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Nisqually Reach and Henderson Inlet Shellfish Protection Districts Combined Oversight Committee Meeting Notes September 8, 2004

Nisqually Shellfish Protection District present:

Members: Bryan Wilson, Tris Carlson, Linda Malatesta, Christine Buckley.

Alternates: Fred Michelson

Henderson Inlet Protection District present:

Members: Roy Iwai, Peter Heide, and Steve Langer.

Alternate: None

Guests: Mark Fischer (Puget Sound Restoration Fund)
Stuart Glasoe (PSAT)
Kathy Whalen (TCD)

County Staff: Mark J. Swartout, Tom Clingman, and Art Starry.

1. Administration:
 - A. Approved the Agenda
 - B. Approved the July 14, 2004 Meeting Notes
2. Updates:
 - A. TMDL – Initial report should be completed in October. Ecology offered to provide a report on the findings at the October meeting.
 - B. Community Shellfish Farm (CSF) – Mark Fischer provided an update of the activities of the CSF.
 - 1) Two group tours in August and two in September. The groups include several conference attendees; and local and regional government officials.
 - 2) The annual Henderson Watershed Tour will end at the CSF where oysters will be served.
 - 3) More seeds are available for planting.
 - C. Thurston Conservation District update –
 - 1) They have 32 pledges for the Henderson Watershed Pledge Project.
 - 2) TCD has completed 25 interviews with property owners with previous conservation plans.
 - 3) Continue to have several planting and fencing projects.
 - D. Environmental Health update on the Risk Based O&M Program:
 - 1) Briefed the Commissioners in August. Board directed staff to develop a public outreach plan.
 - 2) Currently there is a briefing scheduled for Oct. 13 to present the outreach plan.

Elements would most likely include:

- a. A mailing to everyone in the Henderson Inlet watershed informing them of the septic system program.
 - b. Information on the website.
 - c. TCTV show in November focused on the program. The county would like to seek people on the stakeholder committee to appear on the show.
- E. Low Impact Development – the county has a steering committee that has met for several months. Their purpose is to determine whether LID ordinance is needed and a public process to develop one.
- F. Critical Areas Ordinance – Marine Habitat – The county is currently developing the Marine Habitat section of the CAO including shellfish.
- G. PRRD/PRD – the county adopted an interim ordinance to restrict “cluster development” in the rural area. A public hearing is scheduled for September 16th at 6 PM in the County Courthouse Building #1 Room 280.
3. The committee reviewed and discussed the proposed 2005 Shellfish Protection Fund work program proposals. The Committee all agreed to recommend approval by the County Commissioners. Below are some comments made during the discussion:
- A. There seems to be a lack of monitoring programs.
 - B. The activities need to have a direct benefit to water quality.
 - C. The committee needs to work on a 2005 work plan later this year. It should include around May a discussion on recommendations for a 2006 SPF work program.
 - D. The committee wants an annual report on each of the activities.
 - E. Some members of the committee would like water quality data provided at each meeting.
4. A briefing of the revised stormwater manual needs to be focused on improving water quality. Staff will find out the proposed timeline for adoption and report back.
5. New Recommendations:
- A. The committee would like to discuss further the septic to sewer recommendation in October.
 - B. The committee wants more information regarding whether the County could issue fines via authority from the non-point ordinance in the event of dogs pooping in the wrong place.
6. Implementation Work Plan – the committee wants to discuss in October.
7. Adjourn

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