



## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Cathy Wolfe  
District One  
Diane Oberquell  
District Two  
Robert N. Macleod  
District Three

---

## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Michael Welter  
Director

### Nisqually Reach and Henderson Inlet Shellfish Protection Districts Combined Oversight Committee Meeting Notes May 10, 2006

**Members:** Tris Carlson, Steve Langer, Linda Malatesta, and Christine Buckley

**Alternates:** None

**Guests:** Mark Fischer (Puget Sound Restoration Fund)  
Kathy Whalen(Thurston Conservation District)  
Chris Hempleman, Ecology  
Brian Phipps, Taylor United Shellfish Col.

**County Staff:** Mark J. Swartout, and Greg Link

1. Administration:
  - A. Introductions
  - B. Approved the Agenda
  - C. Approved the March 8, 2006 Meeting Notes.
2. Discussion on the County's compliance/enforcement – Greg Link
  - A. The County's compliance section began in 2002.
  - B. There are 3.5 FTE employees
  - C. Complaint driven
  - D. There are about 840 open cases
  - E. Complaints are received by phone or fill out a complain form – may be anonymous or names are kept confidential.
  - F. Complaints are prioritized and the goal is to respond to complaints within 24 hours.
  - G. First step in a site visit is to determine the validity of the complaint.
  - H. On environmental issues such as Critical Areas Ordinance or Shoreline the compliance officer will confer with planners to determine validity of compliant.
  - I. If the complaint is valid a letter is sent to the property owners.
  - J. The response to the letter determines the next steps.
  - K. Suggestions to improve the compliance section include:
    - 1) Have a compliance officer with CAO and Shorelines experience.
    - 2) More education to property owners about environmental regulations.
    - 3) Can the county develop public information material for realtors to give to new

property owners?

2. Updates:
  - A. TMDL – The WRIR comments are due and public comment period will begin soon.
  - B. Community Shellfish Farm (CSF)
    - 1) May 13<sup>th</sup> a shellfish workshop will be held.
    - 2) May 21<sup>st</sup> there will opportunities for volunteers to help plant oysters. There were about 300 kids from Komachin School who will help plant oysters over a 3 week period.
  - C. Thurston Conservation District:
    - 1) There has been two completed Conservation Plans.
    - 2) There are three Conservation Plans in progress – 2 in the Nisqually and 1 in the Henderson watersheds.
    - 3) There will be a pasture management workshop in June.
    - 4) The Thompsen fencing and riparian planting project has been completed. The next project on the farm will be constructing a manure storage facility.
    - 5) A handout describing the Shellfish Pledge project was distributed.
  - D. County land use issues update: Mark provided an update of the various land use activities. See Agenda for an outline of the update.
3. Began discussion about projects to be funded in 2007 from the Shellfish Protection Fund. Suggested projects include:
  - A. Encourage the City of Olympia to reinstall the Gunderboom stormwater treatment project.
  - B. Develop Critical Areas Ordinance education material for realtors to distribute to new property owners.
4. Future Agenda Items:
  - A. TMDL – each month updates
  - B. County updates on land-use, septic program, Article VI update, Cluster, LID, and stormwater issues.
  - C. July - Shellfish Protection Fund 2007 Work Plan
  - D. September – discuss and approved Shellfish Protection Fund 2007 Work Plan
  - I. When it becomes available update on Cluster and LID progress.
5. Adjourn

MS:ms/shellfish\_06/meeting notes 5.10/06