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PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Creating Solutions for Our Future

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Nisqually Reach and Henderson Inlet Shellfish Protection Districts
Combined Stakeholder Committee
Meeting Notes September 21, 2010

Members: Tris Carlson, Linda Maletesta, Bryan Wilson and Erin Keith
Alternates: None
Guests: Lawrence Sullivan (WDOH), Mark Fischer, Sheila Wilson, Ann Mills, Mary Middleton, Cindy Wilson (Ecology), David Hall, and Mike Kuttel (TCD)
County Staff: Mark J. Swartout (District staff), Art Starry and Sue Davis (Environmental Health)

1. Administration:
 - A. Introductions
 - B. Approved the Agenda
2. Discuss the 2011 Shellfish Protection Fund Work Program:
 - A. Discussed the work program summary sheet.
 - B. Thurston County discussed their proposals.
 - 1) 2011 Small Works Homeowner Septic Grant Program
 - a. This has been a very important grant program that has helped low income property owners repair their system when they didn't have the means to do so themselves.
 - b. The grant pays for 75% of the cost up to \$500.
 - 2) Henderson Septic Operation and Maintenance Incentive Program.
 - a. A very popular program that provide septic tank risers.
 - b. The amount beings asked for this year has been reduced to reflect the decrease in demand due to the length of time of offering the incentive.
 - 3) Nisqually Septic System Operations & Maintenance Program Development.
 - a. This is the annual match requirement for the WDOE grant.

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- b. This grant program will go through 2012.
 - 4) Clear Choices for Clean Water Project. This is a joint program between TCD and the County's EHD.
 - C. Thurston Conservation District
 - 1) Raingarden project:
 - a. Two District staff are trained in installing Low Impact Development rain gardens.
 - b. Those gardens on private property requiring a 25% match.
 - c. Requires landowners to sign a 10-year agreement to maintain the garden.
 - d. The Students, Shellfish & the Shore education project will test water coming from Beachcrest to see if the rain gardens make a difference.
 - 2) Clear Choices for Clean Water Projects
 - a. Partnership with the County Environmental Health
 - b. So far have had 192 participants implementing 1,300 actions to date.
 - 3) Students, Shellfish & the Shore – Education
 - a. Add 2 new schools – Chinook and Aspire Middle Schools
 - b. Installed shellfish gardens as an education element.
 - c. Maintenance of past projects and develop one action project.
 - d. Evaluate the program and provide annual project report.
 - 4) Cost Share
 - a. Reduced the amount due to the lack of participation in 2010.
 - b. Lack of participation could be due to the economic situation.
 - D. Pacific Shellfish Institute
 - 1) Four community events.
 - 2) Go to popular dog walking areas and flagging spoils. Suggested the Woodland Creek park as a high dog walking area.
 - 3) Intercity Bus signs work really well.
 - E. Puget Sound Restoration Fund – Henderson Inlet Community Shellfish Farm.
 - 1) Educate 250-500 students by hosting 5-10 education tide flat tours.
 - 2) Adding a ½ to 1 acre of growing area being allowed by the Nisqually Indian Tribe that purchased Jerry Yamashita's adjacent shellfish farm.
 - 3) Launch a shellfish Community Sustainable Agriculture (CSA) in

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partnership with terrestrial CSA programs.

- 4) Initiating best management practices that will result in less plastic waste on site.
- 5) Includes a survey of near shore owners that have participated in the shellfish garden program to evaluate the program.

F Nisqually River Education Project

- 1) Working with Ecology to determine 10-sites to sample.
 - 2) Will include the Ohop stream restoration project.
4. The stakeholders approved recommending to the Board of County Commissioners and Board of Supervisors to fund the 2011 Shellfish Protection Fund Work Program.

Next Meeting: October 19, 2010