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Nisqually Reach and Henderson Inlet Shellfish Protection Districts
Combined Oversight Committee
(Draft) Meeting Notes October 13, 2004

Nisqually Shellfish Protection District present:

Members: Tris Carlson
Alternates: None

Henderson Inlet Protection District present:

Members: Mark Blosser, Lisa Dennis-Perez, and Steve Langer.
Alternate: None

Guests: Mark Fischer (Puget Sound Restoration Fund)
Stuart Glasoe (PSAT)
Kathy Whalen (TCD)
Debbie Sargent (Ecology)
Chris Hempleman (Ecology)

County Staff: Mark J. Swartout, Tom Clingman, and Linda Hofstad.

1. Administration:
 - A. Approved the Agenda
 - B. Approved the September 9, 2004 Meeting Notes
2. Updates:
 - A. TMDL – Discussed how the group would like to review the Draft TMDL. Mark will get a sense of who wants to review and provide comments and send them copies.
 - B. Community Shellfish Farm (CSF) – Nothing new to report
 - C. Thurston Conservation District update – Nothing new to report.
 - D. Environmental Health update on the Risk Based O&M Program:
 - 1) There was a follow-up briefing with the Commissioners on October 13, 2004. Staff provided a public outreach plan that the Board accepted. A copy will be attached to the November mailing.
 - 2) Around November 3rd a mailing will go to everyone in the Henderson Inlet watershed informing them of the septic system program and the November 18th Public Workshop.
 - 3) Information is posted on the website www.co.thurston.wa.us/health/ehrp/henderson.html

- 4). TCTV show on November 19th will focus on the program. The county would like people on the stakeholder committee to appear on the show.
 - 5) Discussed the November 18th public workshop. Staff would like active participation by the stakeholder committee and will discuss their roles at the next meeting on November 10th. The show will be magazine style with 4 segments. The group was asked for their ideas for segments the following were suggestions:
 - a. Define the problem – e.g. interviews with Jerry Yamashita and a shoreline resident (e.g. Steve Langer).
 - b. Proposed solutions – e.g. interview with committee members, tape the public workshop.
 - c. General comment was to keep the show positive. Such as the risk based program works and solves the problem. Use the past example of applying the program to Eld Inlet.
 - E. Low Impact Development – see agenda.
 - F. Critical Areas Ordinance – Marine Habitat – see agenda.
 - G. The Shellfish Protection Fund 2005 Work Program will most likely be up for approval by the Board on October 25th.
3. Nisqually TMDL (Draft) presentation by Ecology (Debbie Sargent). There was a handout that will be included in the next mailing. Some key points were:
 - A. The parameters were bacteria and dissolve oxygen in the Nisqually River and Red Salmon and McAllister Creek and their tributaries.
 - B. Due to improving trends over time the Nisqually River will be recommended to be removed from the 303(d) list.
 - C. In the McAllister Creek basin the highest priority for cleanup is Little McAllister Creek. The creek will need to be segmented with more monitoring to determine where the greatest sources of pollutants are entering the system.
 - D. The committee wants an annual report on each of the activities.
 - E. Also, Medicine Creek and Luhr Beach stormwater outfall are high contributors to bacterial loading.
 - F. McAllister Creek also has high nutrient levels particularly nitrogen.
 4. New Recommendations:
 - A. Septic to sewer conversion white paper will be presented in November.
 - B. The pet waste issue was resolved with the new information that the county's Non-Point Ordinance gives the county the authority to issue fines for pet waste pollution.
 5. Implementation Work Plan – discussion highlights.
 - A. The group agreed to combine the two districts recommendations into one implementation work plan.
 - B. We would then start at the beginning and review the actions being taken and identify next steps for implementation.
 - C. It was suggested that the Next Steps include who, when, and funding issues.
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