

PIC Task Force / Clean Water Workgroup Meeting

May 21, 2014

Dungeness River Audubon Center

9:30 am - 1:00 pm

Agenda

9:30	Introductions	Group
	1. PIC Task Force Work Items <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Follow-ups on Introduction and Pollution Prevention sections (Sections 1 and 2) of PIC Plan	Jennifer Bond <i>Clallam Conservation District/ Group Discussion</i>
	2. PIC Water Quality Enforcement Options: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Clallam County Enforcement Resources- WA Department of Ecology Enforcement Resources	Andy Brastad, <i>Clallam County</i> Derek Rockett, <i>DOE</i>
11:30	Break	
11:40	3. Streamkeepers Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">- PIC Plan Monitoring Program QAPP- Monitoring Funding Status	Ed Chadd <i>Streamkeepers</i>
12:00	4. City of Sequim Stormwater Management Needs Assessment	Ann Soule <i>City of Sequim</i>
12:10	5. DOH Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dungeness and Sequim Bay Monitoring Results/Status- Open/Closed Data Review for Reclassification	Amy Georgeson <i>WA Department of Health</i>
12:35	6. Clallam County Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Current Status of MRA Septic Inspections and Repairs	Andy Brastad and Janine Reed <i>Clallam County</i>
12:50	7. Other Announcements?	Group
12:55	8. Agenda items and follow-ups for next meeting	Group
1:00	Adjourn	

PIC Planning Meeting Notes

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Attendees: Jennifer Bond (Clallam Conservation District), Doug Ridgeway (Master Gardeners), Stephanie Zurenko (Dept. of Ecology), Derek Rockett (Dept. of Ecology), Ed Chadd (Streamkeepers), Carol Creasy (Clallam County Enviro. Health), Andy Brastadt (Clallam County Enviro. Health) Kevin LoPiccoli (Clallam County Dept. of Community Development), Neil Harrington (Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe), Shawn Hines (Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe), Hansi Hals (Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe), Lori DeLorm (Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe), Amy Georgeson (Dept. Of Health), Janine Reed (Clallam County Enviro. Health), Tammy Riddell (Dept. of Ecology), Ann Soule (City of Sequim), Matt Heins (Dungeness Farms)

PIC Plan Draft Update- The group reviewed sections of the PIC plan distributed to date (Sections 1 & 2). No specific comments on the latest drafts were provided.

PIC Enforcement – Group discussion regarding PIC enforcement resources and options. Section 4.5 of the PIC plan will describe how enforcement activities will occur during PIC clean-up projects. Jennifer passed out a 1-page overview of potential enforcement options. Clallam County Environmental Health (CCEH) had not provided comments prior to the meeting but Andy Brastad expressed concern about how their role is presented. CCEH is willing to deal with enforcement issues directly related to on-site septic systems (OSS) but does not want to have any enforcement role in pet, livestock or wildlife waste pollution issues. Andy expressed concern about receiving complaints that may result from the PIC activities but have no authority to address the potential issues. CCEH is unsure if they are willing to send out a form letter to owners of parcels that have been identified as sources of pollution. The group decided there should be one “umbrella” entity that is responsible for overseeing PIC activities, including interfacing with the public and being the primary contact for enforcement activities, and the general agreement was that it should be Clallam County.

There was consensus that agricultural parcels will be referred to CCD for technical assistance. CCD does not have any regulatory/enforcement authority. There was a general consensus that DOE should handle enforcement on agricultural properties but there was no consensus on who and how agricultural properties would be referred to DOE. Derek Rockett (DOE) said he rarely receives a complaint from our area and has never had a farm operator referred back to him by CCD. DOE is not out actively looking for water quality violations. They rely on a complaints from agencies and residents to learn about pollution problems and will then proceed with enforcement actions. They usually start by sending out a letter.

CCEH will conduct OSS enforcement activities including civil infractions but are still working on the details of how this will/can occur.

There was no consensus on who and how pet & wildlife waste concerns would be addressed and enforced. Jennifer shared information from Kitsap County’s PIC program. They updated their solid waste regulations to specifically address ground and surface water pollution from improperly managed pet and livestock waste.

The group decided to develop an enforcement sub-committee that is tasked with developing a flow chart describing how PIC enforcement activities will occur. Flow charts in existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) between Clallam County and DOE will be referred to when developing this flow chart.

Another issue that needs to be addressed is the protocol for correcting pollution problems when a source has been identified. Details such as who notifies the property owner of the problem and the process for connecting the property owner with an agency for assistance to correct the problem need to be defined. Enforcement will only occur when property owners refuse to work with agencies to try to correct the problem.

QAPP

Ed Chadd is under contract with Clallam Conservation District to create a QAPP for monitoring activities for the Trends Monitoring Program and PIC clean-up monitoring. He plans to submit the draft to the Clean Water Work Group (CWWG) for review. Discussion regarding what parameters will be monitored. For the Trends Monitoring Program, streams will be divided into Tier I and Tier II categories with Tier I streams being sampled monthly and Tier II streams being sampled quarterly. Tier I essential parameters will include fecal coliform, nutrients, temperature and salinity. Tier II essential parameters will include fecal coliform, temperature and salinity. Dissolved oxygen will be classified as an opportunistic parameter to monitor if resources allow. A sub-committee will meet to select sites for Trends monitoring activities. Jennifer will coordinate the sub-committee which needs to meet as soon as possible.