

PIC Public Meeting Notes

Dungeness Schoolhouse – December 11, 2014

Task Force/Partner Attendees – Andy Brastad (CCEH), Hansi Hals (JSKT), Joe Holtrop (CCD), Jennifer Bond (CCD), Matt Heins (CCD), Amy Georgeson (DOH), Stephanie Zurenko (DOE), Bob Simmons (WSU), Janine Reed (CCEH), Douglas Ridgeway (Master Gardeners), Kevin LoPiccolo (DCD)

Introductions – Andy Brastad facilitated the meeting and introduced PIC program partners. Amy Georgeson spoke briefly about DOH’s support of the PIC plan and goals for improving water quality in Dungeness Bay. Stephanie Zurenko spoke briefly regarding DOE’s support of the PIC plan and their willingness to partner, when needed, on implementation of the plan. Meeting attendees introduced themselves as well.

Draft PIC Plan

Jennifer Bond (CCD) gave a presentation on the draft PIC plan including a brief discussion of each of the major sections in the plan. Hardcopies of the plans were available for the public and instructions were provided on how to obtain electronic copies of the plan as well. Comments will be accepted through December 22 and the final plan will be available in January.

PIC Pilot Project

Andy gave a presentation on the upcoming PIC pilot project which is proposed for the Meadowbrook and Cooper creek drainages. The presentation included a history of water quality problems in the Dungeness watershed and a review of nonpoint pollution sources.

Public Comment/Questions

- Suggestion that the shellfish growers, who directly benefit from improved water quality, financially support the implementation of the PIC plan
- It was noted that it is very important to provide regular feedback to residents as the PIC project is implemented. Suggestion to post public meetings, PIC information and related events on a newly created “Dungeness neighbors” Facebook page
- Comment that some of the Three Crabs area residents feel “picked on or targeted” when it comes to water quality projects.
- It was pointed out that less than half the 3 Crabs Road residents are permanent.
- How will the proposed 3 Crabs restoration work and road realignment impact water quality improvement efforts?
- How recently were the water quality samples taken? A lot has changed in the past few years. Samples were collected within the past two years.
- Hansi Hals of the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe answered a question about the impact of wildlife on water quality and the microbial source tracking study. It was explained that of the fecal coliform samples analyzed, approximately 60% could be traced to birds (this is inaccurate; it was actually 42%). Both humans and dogs were identified in about 7% of the samples (dogs represented only 4.3%).