

**Nisqually Reach and Henderson Inlet Shellfish Protection Districts  
Combined Stakeholder Advisory Committee  
DRAFT Meeting Notes January 23, 2020**

Members: Linsey Fields (City of Lacey)

Guests: Karin Streliaoff (Thurston CD), Jean Frost and Scott Chernoff (WDOH), Barbara Ann Smolko (Pierce County)

Staff: Jane Mountjoy-Venning (TCEH), Andrew Deffobis (CPED)

**1. Administrative**

- Introductions were made.
- The committee approved the agenda.
- Meeting minutes from the September 17, 2019 Shellfish Protection District meeting were not approved because there was only one committee member present.

**2. Follow Up: Check In on Past Tasks and Commitments**

- The group reviewed tasks discussed in previous meetings, including discussing the County Comprehensive Plan update, reviewing the draft Shoreline Master Program update, putting together a list of potential committee participant entities, and gathering lists of community events that the committee may be able to plug into.
- Jean will forward examples of closure response plans to inform discussions about the joint implementation plan update.
- Andy will forward the most recent Shoreline Master Program draft.
- The group discussed looking back at the foundational work that established the committee, to look at purpose and roles of the committee. This would be helpful when recruiting new committee members. Andy will forward original ordinances.
- **Next Meeting:** Discuss mission and role of advisory committee.

**3. Review & Prioritize Annual Work Plan**

- Staff relayed this work may need to happen during committee meetings, due to lack of staff time outside of meetings.
- Re-evaluating foundational documents may be instructional to developing a work plan.
- Whatcom County provides good example of a proactive and engaged advisory committee.
- Methods of public engagement were discussed.
- The group reviewed the status of items in the 2019 Henderson Inlet closure response plan.
  - A process exists to reinstate the Shellfish Fund. Andy will broach subject with Thurston Conservation District in February.

- County stormwater fees are currently under review. Public Works wants to build in flexibility to allow fees to fund a greater variety of programs.
- Work continues on developing wastewater options for the Pleasant Forest Camping Club.
- **Next Meeting:** Discuss the interval of water quality monitoring south of Station 196 in Henderson Inlet.

#### 4. **Organization of SPD Advisory Committee in 2020 & Member Recruitment**

- This will be considered following review of advisory committee foundational documents.

#### 5. **Updates**

- **City of Lacey:** The City is going out to bid for the first round of the Capitol City Golf Course septic to sewer conversion. So far, 392 households have signed up for conversions.
- The interlocal agreement for the Regional Environmental Education Partnership has been signed by all jurisdictions.
- Lindsey is trying to create a new irrigation program.
- **Environmental Health:** New hire is starting next week.
- Some potential septic repairs identified during last year's dye testing have been performed.
- Work is being done to streamline the Pollution Identification and Control process. The department is using new forms and a new rating system for septic repairs and outreach.
- **Department of Health:** Currently working on annual reports for all 113 growing areas.
- Latest water quality data: Henderson Inlet has no 'Approved' stations that are threatened. Stations within 'Restricted' areas are currently meeting 'Approved' standards. Things look good in Nisqually Reach.
- Twenty-one growing areas were temporarily closed in December due to excessive rainfall.
- **Next Meeting:** DOH would like time to update the committee on shoreline surveys.
- **Pierce County:** The County did not receive Centennial Grant funding for septic incentives.