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Nisqually Reach and Henderson Inlet Shellfish Protection Districts
Combined Stakeholder Committee
(Draft) Meeting Notes April 16, 2013

Members: Tris Carlson, Sue Shotwell (Nisqually Tribe), Bryon Wilson, Pete Heidi, Don Malatesta, and Matt Bulldis,

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)
Art Starry (Environmental Health)

1. Administrative
 - a. Introductions
 - b. Approved January 15, 2013 meeting notes
 - c. Approved the agenda
2. Discuss the 5-Year review of the Henderson O&M Program
 - a. An Excerpt from the DRAFT Henderson Watershed Protection Area Onsite Sewage System Operation and Maintenance Program Five-Year Review was distributed to the attendees. The findings in this report are preliminary as research continues.
 - b. Add a programmatic element to the Adaptive Management Program e.g. Septic O&M and Farm Plans.
 - c. Board briefing will be held on May 29th at 3:00 PM in Room 280, Building #1.
3. Updates:
 - a. Chair – Stormwater Utility Advisory Board is currently reviewing the rate / credit rebate program.

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- b. County – Current discussion is that the work of this committee is important and there are ongoing discussions of who would provide the staffing needs of the group.
 - c. Henderson Inlet Shellfish Farm –
 - i. Most fabulous harvest season yet, which helps provide funding for paying for operation costs.
 - ii. Elliot’s Oyster House in Seattle continues to be a large supporter of the farm.
 - d. Ecology – Henderson Effectiveness Monitoring request looks like it will be awarded (it was number 1) and will know for sure at the next meeting.
 - e. WDOH –
 - i. Organizing a shellfish district meeting of all district representatives sometime in September.
 - ii. National Estuary Program PIC grant of \$60,000 to give to new Shellfish Protection Districts (which are few), or work for ongoing shellfish districts. The grants are for \$15,000 each.
 - iii. Annual report came out today. The early warnings are listed below. Early warnings are to provide locals the opportunities to look for potential pollution sources before a downgrade occurs.
 - 1. Nisqually Reach – station 709 is threatened with a downgrade.
 - 2. Four stations (187, 189, 200, and 201) in Henderson Inlet are threatened with downgrade.
 - 3. All other areas remain steady.
 - iv. Upgraded a small portion (2 parcels) of the Mill Bight closure.
 - f. Thurston Conservation District
 - i. If anyone sees any agricultural problems please call the District. They will work with the property owner to develop best management practices for manure management.
 - ii. District Technicians are doing follow up visits on farm plan properties.
 - g. Others?
4. Adjourn

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