



**PUBLIC HEALTH AND
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Nisqually Reach and Henderson Inlet Shellfish Protection Districts
Combined Stakeholder Committee
(Draft) Meeting Notes May 19, 2014

Members: Tris Carlson, Bryan Wilson, and Matt Buldis

Alternates: None

Guests: Jean Snyder (WDOH)
Amy Georgeson (WDOH)
Paul Anderson (Ecology)
Scott Collyard (Ecology)
Kim Benedict (City of Lacey)
Derek King (Puget Sound Restoration Fund – Henderson Community Shellfish Farm)

County Staff: Lawrence Sullivan (District staff-temporary)
Sue Davis (Environmental Health)

1. Administrative
 - a. Introductions
 - b. Approved January 21, 2014 meeting notes
 - c. Approved the agenda
2. Henderson Inlet Shellfish Water Quality Update- Jean Snyder, WDOH

Jean Snyder provided an update to the group on the latest information from shellfish water quality sampling in Henderson Inlet. The Conditionally Approved stations in the lower Inlet are still failing the water quality standard. The closure criteria for these stations will still be lowered from 0.75" in 24 hours to 0.50" in 24 hours, but that change has not occurred yet. The Conditional Area Management Plan (CAMP) will be updated in the next month. Stations 190, 200, and 201 in the Approved area are still Threatened and are in danger of being downgraded in the future. In the Nisqually

Reach , most stations are in good shape except station 709 which is in Concerned status.

3. Discussion of Upcoming TMDL Effectiveness Monitoring Study. Scott Coyllard

Scott Collyard from the Washington State Department of Ecology presented the preliminary study design for the upcoming Henderson Inlet TMDL Effectiveness Monitoring Study. The intent of the study is to determine whether or not the water bodies evaluated during the original TMDL have improved following TMDL implementation. The effectiveness project will document what implementation activities have occurred since the TMDL was completed and also determine if those implementation activities have resulted in water quality improvements. The study should guide adaptive management of the TMDL implementation.

Field work for the project is expected to begin in the summer of 2014 and continue for at least a year of data collection. The focus of the study will be on bacteria. The draft QAPP contains details on the sample design.

4. Updates:

a. WDOH

- i. SPD annual reports will be need to be turned in soon.

b. Thurston County Environmental Health

- i. Recent SPD Work Program funded sampling has found high fecal coliform results in Dobbs Creek, Meyer Creek, and the Snug Harbor neighborhood.
- ii. Dye test season is wrapping up and 5 failures were found in the Nisqually Reach and 1 was found in Henderson Inlet.
- iii. Work continues on the Septic to Sewer project which is exploring ways to convert high density neighborhoods that are on septic to sewer. The project will prioritize the neighborhoods that need to be converted and develop a strategy to complete the work, including a funding strategy.

c. Puget Sound Restoration Fund

- i. Marketing season is wrapping up for the farm and sales were successful this year. Farm stand sales were good when the weather was pleasant, but dropped when it was rainy. The Dockside Bistro and Elliot's Oyster House in Seattle were solid supporters of the farm and consistently bought product.
- ii. The Henderson Inlet Community Farm held several successful outreach and education events this season including a targeted neighborhood outreach event at Luhr Beach and an education field trip for students organized by South Sound Green.

d. Stakeholder Committee

- i. Bryan Wilson will be moving to Washington D.C. and will be resigning his position on the Committee.

5. Adjourn

Future Meetings: July 15th, 2014