
Shellfish Protection District Workshop: April 12, 2001 Lacey Community Center: 6:00 - 9:00

What's the problem? Bacterial pollution (fecal coliform) has closed shellfish beds in Henderson Inlet and Nisqually Reach.

What's the goal? Reduce fecal coliform pollution to improve water quality so beds can be upgraded and reopened for shellfish harvest.

What's the law? The county must form a Shellfish Protection District with geographic **boundaries, activities** to reduce pollution, and determine **funding**.

What are the pollution sources? Nonpoint sources – no single source, no single location, an accumulation of sources which result from ordinary human activities, most commonly identified as failing septic systems, animal wastes entering surface water, storm water washing a variety of pollutants into surface waters, and just more of us doing what we do.

What's the purpose of this workshop?

- ❖ Chance to ask one-on-one questions about various possibilities for boundaries, activities, funding, and approach
- ❖ Opportunity to hear a brief presentation about "What we've heard from you"
- ❖ Group discussion where small groups are tasked with ... "How would I solve the problem of bacterial pollution in Henderson Inlet and Nisqually Reach?"
- ❖ Return option sheets with marked choices for the various possibilities within boundaries, activities, and funding.

Evening's Schedule

6:00 - 6:30 Listening posts: in room A , listening posts will be set up for each of 8 topics – boundaries (1), funding (1) approach (1), and activities (5), which will include a post for each – agriculture, land use, monitoring, septic and storm water. Each post will include the list of options, what you've told us so far about the topic, a flip chart to record your comments, a staff person to answer your questions, and a comment box.

6:30 - 6:45 Wrap up listening post questions, move into larger room, grab a cookie, and find a seat at a table.

6:45 - 7:10 Presentation by County staff: includes brief summary of problem, County's required action, 'what we've heard from you', purpose of evening, process, and a brief run-down of options.

7:10 - 7:30 Question & answers to clarify presentation. Written questions are requested so all can clearly hear duplicate questions are avoided, and timid folks have an equal chance of asking questions.

7:30 - 8:30 Small group discussions: a discussion leader will join each table to help the group figure out how to solve the current bacterial pollution problem

8:30 - 8:45 Mark individual option choices and make any final written comments.

Next workshop: May 31st at Lacey Community Center