

**Nisqually Reach and Henderson Inlet Shellfish Protection Districts
Combined Stakeholder Advisory Committee
Meeting Notes January 15, 2019**

Members: Tris Carlson (Nisqually SPD), Margaret Homerding (Nisqually Indian Tribe), Mary Catherine McAleer (Nisqually SPD), Emily Watts (City of Lacey)

Guests: Dave Kangiser (WDOH)
Donovan Gray (Ecology)

County Staff: Allison Osterberg (SPDAC Coordinator - Community Planning)
Jane Mountjoy-Venning, Art Starry (Environmental Health)

1. Administrative

- The committee approved the agenda
- The committee approved the December 11th, 2018, meeting notes

2. Henderson Inlet Updated Closure Response Plan

- The Committee has developed a draft plan in response to the Department of Health's downgrade of 30 acres of Henderson Inlet from Approved to restricted in July 2018, as required under RCW 90.72.
- A few members and agency representatives submitted comments on the draft created by the subcommittee in advance of the meeting, and additional changes were discussed, including:
 - Expand existing actions/strategies table to match DOH template
 - Add more descriptions of actions
 - Add a description of the history of the Shellfish Fund
 - Add any relevant actions to Education & Outreach, including education about feeding raccoons
 - Add to "Challenges to Maintaining Water Quality" section – an intern working with Thurston County can assist with this section.
 - Move "Purpose" section up front – generally reorganize structure of document.
 - Move timeline to an appendix
 - Some of DOH's comments address broad implementation of a work program of the entire SPD, but the committee reaffirmed its earlier decision to keep the scope of the Closure Response Plan focused on the recently downgraded area, and to leave a full update to the Implementation to a future date, if funding is available
- DOH is looking for consistency with other Shellfish Protection Districts
- Next steps
 - Mary Catherine will make amendments to the draft; Allison will work with intern to complete "Challenges" section.

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- The coordinator will send a revised draft out for discussion over email, or with materials for the next SPDAC meeting
- Once the committee has had another round of review, will recommend approval to the Board of County Commissioners

3. **Updates:**

- ***WDOH:***
 - No changes are proposed as part of the annual reports
 - Nisqually Reach –
 - No updates
 - Henderson Inlet
 - Stations of concern include 187, 190, 191, 195, 197
 - Station 189 is holding steady, but will remain in restricted area
- ***Ecology:***
 - Ecology nonpoint staff can step up to help fill some of the gaps from lack of capacity at the Thurston Conservation District.
 - The [Terry Husseman Account](#) supports local projects to improve water quality – could be a source for funding some small projects in the SPD. This grant program is typically open for applications in January – keep in mind for future years, if not ready this year.
- ***Lacey***
 - Lacey is still understaffed, but working on NPDES reporting and the regional partnership for Education and Outreach
 - In the process of updating their Stormwater Comprehensive Plan, with a focus on source control strategies – the committee thought this would be a good item for a future agenda
- ***Nisqually Tribe***
 - Tribe has noted fewer chickens at South Bay chicken farm – wondered if there is direct monitoring of that outfall? There is not – TCEH has checked occasionally where the outfall daylight, but not as part of the regular monitoring program.
 - How is the Restricted designation affecting the Tribe's shellfish farm? They are not harvesting from that area yet.
- ***Chair:***
 - Chair has been representing the Committee in the county's Shoreline Master Program update process, and would like to have more discussion at a future meeting about the proposed rules for shellfish farming.