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

Nisqually Shellfish Protection District present:

Members: Tris Carlson, Christine Buckley,
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)
Selden Hall (WDOH)
Mike Pettit (Deschutes Watershed Planning Unit)
Terry Hull (PSAT)
Chris Hempleman (Ecology)
Alan Corwin (PUD)

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

1. Administration:
 - A. Approved the Agenda
 - B. Approved the November 10, 2004 Meeting Notes
2. Updates:
 - A. TMDL:
 - 1) January 11 – there will be technical report meeting.
 - 2) April will begin the public comment period for the submittal package including draft technical report and Summary Implementation Strategy (SIS).
 - 3) June 30th submittal package due to EPA.
 - B. Community Shellfish Farm (CSF) – Nothing new to report
 - C. Low Impact Development – see agenda.
 - D. TCD – will provide annual report in January.
 - E. Critical Areas Ordinance – Marine Habitat – see agenda.
3. Debrief the Septic System O&M Workshop of November 18th.
 - A. Kudos to all for a very successful public workshop.

- B. Comments:
- 1) There were 97 sheets with questions and statements and 90 emails – total over 200 questions.
 - 2) People stayed on track.
 - 3) Educated the attendees.
 - 4) Good turnout (300+).
 - 5) Good quality of questions.
 - 6) Could have started presentation 15 minutes earlier.
 - 7) Many people didn't want to identify where they lived.
 - 8) Needed more greeters in the entrance way.
 - 9) The matrix and water quality posts could have used another person.
 - 10) Having the soil map near the matrix post helped.
 - 11) The history post – most people just read it and didn't ask too many questions.
 - 12) Septic post provided lots of information.
 - 13) Finance post:
 - a. Many comments about wanting incentives or rewards for doing maintaining their systems properly.
 - b. There were some boundary questions.
 - c. Many questions on low / high risk categories.
 - 14) Shellfish District post – concern about including the Long Lake Management District.
 - 15) Should the issue of the septic system program be based on the narrow view of protecting water quality for shellfish or the broader view of clean water?
- C. A handout on the categories of questions was distributed.
- 1) Responses to questions will be posted on the counties website; and mailed directly or personally contacted if requested.
 - 2) There is a briefing with the Commissioners scheduled on November 15th from 3 to 4 PM.
 - 3) The questions showed that more education is needed.
 - 4) Discussed the possibility of giving discounts for those district property owners enrolled in the Property Tax Exemption Program for Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons.
- D. Discussed what role the advisory committee would like to take from this point forward?
- 1) Review the questions and answers by everyone.
 - 2) Continue to meet during the first hour of each regular shellfish district stakeholder meeting.
 - 3) The group wants to help refine the proposal.
 - 4) Need to keep moving forward and not take a lot more time.
 - 5) Group wanted to know how many septic systems are in the urban, urban growth, and rural areas of the district.
 - 6) Consider changing the 3 year cycle for inspection and certificate renewal.
 - 7) Consider adding a 3rd fee level (lower) based on risk.
- E. The TCTV show on the septic system program will air beginning December 17th for a month on Fridays 7 PM, Saturdays noon, and Sundays 8 PM.

4. Discussed and approved the white paper “Urban Density Septic Use”.
 - A. The committee agreed to add this paper as an addendum to the 2003 district report and add it to the Implementation Work Plan when presented to the Commissioners.
 - B. The paper could be used to generate discussion on updating the Sewage General Plan.
 - C. The paper will be presented to the public work directors group.
5. Discussed the Detailed Implementation Work Plan:
 - A. Discussed various column headings.
6. Adjourn

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