

Russel Barsh will present Kwiaht's 2022 annual monitoring and research report on Fishing Bay and Indian Island by Zoom on Thursday December 8 at 4:30 pm, including time for questions and discussion.

Eastsound's unique urban waterfront, with acres of eelgrass meadows and tide pools, is experiencing stress from climate change as well as growing numbers of summer visitors. Many species of fish and invertebrates have disappeared since annual monitoring began in 2009; although some species have survived and even thrived.

Most of the eelgrass meadows and tide pools are state aquatic lands that could gain additional protection if designated as an Aquatic Reserve to complement the National Monument status of Indian Island. Future conservation may require coordinated limitations on recreational activities, such as seasonal closures of nesting and spawning areas.

Use this Zoom link to join the presentation and discussion on December 8:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83395821652?pwd=aTN6ZTN6c0U1M0QrU3hVU2FxeGcvUT09>

If you cannot join the live presentation by Zoom, I can provide you with a pdf version of the slideshow. Best wishes for the holidays and new year --