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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 18, 2012

Members: Tris Carlson, Bryan Wilson, Matt Buldis, Linda Malatesta, Kathy Whalen and Pete Heide,

Alternates: None

Guests: Jules Schultz (WDOH)
David Hall and Stephanie Bishop (Thurston Conservation District)
Mary Middleton (Pacific Shellfish Institute)
James Morrill (America-Corps)

County Staff: Mark J. Swartout (District staff)
Sue Davis and Jennifer Johnson (Environmental Health)

1. Administrative
 - a. Introductions
 - b. Approved May 15, 2012 meeting notes
 - c. Approved the agenda
2. Presentation and discussion of the 2013 Shellfish Protection Fund Work Program.
 - a. Can the TCD add a monitoring element to the LID project?
 - b. The Stakeholder Committee would like to pursue ways of evaluating the effectiveness of the Shellfish Protection Fund public outreach efforts.
 - c. Is there a way to develop a tractor loan for equine owners to help them with manure management?
 - d. The Committee agreed to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners the final 2013 Shellfish Protection Fund Work Program
3. Updates:
 - a. Chair – Tris is on the Septic System Financial Assistance Program Committee.
 - b. Thurston County – the roster is complete and the mailing to the Nisqually Septic O&M area properties have been sent out.

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- c. Henderson Inlet Shellfish Farm – Mark Fischer is retiring and will be replaced by Brian Allen
- d. WDOH
 - i. The County needs to send in the annual report.
 - ii. Water quality reports still look good for the Henderson Inlet and Nisqually Reach.
 - iii. The Mills Bight closure
 - 1. One drainage has shown drastic reduction in bacteria below a horse farm. However, they cannot upgrade until the reason for the improvement can be explained.
 - 2. Bacteria levels are still high in other portions of the closed area.
- e. Thurston Conservation District – Conservation Districts from around the Puget Sound have been meeting to identify funding sources to help the Puget Sound Partnership improve water quality.

4. Adjourn

Future Meetings: **November 20th**

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