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**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

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Nisqually Reach and Henderson Inlet Shellfish Protection Districts  
Combined Oversight Committee  
Meeting Notes November 10, 2004

Nisqually Shellfish Protection District present:

Members: Tris Carlson, Christine Buckley,  
Alternates: Fred Michelson

Henderson Inlet Protection District present:

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

Guests: Mark Fischer (Puget Sound Restoration Fund)  
Diane Cooper (Taylor United Shellfish)  
Jim Dawson (People for Puget Sound)

County Staff: Mark J. Swartout, Art Starry, Linda Hofstad, and John Tennis.

1. Risk Based On-Site Septic System O&M Program:
  - A. Discussed tough questions handout.
    - 1) Additional possible questions.
      - a. Why are you picking on us?
      - b. When are you going to make the rest of the County do this program?
      - c. What happens if after I repair my system it hasn't cleaned up Henderson Inlet? Possible responses:
        - i. It took many failures to cause the problem and it will take fixing many failures to solve it.
        - ii. It's just not right for your human waste to cause the problem.
        - iii. A failing septic system is broader than just the impacts to shellfish it is also public health.
        - iv. Unless we solve the human sewage contribution we will not be able to solve the problem no matter how much we improve other sources.
      - d. What about the seals? Don't they cause a problem?
    - B. Discussed several handouts and the public workshop on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>.

2. Administration:
  - A. Approved the Agenda
  - B. Approved the October 13, 2004 Meeting Notes
3. Updates:
  - A. TMDL – Reviewed Chris’s letter asking the group about future participation in the TMDL process. The group’s response to the questions were favorable but would like to do as much as possible with email.
  - B. Community Shellfish Farm (CSF) – Nothing new to report
  - C. People for Puget Sound – Jim Dawson – PFPS is working with Puget Sound Action Team on legislative proposal on septic systems. The proposal is for areas of special concern to require a Risk Based O&M Program. Also, clarify in the GMA water quality protection and get funding or a funding source to implement an O&M Program.
  - E. Low Impact Development – see agenda.
  - F. Critical Areas Ordinance – Marine Habitat – see agenda.
4. Discussed the white paper “Urban Density Septic Use”. Send comments to Lisa or Mark.
5. Discussed the Detailed Implementation Work Plan. Due to the limited amount of time the group just discussed the general concepts of the plan.
  - A. Instead of using the middle column to track all the activities performed create a separate document to track accomplishments.
  - B. No comments on the first section – Septic Systems.
  - C. The discussion moved to how the DIP and committee can help assure that projects that are funded by the Shellfish Protection Fund are the highest priority.
    - 1) Develop a short application form with:
      - a. How will this project/activity decrease fecal coliform bacteria?
      - b. Which recommendation is this implementing?
6. Adjourn

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