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Nisqually Reach and Henderson Inlet Shellfish Protection Districts
Combined Oversight Committee
Meeting Notes December 11, 2007

Members: Tris Carlson, Linda Maletesta, Peter Heidi, and Christine Buckley

Alternates: Fred Michelson

Guests: Mark Fischer (Puget Sound Restoration Fund)
Chris Hemplemen (WDOE)

County Staff: Mark J. Swartout – District staff

Sue Davis, and Art Starry (Thurston County Environmental Health)

1. Administration:
 - A. Introductions
 - B. Approved the September 18th Meeting Notes
 - C. Approved the Agenda with the following added discussion:
 - 1) The county is beginning the update of the Shoreline Master Program. Tris has been chosen to participate on the Science, Technical, Advisory Committee (STAG) and will report regularly to the group on the progress.
 - 2) Chris Hempleman distributed a draft “Henderson Inlet Watershed Fecal Coliform Bacteria Total Maximum Daily Load – Water Quality Implementation Plan”. Comments are due by December 25, 2007.
2. Discussed the Draft On-Site Sewage Management Plan – Art Starry
 - A. A handout of the draft plan was distributed with the mailing.
 - B. There was much discussion on the implementation of the Henderson Inlet OSS Operation and Maintenance Program.
 - 1) It is taking more staff time and resources than originally planned.
 - 2) Electronic management of the paper work is being developed to reduce staff time.
 - 3) Discussed applying the program in the Nisqually Shellfish District.

- a. The county will need grant support for public participation and staff research to do the preliminary work of implementation.
 - b. It will need to occur after the Henderson program is completely implemented. The group was reminded that it is being phased in over 3 years.
- C. Thursday, December 20th there will be another public workshop in Room 280 in Thurston County Courthouse Bldg. 1.
- D. The Board of Health will hold their public hearing on January 7, 2008. Comments are welcome until that date by phone, e-mail, or on the county's website.
- 3. Discussed the Woodland Creek Pollutant Load Reduction Project – Sue Davis
 - A. The study modeled the results of a package of actions that predicted the reduction of bacteria and nitrogen loading to surface and groundwater to a portion of the Woodland Creek sub-basin.
 - B. The study looked at no action, upgrading septic systems, connecting to a sewer, and a combination of the last two.
 - C. The study also looked at stormwater treatment including maintaining all facilities, using alternative stormwater systems for new development, replace stormwater pipes with swales, using regional infiltration ponds; educating residents on pet waste management, and proper fertilizing; and implementing the 2005 Ecology Stormwater Manual.
 - D. Next Steps:
 - 1) Prepare preliminary design and cost estimates
 - 2) Prepare recommendations and Action Plan
 - 3) Public review of the Action Plan
 - 4) Adopt Action Plan
 - 5) Seek funding to implement plan.
- 4. Next meeting will include:
 - A. Discuss the Henderson Watershed Characterization Study.
 - B. NPDES Phase 2 and how it relates to the shellfish districts.

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