

## MASON COUNTY CLEAN WATER DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes for September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (via Zoom)

Red underline: 3/2/23 amendments

9/8/22 – CTO by Commissioner Shutty

**Welcome & Introductions:** Roll Call

Members:

- Erica Marbet – SIT
- Nick Schneider, Evan Bauder – MCD
- Kevin Shutty - BOCC
- Jason Ragan – Taylor Shellfish
- Kenny Oberg– City of Shelton
- Teri King – Citizen
- Glenn Landram – Citizen

Other Agencies/Public:

- Alena Reynolds – ECY
- Trevor Swanson – DOH
- Attendees from the Public: Constance Ibsen (LHCWC), Seth Book

County Staff:

- Ian Tracy, Travis Casey

Review Agenda: Agenda approved as presented.

Review of 6/9/22 Minutes: No comments. Minutes approved as presented.

### **Program Development**

- Travis Casey presented data from the August sampling events. This included fecal coliform or E. Coli, dissolved oxygen, and turbidity data for each stream.
- Trevor Swanson suggested mg/L, rather than percentage, as a measurement standard for dissolved oxygen.
- The need for easy public access to ambient monitoring data was expressed.
- Travis explained some difficulties with sampling during tidal inundation of certain streams and the need to possibly move some sampling locations further upstream.
- Teri King suggested the development of immediate response protocol following the identification of high turbidity in streams, so that such issues may be swiftly addressed. Immediate challenges in implementing such protocols were discussed.
- Alena Reynolds recommended Ecology's ERTS report form as a useful tool for reporting immediately apparent stream impairments, and mentioned WAC 173-201A-200 as a source for freshwater health criteria.

**Partner updates:**

- Erica Marbet provided updates on SIT sampling in the Skookum Valley area.
- Trevor Swanson provided updates on DOH's marine water data for the Oakland Bay and Annas Bay shellfish growing areas. Trevor reported that FC levels from an impaired stream on Oakland Bay have been steadily decreasing following action/outreach done at a farm that was impairing the stream.
- Alena Reynolds reported that she was planning to conduct some sampling of problem areas in the Oakland Bay and Skokomish watersheds.
- Kenny shared City of Shelton FC sampling results for Goldsborough Creek.
- Ian Tracy and Travis Casey discussed septic rebates available to the public through the HCRPIC program.
- Teri King proposed discussing emergency beach closures and DOH recreational shellfish beach classifications in the next meeting. She mentioned concerns about formerly "closed" beaches being redesignated by the DOH as "unclassified," as the change could cause confusion among property owners about whether or not their property is safe to harvest from. She mentioned wanting to see this discussion on the next meeting's agenda.

**Public Comments:**

- Constance Ibsen asked about public access to data stored in the Kitsap database and elsewhere.
- Seth Book asked Ian and Trevor about closed parcels that have since been changed to 'Unclassified.'

**Adjourned:** by members Commissioner Shutty and Teri King

Respectfully submitted:

Ian Tracy, EH Manager & JJ Stepan, EH Specialist