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RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP DEPARTMENT

Creating Solutions for Our Future

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Nisqually Reach and Henderson Inlet Shellfish Protection Districts
Combined Oversight Committee
Meeting Notes September 15, 2009

Members: Christine Buckley, Bryan Wilson, and Pete Heide
Alternates: Fred Michelson
Guests: David Hall, Lawrence Sullivan (WDOH), Cindy James (Ecology)
Mary Middleton, David Hall, Ann Mills, Kathy Whalen,
County Staff: Mark J. Swartout (District staff) and Sue Davis (Environmental Health)

1. Administration:
 - A. Introductions
 - B. Approved the July 21, 2009 Meeting Notes
 - C. Approved the Agenda
2. WDOH announced that they will remove all Conditionally Approved areas in Henderson Inlet while retaining the Prohibited area near the mouth of Woodland Creek. WDOH is not sure yet what to do with stations 190 and 191 since they continue to have concerns with elevated bacteria samples. WDOH would make the entire bay into an Emergency Closure Area restricting harvesting when 2" or more of rain falls within a 24-hr period. This upgrade is due to an increasing trend in water quality within the marine waters of Henderson Inlet.
 - 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.
3. Discussed the proposed 2010 Shellfish Protection Fund Work Plan. Each proponent discussed his or her project.
 - A. The Committee agreed to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners approval.
4. Adjourned.

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