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AGENDA

Pollution Identification & Correction Planning Meeting
1:00PM - 3:00PM; October 23, 2014
Sequim Library

1:00 – 1:05 Introductions

1:05-1:15 Update - PIC Plan presentations to:

- DRMT (10-8-14)
- Board of Health (10-21-14)

1:15 – 1:25 Draft PIC plan review

1:25 – 2:45 PIC Project Work Area Rating Criteria

- Review draft rating procedure and criteria (Appendix G)
- Prioritize streams for PIC project implementation using Appendix G

2:45 – 3:00 Timeline for public comment/review of draft PIC plan

- Public workshop & comment period

PIC Meeting Notes

Sequim Library – October 23, 2014

Attendees – Andy Brastad (CCEH), Hansi Hals (JSKT), Lori DeLorm (JSKT), Joe Holtrop (CCD), Jennifer Bond (CCD), Matt Heins (CCD), Stephanie Zurenko (DOE), Ivan Stocker (Graysmarsh), Clea Rome (WSU), Janine Reed (CCEH), Douglas Ridgeway (Master Gardeners), Kevin LoPiccolo (DCD)

PIC Plan Update

Jennifer and Andy gave a presentation on the draft PIC plan to the DRMT meeting on 10-8-14 and Jennifer gave a presentation to the Board of Health on 10-21-14. Both groups were in support of the plan. Jennifer requested that they submit comments/feedback on the draft plan as soon as possible. Hansi also briefed the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe’s Natural Resources Committee on the status of the PIC plan.

An updated draft of the PIC plan was circulated via email prior to the meeting and several hard copies were passed out during the meeting. Jennifer has only received minor comments on this latest version of the plan. The final plan will be presented at the next DRMT meeting on November 10th and the Board of Health meeting on November 18th. The plan will be officially released for public comment following those meetings.

Clea indicated that WSU was willing to help with the implementation of the PIC plan by coordinating outreach efforts. She was told by Bob Simmons that funding would be available to pay for a part-time employee for two years. Andy indicated that there was not funding in the implementation grant to cover a part-time employee with WSU and that he and Clea needed to meet to further clarify.

Andy was asked about Environmental Health’s staffing plans for PIC project implementation. He indicated that Environmental Health would not be hiring any additional staff for PIC program coordination but would rely on existing staff. When asked about their ability to take on new work, he said that some grants will be ending, so staff resources could potentially be reassigned to PIC.

PIC Project Work Area Rating Criteria

Jennifer presented the draft Appendix G – PIC Project Work Area Rating Criteria & Worksheet. The group did not have any updates to the narrative section of the appendix but did have some suggested edits for the rating worksheet. It was suggested that a minimum and maximum range for fecal coliform bacteria be added to the worksheet and a column be added for size/area of the sub-watershed (drainage area) to help evaluate the overall impact to marine waters. There was some discussion about how to utilize the various nutrient parameters in the rating but no decision was made.

Lori DeLorm passed out a map of the PIC Trends Monitoring sites. Group suggested creating a map with the location of both commercial and recreational shellfish harvesting areas and public access areas. Also suggested adding layers showing the sub-basin drainage areas. It was suggested that Meadowbrook Slough and Meadowbrook Creek be combined into one sub-basin.

The group proceeded to identify a project area for the PIC Pilot project using a report created by Streamkeepers that summarizes data from the 15 most recent water quality samples for Trends monitoring streams. Agnew Creek had the highest geometrick mean for fecal coliform, but this was

based on only four samples taken in the summer of 2009, and the group concluded that there was inadequate data that was too old to base a decision on. The group discussion then focused on the “Three Crabs” area, which includes Golden Sands Slough, Meadowbrook Slough, Meadowbrook Creek and Cooper Creek. After some discussion the consensus was to select this area as the priority project area for pilot implementation of the PIC plan. Factors that guided the selection of this project area included:

- Documented water pollution
- Known OSS failures
- Impact to both recreational and commercial shellfish beds
- Recent projects and studies, including TMDLs, the 3 Crabs Area Assessment and the Alternative Sewage Treatment Feasibility Study
- A relatively small area to focus on
- Good working relationship/contacts with local residents

Jennifer and Joe will complete Table 1 in Appendix G (Project Area Rating Worksheet) and email it to the group for review.

Timeline for public comment/review of draft PIC plan

Jennifer discussed the timeframe for releasing the draft plan for public review. The goal is to officially release the draft PIC plan to the public in late November/early December. Grant contract requires a public meeting to introduce the plan. Group discussion regarding the public meeting; most felt that the Dungeness Schoolhouse would be a good venue, especially because it is located in Three Crabs area, which is the proposed PIC Pilot project area. Plans for the public meeting include a brief presentation on the draft PIC plan, information on the upcoming PIC pilot project and maps of the CWD and proposed Pilot project area.