

**Nisqually Reach and Henderson Inlet Shellfish Protection Districts  
Combined Stakeholder Advisory Committee  
September 17, 2019 Meeting Notes**

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

**Guests:** Karin Strelieff (Thurston CD)

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

**1. Administrative**

- Introductions were made.
- The committee approved the agenda.
- The committee approved meeting minutes from the July 16, 2019 Shellfish Protection District meeting.

**2. Discussion: Convene Subcommittee to Update Joint Shellfish Protection Districts Implementation Work Plan**

- DOH has a framework that could be used to develop an update to the plan
- Tris is willing to look at the document, if staff look at it and highlight areas that may need to change
- Jane stated we could ask the entities responsible for tasks in the current plan to provide updates.
- **For next meeting:** Discuss Comp Plan update, any need for SPDAC to comment?
- Ideas for update: move completed items to 'past actions' appendix, think about items that are missing that should be included, discuss update with other County departments

**3. Discussion: Convene Subcommittee to Comment on Shoreline Master Program Update**

- The committee discussed whether a subcommittee is needed.
- Committee members are unsure of the level of interest other stakeholders may have in the SMP update process.
- Committee members expressed specific items they would like to see in the draft SMP.

**4. Filling Current Advisory Committee Vacancies**

- Tris is looking to step down soon; he would like to see more participation on committee
- Are County resources available for the committee to do more work if new members join?
- In the past, participation included farmers, stormwater and planning staff, land trusts, tribes, shellfish growers, real estate agents, citizens

- Emily said she could work with someone to put together a list
- The committee discussed outreach methods to generate potential new committee members
- Committee reached consensus to allow updated work plan to dictate tasks, and use that plan to attract new committee members.

#### 5. **Revisit Current Advisory Committee Meeting Dates/Times**

- The committee discussed options to change meeting times for 2020.
- The consensus was to try holding meetings from 4-6 PM, keeping the every other month schedule.

#### 6. **Brainstorm Methods of Community Outreach on SPD Activities and Status**

- This is related to recruiting committee members, but also providing information on status of water quality, shellfish growing, and what citizens can do to help on water quality issues.
- Various agencies/organizations have events at which SPDAC could be represented.
- The committee discussed potential of holding community events, 'Shellfish 101' information sessions (water quality, agriculture, stormwater information)
- Committee members will look into lists of community events SPDAC may be able to plug into.

#### 7. **Updates**

- Washington Department of Health:
  - CPED staff provided the latest water quality data from DOH. CPED staff will follow up with DOH on potential water quality issues around Puget Marina.
- City of Lacey:
  - Work continues on the stormwater comprehensive plan update. As part of the update to the NPDES permitting process, the city needs to implement a business inspection program. The city is trying to find stakeholders to provide input on that process.
  - Event season is still ongoing.
- Thurston Conservation District:
  - Sarah Moorehead has been named Executive Director.
  - TCD is currently hiring staff.
  - The Thurston Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on TCD rates and charges on September 24.
  - TCD is participating in Orca Recovery Day – October 19, 2019.

- Karin is working on setting up a County Shore Friendly program, which she has implemented in other counties.
- Nisqually Indian Tribe
  - Tribe has re-advertised for their open Shellfish Manager position.
- Thurston County Environmental Health
  - Environmental Health has stopped monitoring Dobbs and Fleming Creeks, and are working on addressing known contamination sources.
  - Newly hired staff will be working on Dobbs Creek issues.