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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 18, 2008

Members: Tris Carlson, Christine Buckley, Pete Heide, and Bryan Wilson

Alternates: None

Guests: Mark Fischer (Puget Sound Restoration Fund)  
Lawrence Sullivan (WDOH), Cindy James (Ecology)  
David Hall and Kathy Whalen (Conservation District)  
Brian Phipps (Taylor United)

County Staff: Mark J. Swartout (District staff)

1. Administration:
  - A. Introductions
  - B. Approved the amended September 16, 2008 Meeting Notes
  - C. Approved the Agenda
2. Updates:
  - A. Henderson O&M implementation – Completing year two of the three year implementation and beginning the second year of dye testing shoreline systems (1/6)
  - B. Article IV – Marine Recovery Areas – Public Meeting Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Thurston County Courthouse #1 – Room 152 for more information go the following link: <http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/health/ehoss/index.html>
  - C. Puget Sound Georgia Basin Conference (Feb. 9 – 11 Washington State Convention and Trade Center – Seattle) paper: “Is the Improvement in Henderson Inlet Water Quality a Success Story? Only time will tell.”
  - D. Thurston Conservation District: Applied for a grant to do farm planning, “Clear Choices for Clean Water”, and cost share in the upper Nisqually Basin.
  - E. Henderson Shellfish Farm:
    - 1) The tour sponsored by the City of Lacey had 45 people.
    - 2) The Elliot Bay Oyster New Year at the Farm included 60 people.
    - 3) This last week there were 15 Community College student tour the farm.
  - F. Henderson TMDL:
    - 1) In July 2009 the Shellfish Protection District Stakeholder committee will

Implementation Plan (adopted 2008) and look at adaptive management. In five years or when all of the Implementation Plan is completed effective monitoring will begin to determine whether the water quality standards are being met.

- 2) Ecology has been sampling Dobbs Creek from Nov. 2007 through April 2008. The samples indicated that after ½ inch rainfall in 24 hours the Creek did not meet state water quality standards.

3. Discussed how the stakeholder committee can become more knowledgeable and engaged in implementation of actions identified in their Report and Recommendations.

- A. Stakeholders could focus on topics.
- B. The result would be for the committee:
  - 1) To provide informative comments at public hearings on any county proposals that may impact shellfish; or
  - 2) More informed decision making process for the annual Shellfish Protection Fund work program.
  - 3) To brief the BOC on some regular time line or when appropriate.
  - 4) The regular updates by stakeholders in their focus area.
- C. Stakeholders could review Part 1 of the Annual Report to determine whether the Shellfish Protection Fund work program is meeting the elements of the Report and Recommendations and amend to reflect necessary changes.
- D. Stakeholders could review Part 3 of the Annual Report to determine whether there may be additional activities that could be implemented.
- E. Peter Heide – expressed an interest to pursue Stormwater Issues and GREEN Building.
- F. Linda Malatesta and Bryan Wilson – expressed interest in Low Impact Development
- G. Christine Buckley – expressed interest in Education and Outreach.
- H. Tris Carlson – will team up with Peter on Stormwater, and is also interested in the Shoreline Management Program update, CAO, and septic system operation and maintenance.
- I. To contact all original stakeholders and ask if they want to continue to be a recognized participant. To add additional participants through appropriate protocol. Stakeholders to be allowed to approve all additions.

4. Possible future meeting topics:

January 20<sup>th</sup> – Implementation of the Henderson Inlet Septic O&M Program and Health Code Article IV including discussion of Marine Recovery Areas. (Sue, Art and Lawrence)

What effort can the stakeholders take to get the Mill Bight closure issue resolved?

March 17<sup>th</sup> – Stormwater Manual ????

May 19<sup>th</sup> - ?

July 21<sup>st</sup> – Henderson TMDL –Cindy James

September 15<sup>th</sup> – 2010 Shellfish Protection Fund Work Program – Kathy Whalen

November 17<sup>th</sup> - ?

5. Adjourned.

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