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Henderson Inlet Shellfish Protection District
Stakeholder Group
Meeting Notes of July 15, 2002

Present: All members except Peter Heide
County Staff: Mark J. Swartout
Guests: None

1. Meeting called to order by the chair at 6:30.
2. Introductions, Approved Agenda, Approved the June 19th Meeting Notes, and no additional alternates were added.
3. Other shellfish protection district work was distributed as examples.
4. Discussed Press Release:
 - a. Requested that a notice for each meeting be posted in the Olympian.
 - b. The Press Release was approved and now needs to be approved by the Nisqually group.
 - c. The Press Release needs to be sent to the county's media list including Green Pages.
5. Discussed Next Steps:
 - a. Discussed On-Site program and surveys.
 - i. Group would like a more focused discussion about the county on-site program.
 - ii. Requested county staff to provide educational presentation and answer questions.
 - iii. County staff needs to include the regulatory authority for the program
 - iv. Group discussed incentives for property owners to allow testing of systems.
 1. Can property owners get tax credit for paying for septic system upgrades.
 - b. Discussed current pet waste source reduction education activities.
 - i. Suggestion to put up signs in Parks about picking up after dogs.
 - ii. Suggested finding volunteer groups to empty garbage cans.
 - c. Discussed products.
 - i. The products need to be implementable.
 - ii. It was suggested to read the handouts of other districts and re-read the Response Strategy.
 - d. Discussed Regulatory Authority.
 - i. County Health Department has authority over on-site program and non-point ordinance.
 - ii. County and Cities have authority over land-use and stormwater programs.

- iii. No one has regulatory authority over agricultural activities unless they violate the county's non-point ordinance.
- e. Discussed quick wins.
 - i. Mark Blosser provided a list of activities the City of Olympia can do for quick wins:
 1. Conversion and expansion of existing "sidewall infiltration" facility on Fones Road Ditch, east of Home Depot. New facility will treat and infiltrate small and medium-sized storms from Pacific Avenue/South Sound Center areas. Project is jointly funded with Lacey and should be completed in 2003.
 2. Construction of detention/treatment pond on Fones Road Ditch, west of Home Depot. This pond will be downstream of the one mentioned above, and will handle larger storm flows. Discharge from this pond will be to the Woodard Creek headwaters wetland.
 3. St. Peters Hospital is expanding their campus and will upgrade their existing stormwater facilities. The new main stormwater facility will treat and infiltrate most storm events, with only a small and intermittent discharge to Woodard Creek.
 4. Sleater-Kinney Road, north of Martin Way, will be widened, and a treatment/infiltration pond will be installed.
 5. Olympia is working on a Stormwater Master Plan. The Plan tags Woodard Creek as a high priority. It also includes a street cleaner/sweeper which can cost effectively remove a high percentage of solids from streets and potentially enable using pervious pavements. The Plan is "draft" and has not yet been taken to the City Council.
 6. The regional stormwater manual is being revised to comply with new state requirements. It should be done in early 2003. This will increase standards across the board and result in more effective stormwater treatment.
 - ii. Discussed recommending the cities implement the Regional Roads Best Management Program (NMFS approved).
 - iii. Add additional public Outreach links to the county website.
 - iv. Discussed the City of Lacey's Henderson Watershed Tour scheduled for September 14th. Will post information on the county's website.
 - v. Discussed feasibility of posting dog waste signs on stormwater ponds. Easy to do on public ponds – difficult on private ponds.
- 6. Agenda for August 19th meeting.
 - a. Public comments.
 - b. Staff presentation and discussion about county on-site program.
 - c. Continue discussion on Quick wins (information to be provided by technical staff).
 - i. Need feedback from suggestions made at last meeting.
 - ii. Add any new ones.
 - d. Discuss products and report format
 - e. September Agenda
- 7. Adjourn – 8:45