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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 20, 2011

Members: Tris Carlson and Peter Heidi

Alternates: None

Guests: Kathy Whalen and Anne Mills(Conservation District); Mark Fischer (Henderson Community Shellfish Farm); Jennifer Johnson (Thurston County Environmental Health); Aimee Christy (Pacific Shellfish Institute); Sheila Wilson (Nisqually River Foundation); and Cindy James (Ecology).

County Staff: Mark J. Swartout (District staff) and Linda Hofstad (Environmental Health)

1. Administrative
  - a. Introductions
  - b. Approved July 19, 2011 meeting notes
  - c. Approve the agenda
2. Presentation of the 2012 Shellfish Protection Fund applicants (see attached project summary).
  - a. The Committee requested end of the year reports from each of the 2011 Shellfish Protection Fund recipients.
  - b. The S.S. Green will add the impacts of plastics in general and plastic bags in the marine environment to their education activities.
  - c. Allow flexibility in the Thurston Conservation District's Farm Plan and Technical Assistance and Cost Share projects so that more projects can be added if the opportunity arises.
3. Updates
  - a. Chair - Tris is the new Chair of the County's Storm and Surface Water Advisory Board.
  - b. Thurston County
    - i. Nisqually Septic O&M project
      1. Public Hearing – Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Fair grounds
      2. Staff will draft a letter of support for the Committee to be presented at the public hearing.
      3. Clean copies of the revised codes will be sent to the stakeholders.
      4. The 5-year review of the Henderson Inlet O&M will begin this fall.

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- c. Henderson Inlet Community Shellfish Farm – Puget Sound Restoration Fund, as part of their 2011 project, will provide a full report on their survey that may help determine what SPF activities are the most effective in improving water quality in the Henderson Inlet.
4. Adjourn

Next Meetings: Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> and will include a discussion on the committee's 2012 work plan