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## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Nisqually Reach and Henderson Inlet Shellfish Protection Districts  
Combined Oversight Committee  
Meeting Notes May 12, 2004

Nisqually Shellfish Protection District present:

Members: Linda Malatesta and Christine Buckley,  
Alternates: None

Henderson Inlet Protection District present:

Members: Lisa Dennis-Perez and Mark Blosser  
Alternate: None

Guests: Mark Fischer (Puget Sound Restoration Fund)  
Kris VanGorkum (Thurston Conservation District)  
Jim Dawson (People for Puget Sound)  
Chris Hempleman (Ecology)  
Terry Hull (PSAT)

Staff: Mark J. Swartout

1. Administration:

- A. Approved the revised Agenda
- B. Approved the April 14, 2004 Meeting Notes

2. Updates:

- A. TMDL - Chris Hempleman provided an update of the TMDL process. She distributed a rough schedule for the project. The schedule shows a meaningful role for the Shellfish Districts' Stakeholder group in the late-fall during the review of the draft technical report.
- B. Community Shellfish Farm (CSF) – Mark Fischer provided an update of the activities of the CSF.
  - 1) There have been two work parties with two more planned in the near-future to plant additional shellfish seeds (total of 200,000 – 300,000 seeds).
  - 2) In June there is planned a Geoduck project where 5,000 tubes and 20,000 seeds will be planted. The proceeds from the sale of the Geoduck will go back to the CSF project. It will be around 4 to 5 years before harvesting can begin.
- C. Thurston Conservation District (TCD) – Kris VanGorkom provided an update of the implementation of the Shellfish Protection Fund Work Plan approved by the SPD committee late last year. Activities include:

- 1) Surveys of existing conservation plans to determine extent of implementation.
  - 2) Conservation Crew availability for projects such as fencing, planting, and maintenance of stormwater ponds.
  - 3) Pasture Management Workshop in the Henderson District.
  - 4) Continued Water Quality Monitoring in McAllister Creek.
  - 5) Participant in the Nisqually River Education Project.
  - 6) Three more TCTV shows on the subject of shellfish and agriculture, ads in the Olympian and Nisqually Valley News on programs available from the TCD, and a workshop/tour in the Nisqually area.
  - 7) In June Kris will provide a more indepth report of the Watershed Stewardship Pledge Project.
3. Discussed the Draft of the Advisory Committee Recommendations for the Risk-Based O&M Program for Septic Systems in Henderson Shellfish Protection District. The group had no recommended changes and praised the work of Environmental Health for a great report.
  4. Discussed the Thurston County Shellfish Activity Report. There was only enough time to discuss the Nisqually Recommendations.
    - A. The purpose of the report is to provide a status of the many recommendations
    - B. There are several recommendations where greater detail will need to developed.
    - C. The highest impact recommendations are being done first e.g. developing a risk-based O&M program, a county Low Impact Development Ordinance, and the many program by the TCD to reduce bacteria loading by agriculture.
    - D. When the highest priority programs have been developed the Committee can then start looking at the remaining recommendations to prioritize and better define.
  5. In the remaining last few minutes the Committee reviewed the 2004 work plan.
  6. Adjourn

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