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## RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP DEPARTMENT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES UNIT

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### Nisqually Reach and Henderson Inlet Shellfish Protection Districts Combined Oversight Committee Meeting Notes July 21, 2009

**Members:** Tris Carlson, Fred Michelson, Linda Maletesta, Bryan Wilson, and Pete Heide

**Guests:** Cindy James (Ecology)  
Mark Fischer (PSRF)  
Kathy Whalen (Thurston Conservation District)

**County Staff:** Mark J. Swartout (District staff) and Dave Tipton (Environmental Health)

1. Administration:
  - A. Introductions
  - B. Approved May 12, 2009 Meeting Notes
  - C. Approved the Agenda
2. Septic Park Tour - The group had a tour of the Thurston County Septic Park with Dave Tipton providing information and answering questions. The group found the Park and Dave's septic wisdom to be very helpful.
3. Henderson Watershed Fecal Coliform TMDL Adaptive Management discussion – Cindy James (Ecology):
  - A. Discussed Table 7 of the “Henderson Inlet Watershed Fecal Coliform Bacteria Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Water Quality Implementation Plan”. Each action had its corresponding Implementation Status updated by Thurston County, Thurston Conservation District, and Ecology. Cindy will meet separately with the cities of Lacey and Olympia to receive their updates.
  - B. An Adaptive Management Report including a revised Table 7 will be available early this fall.
  - C. The group discussed the frequency of monitoring needed to determine whether the actions taken are actually improving the water quality.
    - 1) It was explained that initial estimates of frequency would be about 5-years from the final publishing of the Water Quality Implementation Plan, which would be in 2013. This time-period was chosen with the hopes that most of the Actions would have been implemented.
    - 2) Due to limited funding it was explained that many actions needed to be implemented before water quality testing would occur.

- 3) After many if not all of the actions have been taken and water sampling indicates that the water quality standards still have not been met then new actions will need to be identified that will result in improve water quality.
    - 4) It was explained that it was up to the stakeholder group to help influence the implementation of actions.
  - D. Discussed the “Dobbs Creek Water Quality Monitoring for Fecal Coliform Bacteria” (June 2009) a report of the results of recent water quality testing by Ecology. Included in the report was a list of recommended actions that are in addition to those listed in the TMDL Table 7.
4. Updates:
  - A. Henderson Inlet Community Shellfish Farm:
    - 1) Hosted a kayak tour of the Capital Land Trust.
    - 2) The PSRF was invited to the Griffin Neighborhood Association to inform them about the Community Shellfish Farm.
    - 3) School tours are over for the summer and are preparing to start again beginning in the fall.
5. Possible future meeting topics:  
September 15<sup>th</sup> – 2010 Shellfish Protection Fund Work Program – Kathy Whalen  
November 17<sup>th</sup> – Shoreline Master Program
6. Adjourned.