

Big Bend Shellfish Protection District Final Meeting

1/30/2018

10 am – 12 pm

Mason County Public Works

10:03 Meeting commences. Agenda times addressed. Introduction from citizens and agencies.

DOH conducted a quick overview of how Water Quality is determined for their annual reports. Stations 309, 292, 291 are monitored monthly for a two-and-a-half-year data set. Stations 223, 222, are monitored every other month for a five-year data set.

Water quality has improved. Station 292, with the highest levels, still meets standards. Rainfall events may not trigger future closures, once data is reviewed.

Parcel closures not impacted by a change in classification from Conditionally Approved to Approved. Parcel closures undergo a separate process of review.

Q: How long until reclassification or reopening of parcels?

A: After reports are compiled and reviewed by deadline of April 15th. From there, anywhere from July through September, depending on comments and data in report.

The seasonal closure at the Alderbrook Marina will stay in place.

Work will continue with individual parcels. High hits in the data are reviewed, which affects the response by focusing the work area and targeting specific parcels for education, rebates, records review, etc. Timeframes will be updated as they become known. Reviewed sample tables: Nothing above trigger levels.

Suggestion made about utilizing NASA satellite data.

Sample site I-055 is still high, within a parcel closure. Dry during the dry season, sampling and bracketing only possible in the wet season.

I-042 at Calm Cove, features more full-time residences. One dye test has been conducted with two more in the works. Small neighborhood with only six or seven potential contributing properties. No elevation on the shoreline.

Discussed response plan in the works for the two drainages into I-055 and I-042. Went over high hits sampled in the 2017 sample season. Discussed the impacts of these high hits in relation to marine stations meeting standards.

Continued work in the area discussed as apart of larger scope of work being conducted in Hood Canal. Concerns were voiced about losing momentum in Big Bend. It was noted that Big Bend is a Priority Area for future Hood Canal work.

Community engagement and community support for water quality work was discussed. Advisory committee expressed interest in continuing to support water quality. As work continues in Hood Canal, the advisory committee members will continue be updated.

Advisory Committee expressed interest in attending future commissioner meetings to help ensure momentum is not lost in improving water quality in Big Bend.

12:03 Meeting adjourns.