

Grays Harbor County Marine Resources Committee

*Finding the
right fit...*



History

- ▶ Chapter 36.125 RCW (2007) set up MRCs
- ▶ SSSB 6227 (2008) set up grant opportunities
- ▶ Surfrider Foundation Role
- ▶ February 2008 exploratory interest workshop
 - ❖ Strong interest in potentially having one in county
 - ❖ Lots of questions on structure, function, local control
 - ❖ Ideas for things to do



WDFW Grant

- ▶ Explore establishing a MRC in Grays Harbor County
- ▶ Grays Harbor County hires Creative Community Solutions to facilitate process
- ▶ County vision for final product:
Create a citizen-based recommendation for a MRC that includes vision, structure, potential projects and partners

Project Process

▶ Phase 1: Information Collection

- *Phase 1 Goal: Answer questions from February Workshop*
- ❖ Key informant interviews with 7 MRCs and the Northwest Straits Commission*
- ❖ Collation of background data on MRC legislation, structures, type of project work, etc.
- ❖ Commissioners appoint exploratory committee
- ❖ Share information through website, written report, & workshop

Project Process

- ▶ **Phase 2: Developing an Action Strategy**
 - *Phase 2 Goal: Create detailed recommendation*
 - ❖ **Crafting a vision for the proposed MRC**
 - ❖ **Create a MRC structure that matches the vision**
 - ❖ **Identify projects, partners, and actions that implement vision**
 - ❖ **Prepare recommendation for Commissioners to consider and take action on**