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Nisqually Reach and Henderson Inlet Shellfish Protection Districts
Combined Oversight Committee
Meeting Notes September 15, 2003

Nisqually Shellfish Protection District present:

Members: Tris Carlson Christine Buckley Jeff Schilter
Alternates: Don Malatesta Fred Michelson

Henderson Inlet Protection District present:

Members: Peter Heide Lisa Dennis-Perez
Alternate: Ken Filak

Guests: Mark Fischer (Community Shellfish Farm Project)
Chris Hempleman (Ecology)
Kirk Robinson (Thurston Conservation District)
Jim Dawson (People for Puget Sound)

1. Meeting called to order by Mark Swartout.
2. Mark provided a brief overview of activities leading up to this meeting.
3. Administrative issues:
 - A. Meeting dates, times, and place.
 - 1) The group preferred meeting on Wednesday nights.
 - 2) Mark will email those not in attendance if Wednesday nights are available for them.
 - 3) The times will be 7 to 9 PM but may be earlier when more members are present for discussion.
 - 4) The meeting place will be the Thurston County Public Health Building if available.
 - B. The group approved choosing a Chair with a Co-Chair so each District is represented. The group provided the following list of characteristics they would like in their Chair.
 - 1) Prompt – start the meetings on time
 - 2) Cooperate with staff.
 - 3) Manage the Agenda:
 - a. Be a good timekeeper.
 - b. Keep the discussion on topic and stay focused.
 - 4) Be fair and neutral – set aside personal viewpoints when acting as chair. May temporarily remove themselves as chair to express their views.
 - 5) Good communicator.
4. Updates and other discussion items.
 - A. Henderson Inlet and McAllister TMDL update – Chris Hemplemen

- 1) Technical Reports – first draft – due about October 2004. Although complete tmdl analysis and modeling will take almost a year, Debby Sargeant is available to come and brief the group about study findings whenever they are ready for that information.
- 2) Summary Implement Strategy – development and public process during winter and spring 2005, final due about June 2005
- 3) These two reports will be submitted to EPA in mid-2005.
- 4) Detailed Implementation Plan from September 2005 – September 2006.
- 5) In answer to many questions:
 - a. TMDLs for Non-Point sources of pollution haven't been around a long time so its hard to evaluate how well they've worked.
 - b. Authority over the DIP is shared by all government agencies that are required to implement the actions (e.g. Ecology, DOH, cities, and county).
- B. Community Shellfish Farm update – Mark Fischer – Volunteers continue to spread oyster and Olympia clam seed. So far about 5% of the tide areas in the program have been seeded.
- C. Mark discussed there will be a draft 2004 Work Plan presented at the next meeting. The 2004 Work Plan will begin implementing some of the groups recommendations using the Shellfish Protection Fund (28% of the Thurston Conservation District's annual assessment).
- D. The group discussed the Board of County Commissioners wish to develop a public outreach strategy. The group suggested contacting key citizens who can pull together neighbors where they can be presented the work of the district stakeholders. Key citizens may also be on Boards of homeowner associations.
5. Strategy for assisting in developing an Implementation Work Plan. The group decided:
 - A. Not to break down into subcommittees but to focus each meeting of the whole group on specific topics.
 - B. Start off in October with On-Site Septic Systems – asked that Sue Davis be present.
 - C. Each committee member will bring the top 3 specific work items they want county staff to begin working on.
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