

MASON COUNTY CLEAN WATER DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes for June 12, 2024 (via Zoom)

Welcome & Introductions:

- Ian Tracy, MCPH | Kevin Shutty, BOCC
- Barbara Ann Smolko, South Sound Shellfish Recovery Project Coordinator | Terri King, Citizen
- Lea Shields, | Tamara Cowles, DOE
- JJ, MCPH | Alena Reynolds, Skokomish Tribe
- Trevor Swanson, DOH Shellfish | Seth Booke, Skokomish Tribe
- Art, Citizen | Rebecca Cohen, Taylor Shellfish
- Casey, MCPH | Nick Scheider, Conservation District
- Kenny Oberg, City of Shelton | Molly Paige, EYC
- Constance Ibsen, Citizen representing LHCWC | Erica Marbert, Squaxin Island

Review Agenda: The agenda was approved

Approval of Minutes: Terri motioned to approve minutes with a correction and seconded it to Ericka.
MOTION PASSED

Partner Updates:

- **Budget Spend-down:** Casey presented what has been spent and what remains. 51% of the yearly budget has been spent. At the next meeting, we were asked if the costs of ambient monitoring could be discussed. There has been an additional \$50,000 secured, with potentially more funding coming.
- **Barbara Ann:** We discussed more funding coming to MCPH. The MCPH portion of the budget will be \$238,000, with \$37,000 going to Public Works. Three plans are in the works. 1. Communication 2. Emergency response 3. Update Oakland Bay closure plan. There are some on-site components as well.
- **Trevor:** All growing areas in Oakland Bay have improved. Annas Bay station 195-197 has no downgrades. Lilliwaup sampling is taking place monthly to look at an upgrade. North Bay will be discussed at the next meeting.
- **Nick:** An update was given. 532 acres and 54 estuary acres have been registered, 404 site visits, 230 outreach invites, and 213 assists. There is potential funding on the table for another planner.
- **Erica:** There is a new GIS person and the complete map with all the data.
- **Environmental Health** is planning to do a water quality report and have it ready by the 1st weekend in October. BarbaraAnn has funding for that if needed.

Program Development/Proceedings:

- Ambient monitoring data updates: April and May were good. June had a few higher results, barely making state standards. The map now includes weather data to reflect numbers and is now color-coded. Vlad and JJ conducted shoreline surveys in Oakland Bay and Annas Bay, and they both look good. There were 2 high samples in Oakland Bay, one was a culvert by Oakland Bay Farms, and the other was a culvert by Eckler Rd. Annas Bay had 3 higher samples, but there was an overall improvement.
- Septic O/M Updates: Between March -June 3527 letters went out to properties with overdue maintenance records. There have been 247 permits issued for septic, 38 repairs, 39 tank only, and 167 septic designs. EH took in their 1st on-line septic design application. It is in the process to start advertising this soon.
- JJ and Vlad did outreach in Lilliwaup and Tahuya for overdue maintenance on septic systems. JJ did Tahuya and knocked on 40 doors, spoke to 15 people and 6 have had updated maintenance. Vlad had Lilliwaup and visited 19 properties, 1 system has been inspected.
- Andrea has been using online RME to diagnosis failures and start working with the property owners for repairs. Terri asked for the number of failures that have been found by using this database.

Oakland Bay Shellfish Growing Area upgrade

- Water Quality staff will be doing outreach on July 27th in Lake Limerick. Port of Allyn has agreed have an outreach for North Bay, date not determined yet.
- New By-Law discussion: Nick made a motion to approve the by-laws as presented, Kevin seconded the motion. MOTION PASSES