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Henderson Inlet Shellfish Protection District  
Stakeholder Group  
Meeting Notes of May 20, 2002

Present: All members except Bruce Rouillard (excused)  
County Staff: Mark J. Swartout  
Guests: Tim Ransom, Susan Markey, and Ken Filak

1. Introductions were made.
2. Public discussion:
  - a. Tim Ransom (Puget Sound Water Quality Action Team) –
    - i. Distributed the agency's Puget Sound's Health 2002 publication.
    - ii. Discussed the work of the agency in the "Response Strategy for Shellfish Growing Area Downgrades in Henderson Inlet and the Nisqually Reach".
    - iii. Discussed merging the work of the stakeholder group with the Response Strategy.
  - b. Ken Filak – suggested tracking Referendum 51 and it's potential impacts to the Henderson Inlet Shellfish Protection District efforts if passed.
3. Approval of previous meeting notes and ground rules as written.
4. Alternates discussion: The following committee members provided the names of alternates.
  - a. Gene Hummel (member) – Evelyn Farr (alternate)
  - b. Mark Sloan (member) – Toby Jeweet (alternate)
  - c. Lisa Dennis-Perez (member) – Eric Hielama (alternate)
5. Discussed project approach:
  - a. The committee will need to agree on the group's role including:
    - i. A public outreach strategy as they work on issues.
    - ii. Whether members of the committee will represent constituency groups that share common interests.
  - b. The committee agreed it made sense to structure the complex issues by pollution source

- and use the framework of the “Response Strategy for Shellfish Growing Area Downgrades in Henderson Inlet and the Nisqually Reach” for reference.
- c. The committee agreed that everyone would read all of the material in the notebook before the next meeting. The committee agreed that everyone has a different level of understanding issues around fecal coliform contamination. Each member of the committee will need to put forth the effort to get a firm understanding of the issues.
  - d. The committee agreed that the best approach to understanding the issues is to begin with a general overview, then delve into specific issues. The overview would include:
    - i. Overview by fecal coliform source type.
    - ii. What is each entity’s responsibility and authority?
    - iii. The committee decided to have a general overview discussion about the fecal coliform pollution questions facing Henderson Inlet at the next meeting and members will send Mark questions as soon as possible for the speakers to address.
6. Discussed Chair and Vice-Chair – the committee selected Steve Langer as Chair and Jack Beeching as Vice-Chair of the committee.
7. Agenda for June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- a. Public comments: Tim Ransom will provide additional update on the Response Strategy.
  - b. Panel Discussion of staff representing:
    - i. Thurston County Environmental Health / Resource Protection.
    - ii. Thurston Conservation District
    - iii. Stormwater utilities of cities and county.
    - iv. Land-use
  - c. Discuss Next Steps.
  - d. July Agenda
8. Adjourn – 8:20