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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 January 15, 2013

Members: Tris Carlson, Sue Shotwell, Erin Keith (Lacey), Bryon Wilson

Alternates: None

Guests: Jules Schultz (WDOH)
Cindy James (Ecology)
David Hall (Thurston Conservation District)
Brian Allen (Puget Sound Restoration Fund – Henderson Community Shellfish Farm)

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

1. Administrative
 - a. Introductions
 - b. Approved September 18, 2012 meeting notes
 - c. Approved the agenda
2. Discuss the Adaptive Management Plan – review outline
 - a. Henderson Inlet
 - i. July 1st an Ecology staff will be assigned for the effectiveness monitoring. Provided they are chosen from a prioritized list of projects. Cindy will update us as soon as possible.
 - ii. The next step QAPP is written, reviewed by this Committee, and approved by Ecology
 - iii. Start sampling in the fall.
 - b. Nisqually
 - i. Effectiveness monitoring and the QAPP will be done when the O&M program has been implemented.
 - ii. Could be around 2019.

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- iii. DOH may upgrade the area just sound Mill Bight because of improved water quality.
 - iv. Three areas will continue to stay Prohibited after the upgrade.
 - 1. DOH and Ecology can look at these sub-watersheds to try to identify bacteria sources.
 - c. Water quality monitoring tools as part of the adaptive management plan.
 - i. Effectiveness monitoring by Ecology for fecal coliform.
 - ii. In the event more water quality tests are needed to identify the source of bacteria, a possible tool is to test for caffeine and cholesterol. This may help distinguish the bacteria from human or other.
 - iii. If all anthropogenic sources have been eliminated and the only bacteria source is natural, the water body can be removed from the 303d list.
3. Discuss 2013 work program.
- a. April 16th - 5-year review Henderson O&M Program
 - b. July 16th – County and Lacey Stormwater to discuss the NPDES permit and LID.
 - c. November 19th –
 - i. Preliminary results of the effectiveness monitoring
 - ii. Agricultural farm plans
4. Updates:
- a. Chair – There has been a number of applications for the County’s septic system loan program from Woodland Creek Estates to pay for the sewer hookup fee.
 - b. Thurston County – Nisqually O&M is actively being implemented. Only 5 property owners haven’t signed the agreement to hook up to the sewer in the Woodland Creek Estates and Covington neighborhoods.
 - c. Henderson Inlet Shellfish Farm – moved the oyster production into a new area and production is doing very well. Beginning to market the oysters to Olympia restaurants and retailers as a result of work of a new intern. Looking forward to a really good harvest and revenue year. There is good possibility that if production continues to improve the Puget Sound Restoration Fund will reduce their request for funds from the Shellfish Protection Fund.
 - d. Ecology – nothing to report
 - e. WDOH – annual water quality reports
 - i. Four stations (200 and 201 in the approved area and 187 in the prohibited area and 189 in the conditionally approved area) in Henderson Inlet may be listed as threatened, which means the water quality trends are going down.

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- ii. Water quality results were high due to a very wet November; however August and September were also high numbers.
 - iii. DOH will have the annual report for the April meeting.
- f. Thurston Conservation District
 - i. Stephanie Bishop took Ann Mills place when she retired.
 - ii. Currently the District has reduced staffing, which presents challenges in getting the work done.
- g. Others?

5. Adjourn

Future Meetings: April 16th, July 16th, Sept. 17th, and Nov. 19th

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