

**Nisqually Reach and Henderson Inlet Shellfish Protection Districts
Combined Stakeholder Advisory Committee
Meeting Notes July 16, 2019**

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

Guests: Ruth Powers (Ecology), Dave Kangiser, (WDOH), Lindsay Fields (Lacey), Audrey Lamb (Taylor Shellfish)

Staff: Andrew Deffobis (CPED)

1. Administrative

- The committee approved the agenda.
- The committee approved meeting minutes from the May 21, 2019 Shellfish Protection District meeting.

2. Discussion: Updates to Joint Shellfish Protection Districts Implementation Work Plan

- Staff met to look at plan objectives, and discuss availability for update. There is limited staff availability to perform work on this project outside SPDAC meetings.
- Staff had discussed having different presenters come to meetings to help inform update.
- Tris suggested convening a subcommittee to develop new recommendations, and asked that this be placed on the September 17 agenda.

3. Discussion: Shoreline Master Program Update

- The committee discussed providing comments on the draft Shoreline Master Program (SMP) to the Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners.
- Tris asked Audrey Lamb to weigh in on the draft SMP. She stated she would like to see the SMP be consistent with the Shoreline Management Act. And to have the SMP avoid redundancy with other regulatory requirements.
- The committee discussed proposing separate standards for tideland/beach vs. floating aquaculture.
- The committee discussed permit requirements for different types of aquaculture (e.g. clams/oysters vs. geoduck). The SMA WACs provide some exemptions from Shoreline Substantial Development Permits (SSDPs) based on cost of operation and whether the operation conflicts with navigation.
- Tris asked where the requirement for SSDPs for various types of aquaculture originated. Staff will research.
- Tris stated he would like to see administrative conditional use permits (ACUPs) allowed for operations on shoreline reaches where aquaculture operations already exist.

- Audrey asked what the public notice requirements would be for an ACUP. Staff stated that specific ACUP standards are still under development.
- Audrey expressed hope that SMP would not have similar, yet slightly different requirements than those of other permits. This scenario makes compliance challenging.
- The committee recommended making standards for visual impacts/aesthetics as well as cumulative impacts more clear.
- Question: Why are there so many policies specifically related to aquaculture in the general policies section? Staff will research.
- Audrey expressed concern about the number of application requirements. Some are complex, technical studies. Staff highlighted language stating that not all requirements apply to every application.
- Audrey asked which concerns reflected in application requirements are related to the federal Endangered Species Act, and which are County concerns.
- Additional items for next meeting agenda:
 - Developing a subcommittee to provide SMP comments
 - Filling current vacancies on committee
 - Discussion of amending meeting dates/time

4. **Updates**

- Washington Department of Health:
 - July 8 sampling shows elevated bacteria levels, though this doesn't necessarily indicate a trend. Recent weather may have influenced results.
- City of Lacey:
 - The city is embarking on a septic to sewer conversion for 400 homes in Capitol City Golf Course Estates. The city is paying for the conversions, as they were already scheduled to perform sewer upgrades in the area.
- Washington Department of Ecology:
 - There are 10 open 'ERTS' complaints; 8 of which are not in Ecology's jurisdiction. They are watching 2 of them, though these are not serious concerns at this time.