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Nisqually Reach Shellfish Protection District
Stakeholder Group
Meeting Notes of June 26, 2002

Present: All members were present with the exception of Lisa Dennis-Perez (excused).
Staff Present: Mark J. Swartout (Thurston County)
Guests: Fred Michelson
Tim Ransom

- I. Introductions were made; an addition was made to the Agenda; additions were made to the June 5th Meeting Notes and will be approved at a later date.
- II. Administrative issues:
 - a. Discussed David Trout's June 5th memo. A consensus was made on the following points.
 - i. The Groundrules will reflect a change in the chair's ability to allow public input during meetings and the Agendas will reduce the time period for general public comments at the end of the meeting to five minutes.
 - ii. The committee may form sub-committees during the course of their work if needed. The sub-committees may include citizens that are not part of the District Stakeholder Group. It is expected that a District Stakeholder Group member would be the chair of the sub-committee.
 - iii. Only the District Stakeholder Group members would form the consensus positions.
 - b. Reviewed the Regulatory / Program Timeline from last months mailing packet.
 - c. Alternates were added to the Contact List.
 - d. Quick update on the Henderson Inlet Shellfish Protection Stakeholder Group.
- III. Tim Ransom (Puget Sound Water Quality Action Team) – Provided a more detailed discussion of the "Response Strategy for Shellfish Growing Area Downgrades in Henderson Inlet and the Nisqually Reach". A few major points were:
 - a. Distributed the updated task matrix.
 - b. Discussed how the Closure Response Strategy was developed.
 - c. Discussed the framework of the Strategy by category and the process of implementation review.
 - d. Mentioned that the Nisqually River Council's Natural Resource Sub-Committee is responsible for convening the Implementation Review Committee (IRC).
 - e. At its last meeting, the IRC decided to meet every 6 months rather than quarterly, and

participants expressed interest in merging the work the work of the shellfish protection districts and the Strategy in the future.

- IV. A WDOH Press Release was distributed announcing the upgrading of shellfish beds in Samish Bay. Information about the program will be gathered and distributed to the committee.
- V. Discussed a suggestion for the Committee to host a public workshop of property owners along the McAllister Creek and other tributaries where water quality sampling will occur over the next year or so.
 - a. Suggested an informational mailing to all the property owners explaining the water quality testing that will be occurring and why.
 - b. David and Linda volunteered to work on further developing the idea of holding a workshop.
 - c. A comment was made that having a workshop would provide a good opportunity for a Committee representative to update the County Commissioners on the work of the District.
- VI. Discussed work plan approach and timeline.
 - a. A recommendation was made to organize the work plan around the Closure Response Strategy.
 - b. An approach was recommended:
 - i. Break down the work by category of contribution of fecal coliform.
 - ii. Determine what needs to be done to reduce the fecal coliform contributions for each category.
 - iii. Prioritize what needs to be done by considering factors such as:
 - 1. What can be done in the short-term and the long-term?
 - 2. The ease and cost of implementing each work item.
 - 3. Whether we need to act by a certain time in order to prevent harm from occurring.
- VII. Agenda for the August 7th meeting – Lisa Dennis-Perez chair.
 - a. Administrative issues:
 - i. Introductions, approve June 5th and June 26th Meeting Notes, and approve Agenda.
 - ii. Review revised Groundrules – these reflect the Committees actions from June 26th meeting.
 - b. Discuss issues around Stormwater to include:
 - i. Discuss location of stormwater outfalls.
 - ii. Future development projects that have additional stormwater outfalls.
 - c. Discuss issues around land-use to include:
 - i. Discuss zoning.
 - ii. Discuss GMA update requirements.
 - iii. Discuss GMA limitations of providing urban services to rural areas.
 - d. Continue discussion on work plan approach and timeline.
- VIII. Future meeting dates and chairs:

- a. September 4th – Linda
- b. October 2nd – David
- c. November 6th – Matt

IX. List of future agenda items – On April 24th the group brainstormed the following list of topics for future agendas. Those with asterisks have been or continue to be discussed.

- a. * Timeline and work program.
- b. * Background discussion – Chronology, historical perspective, causes, and WDOH program.
- c. * Formalize outstanding administrative issues i.e. group spokesperson, chair, and note taking.
- d. * Fecal Coliform – what is it and what are its sources.
- e. * Examples of other jurisdictions work on shellfish closure responses (distributed at the June 5th meeting).
- f. * Government Programs – state and local.
- g. * Keep the group informed on the work of the Henderson Inlet Shellfish Protection District Stakeholder group.
- h. List of resources available to provide information.
- i. Land Use Map.
- j. Topography Map.
- k. Maps showing land use changes over time.
- l. Data.
- m. Location and description of shellfish beds.
- n. Invite a representative of the Pacific Coast Shellfish Growers Association to the September meeting.

X. Public Comment – none during the allotted time.

XI. Adjourn at 9:00 PM