



## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Michael Welter  
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Nisqually Reach and Henderson Inlet Shellfish Protection Districts  
Combined Oversight Committee  
Meeting Notes September 16, 2008

**Members:** Tris Carlson, Christine Buckley, and Andy Haub  
**Alternates:** None  
**Guests:** Mark Fischer and Brian Allen (Puget Sound Restoration Fund)  
Bob Woolrich (WDOH), Cindy James (Ecology)  
Mary Middleton, David Hall, Ann Mills, Rob Kirkwood, Sheila Wilson, Kandi Bauman,  
Steve Langer, Kathy Whalen,  
**County Staff:** Mark J. Swartout (District staff) and Art Starry (Environmental Health)

1. Administration:
  - A. Introductions
  - B. Approved the amended May 20, 2008 Meeting Notes
  - C. Approved the Agenda
2. Discussed the recent up-grade in the conditionally approved shellfish areas from harvesting restrictions for 5 days after ½ inch of rain in 24-hours to 1 inch of rain in 24 hours.
  - A. DOH reviews 30 water quality samples each taken once a month to determine what the harvesting restriction should be.
  - B. Discussed the reasons why there is a reduction in fecal coliform concentration. Data shows improvements after the outreach programs have been implemented with continuing improvement after the Septic O&M began implementation.
  - C. The Septic O&M will take 6-years to dye test every shoreline property's septic system. This year is the second year of testing, which means 1/3 of the systems have been tested.
4. Discussed the proposed 2009 Shellfish Protection Fund Work Plan. Each proponent discussed their project.
  - A. The Watershed Pledge Program has changed its name to the "Clear Choices for Clean Water".
  - B. The Community Shellfish Farm:
    - 1) Looking at acquiring a new site, in addition to their current one, to grow shellfish for profit. Profits would go to support restoration projects. The current site is great for public education but not a very productive shellfish growing areas.

- 2) The Farm continues to get on average about 350 – 400 students per year.
- 3) Currently testing a random sampling of oysters to measure their nitrogen content to determine their overall ability to sequester nitrogen.

C. The Committee agreed to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners approval.

5. Adjourned.

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