jamie - Follow up on Linda. Invited Kristen out for all the reasons Linda just said. Not familiar with the area. For same reason impact on Linda, will be getting a new state director at some point.

Michael – Rhea's comments on red flag in regards to state wide planning process presented choice a to choice d, make really sure that

Marcia - Analogy - building a sandwich.

Linda – Very important when BLM decided to split planning efforts apart.

Tom - Recognizes a comment from public

Wendy - Looking at choices a - d, labeled 1 - 4 of each numbered choice. So each aspect of each plan had a designation could pick out what was good.

Tom - Articulate them as little Lego blocks that can be moved. Would like to follow up on Gene's comment. Who advocates for money? Visit congressional offices. A couple large non profits that work nationally. Wilderness Society, Conservation Lands Society. Lobby for money within BLM. Probably others. Many have a friends group that work together to support larger efforts. We don't have that, but in a way it's better with little friends groups. Lots of different players, all of whom participate. Think

about activating those groups to help bring attention to the need for Linda to be well funded. Take that need to congressional delegations. A lot of advocates that aren't advocating for big pot. Will be important for implementation.

Before next meeting:

Tom - Needs to put out a doodle poll. June 1 - July 25.
Hope that we will have minutes before next meeting. Prelim approval out before next meeting.
Agenda before next meeting.

Jeff - Reminder to talk to groups that could be nominee for MAC itself, Deadline May 2. Give to Marcia to Jeff. Needs to stamp before may 2.
Marcia and He both sent emails out - question about quorum. Supposed to be in charter, but it's not. But charter expires in July and group can rewrite. Put in exactly how recs get forwarded. (Put on agenda for next meeting).

Class B advisory council. If this is true, need 80% which would mean that you would need 9 members every time not 8. But might be something different to fall into other category.

Tom - who to work with before July meeting to have a charter worth of review by MAC

Jeff - recommendation - look at the current charter and come with ideas for next mac meeting on how to rewrite. Will check on which level

Marcia - what does that mean to be a class 1, 2, 3?

Jeff - class B is for a state or an Eco region. Will reserve that and get back group by Friday. About which group they are and which should be. Charter needs to be approved but will look into how to approve.

Tom - will need to vote on new charter effort next meeting?

Jeff - Will not be charter less but just getting new date. Would submit recommendations for changing. Would be operating under old charter until then.

Tom - Doesn't want renewal of the old language to lock into. As a homework assignment, compile thoughts and when have rough consensus send those on before July.

Marcia - Challenge that in beginning of year is when they may the call for new members. Because our group was started on July 25, members cycle out of July 25, would try to finesse to make in December so there is more lead time before new person comes in. With your approval we will see if we can go forward with that. MAC exists because of proclamation. Never a similar characteristic - only for planning process. So considering what charter looks like, consider whether this could become a standing committee.

Jeff - recommends putting this in language.

Tom - try to get this input in between meetings or just compile and do as agenda item in next meeting?

Jeff - was supposed to get latest charter for eastern WA RAC but doesn't have it, so doesn't think it will hurt group if doesn't have yet.

Actions:

Tom - homework is to review existing charter and provide comments to Tom. Maybe do another round via email before talk about and review as group and vote in July.

Gene - Send link for charter with Doodle poll. Or just link. - Marcia

Marcia - Sending meeting minutes out. Tom - first review. Will send to Linda and then entire committee.

Lauren - Report summarizing Jan meeting.

Tom - First of Marcia's points: Changing terms to limit out in December. Feeling around the table - move date. Concern - what is the deadline for applications. May 2 to Dec 31st. Almost took that long last time.

Tour of south Lopez on Sunday there is possibility. Marcia will let know info. 1:30ish . Will let everyone know via email about field trip.

Joseph - Who will be able to attend Terrestrial Managers meeting? Nick, Marcia, Kelsey.

Agenda for next meeting:

Carrying capacity of lands,

Implementation + costs

Messaging

Charter

Lauren - where we are with human use and alternatives. Design alternatives and give feedback. Will develop concept further.

Tom - last summer did a few field trips. how do people feel about field trips? Boat trip good. General support. Open to suggestions on destinations. South Lopez Trip - covered some but not all.

Nick - outer island stuff if launched from Anacortes. Give a good perspective on impact. Eliza Island, Lummi rocks.

Tom - Cattle Point, easier to combine with MAC meeting. Kettle Bluff. Paired with Posey Island? West side of San Juan has a lot of little stuff, as well as Eastsound etc.

Tom - Nick will think more about field trips.

Rhea - do a field trip separate.

Barbara - two two month polls. One for June July, one for May/ August.

Would be good for people to watch Planning 2.0 webinar? Helpful but does not apply to this process. Not homework but if interested.

Lauren - Takes responsibility to send agenda out.

Joseph available to help out with boats.

Meeting adjourned 3:30.