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**PUBLIC HEALTH AND
SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**Nisqually Reach Septic System
Operation & Maintenance Project
Advisory Committee**
January 18, 2011

Sherri McDonald, RN, MPA,
Director
Diana T. Yu, MD, MSPH
Health Officer

Members present:

Gene Brown (Homeowner Association), Mat Buldis (Aquaculture), Tris Carlson, Peter Heide, Mark Fischer (Community Shellfish Farm), David Hall (Conservation District alternate), Randall Hurst (Septic Professional), Erin Keith (City of Lacey), Linda Malatesta, Fred Michaelson, Gregory Moe (Realtors), Cindy James (Ecology), Lynn Schneider (DOH), Bryan Wilson.

County Staff: Mark Swartout (Shellfish Protection District staff), Art Starry, Sue Davis, and Linda Hofstad (Environmental Health)

Drop-in guest from Henderson Watershed

Meeting Notes

- Approve Meeting Notes from October 19th
 - Approved
- Review any questions regarding the proposal
 - The proposal is thorough
 - There is an opportunity to align the fees of the two shellfish districts if the Board adopts the proposed rate in the Nisqually District.
 - No objections to the proposal
- Review Open House agenda
 - Press release sent to the Olympian today
 - Went over the draft agenda and meeting room layout with listening posts.
 - DOH will bring trends in water quality data – in Eld, Henderson, and Nisqually
 - Bring information about a situation where they don't have the land available to replace a failed system.
 - Bring the data on minor repairs in Henderson
 - Description of the self-certified program.
 - Include incentives and financial assistance information at Rates Listening Post
- Decide on speakers –
 - Mark – Master of Ceremony and facilitate
 - Announcements during the poster session to write questions on the cards.
 - Introduction

- Take questions during Q&A session. Answers to all questions will be posted on the website.
 - Helps move the meeting along and get as many questions asked as possible.
 - Commissioners will consider public input to help with decision.
 - Background
 - Describe the water quality problems of the Puget Sound and particularly the Nisqually Reach
 - What are the issues with Nisqually.
 - Expectations of open house
 - Manage questions and answers
 - History
 - Have to form SPD – state mandated – describe why.
 - Describe the development of the recommendations report adopted by the Board in two different districts
 - Used best available science to make their conclusions
 - Collaboration and working together of agencies and citizens.
 - Public private working together is really remarkable.
 - Work includes all the other sources such as stormwater, agriculture, and the meeting tonight is to look at septic tanks.
 - Peter – give the Henderson story
 - Provide talking points
 - Tris –willing to be the committee spokesperson
 - Present the proposal
 - Q and A
 - Written questions
 - Appropriate staff will answer the questions
- Determine message – see above
 - Sign up for Open House Listening Posts
 - Several advisory committee members indicated they would attend and assist at open house.
 - One member of the public, a Henderson resident, in attendance. Asked questions of several committee members following the meeting. Had questions about program elements and water quality issues.