

**Surface and Stormwater Management Program
Advisory Committee Meeting
April 19, 2007**

Attendees: Dave Tucker, Public Works; Paul Dorn (Chair), Suquamish Tribe; Patty Charnas (Vice Chair), DCD/NR, Val Koehler, Kathy Peters; Jeff Bauman, City of Poulsbo; Melva Hill, City of Bainbridge Island; Stuart Whitford, KCHD; Joy Garitone, KCD; Jeff Adams, Sea Grant

Information Sharing:

PW: Dave reported that on Monday, April 23, the Board of Commissioners will present a series of Earth Day awards. The Program has awarded four Clean Water Partnership awards in the areas of agricultural, septic, Stream Team volunteer and stormwater management.

DCD: Patty gave a brief overview of Natural Resources ongoing projects related to salmon restoration, watershed planning and public education and outreach. They are also involved in the Kitsap Nearshore Salmon Habitat Assessment. She also explained their involvement in the Chico Creek restoration project. They are working on the stormwater infiltration grant, which identified potential areas for enhancing stormwater infiltration adjacent to residential developments.

Poulsbo: Jeff reported that the update of the stormwater master plan had been put aside for a couple of years. They have since resurrected the plan and hope to have a draft of their stormwater plan for public and agency review in late May early June.

Stream Team: Val reported that Stream Team is working primarily on education and outreach. The Nearshore Assessment is high on their priority list at this time. They were involved in some Earth Day events.

Sea Grant: Jeff reported that they are working on stormwater education events and possibly picking up on the Puget Sound Action Team's two-year plan. They are preparing a workshop for shoreline owners in the Kingston area. They will also be coordinating with the County on the Near Shore Assessment project.

Bainbridge Island: Melva reported that Bainbridge has several job openings and also a large overstock of intern applications. Patty offered a website for applications for interns to work on the nearshore assessment.

KCHD: Stuart reported that they are concentrating on various complaint responses at this time. Also the ongoing cleanup projects in Hood Canal and Dyes Inlet and Enetai Creek. He explained that Hood Canal has been surveyed from the Mason County line north through Port Gamble Bay. All failures found are either repaired or in the process. He also reported that the Cascadia low interest loan program for failing septic systems has begun. The hope is the Legislature will match the \$3 million Gates-Russel Grant to

ensure the stability into the future. KCHD will try a new technique for source identification. They will be working with the Manchester Lab and EPA who will provide analysis at no cost.

KCD: Joy reported that KCD has been involved in public education and wrapping up their AFO/CAFO project. This program provided BMPs for large feeding operations and proved to be very successful. They have received another round of money and are in design phase for these funds. She also reported that they have an upcoming open house and have been conducting real estate workshops. A Centennial grant for 7-streams is paying the tuition for agents to attend the workshops put on by WSU Thurston County. The District is also focusing on low impact development.

Grant Initiatives/Opportunities: Dave reported that the legislature has provided the Department of Ecology some grant monies related to stormwater management and other related activities. One is \$9 mil, of which \$7 mil is for Puget Sound, possibly 10% for competitive grants for shellfish closure areas. Approximately \$1 mil would be open for general competitive grants and the rest, \$75,000 to \$100,000, will be given to local governments to initiate Phase II of the stormwater permit process. The open competition will concern either sediments, shellfish, or Phase II. Other grants include \$14 to \$24 mil, depending on which bill gets passed, for water quality programs, low impact development, stormwater retrofits and other programs. Paul suggested a group effort on the applications. Dave explained that one of the thoughts would be to give preference to regional projects. A discussion of possible projects followed.

Approve Minutes of February 1 Meeting: Meeting did not have a quorum of voting members, so the minutes will have to be approved at the next meeting.

Nearshore Presentation: Jeff Adams explained that he has taken on the role of organizing the meetings for the nearshore project, the most recent meeting being a model for future meetings. Speakers from USGS working in Liberty Bay were present. Having this elaborate research project by a federal agency combined with local expertise highlights just what the group represents. Jeff explained that the group has been around for about three years. They formed to provide form for people involved in nearshore activities to exchange information that could be used for outreach, find out what is happening within the county, and project coordination. This was the impetus for shoreline workshops, which have been very successful. The next meeting will focus on climate change and the effects on Puget Sound. He also reported that there is a major grant program for the Puget Sound Nearshore estuaries. He said they are hoping to do strategic planning for education and outreach in the near future. A discussion of coordinated education and outreach efforts for the nearshore followed. A discussion of USGS efforts in Liberty Bay also followed, with Kathy Peters sharing her extensive notes from the presentation. Jeff will post the presentation for interested parties.

Puget Sound Initiative: Patty explained that the Governor's Puget Sound Initiative involves protecting and restoring Puget Sound. She introduced Kathy Peters,

explaining that she is Lead Entity for salmon recovery in East Kitsap County working through the Department of Community Development/Natural Resources.

Patty gave a presentation on the county shoreline master program. She explained that they are preparing a work plan. She went on to describe the East Kitsap Nearshore Salmon Habitat Assessment, which specifically relates to salmon and their habitat and restoration, but will also furnish information relating to the shoreline. At this point, she presented a slide show. She explained that the assessment has to specifically address the protection, conservation and restoration of endangered salmon habitat. The slide show gave a complete overview of the nearshore assessment project. Patty explained what the project would cover, how it would be conducted and what the benefits to shoreline communities would be. Dave suggested connecting with public works' water quality personnel for data information.

Kathy Peters explained that she was hired as the Lead Entity for East Kitsap. She gave background information on what spurred the salmon recovery project. Background information included what groups were involved in the East Kitsap Salmon Recovery process, the reason for the group to combine into the Westsound Watersheds Council. She went on to explain how entities such as the Puget Sound Action Team, etc. have been absorbed into the Puget Sound Partnership. She explained how Kitsap County applied and received a Watershed Protection and Restoration grant, which enabled various municipalities to form the Westsound Watersheds Council. She further discussed the importance of this group making sure that, due to its uniqueness, Kitsap interests and needs are understood at the state level. She reported that the Puget Sound Partnership bill was approved in the Senate on Tuesday and is scheduled for a signing ceremony on May 1 and will be announcing the chair of that group at that time. The executive director and leaders for the recovery council should be announced by the end of June. September 08 is the deadline for the action plan, with 2010, all RCW's about water and salmon should be dovetailed into the Puget Sound Partnership Plan. A discussion of the members of the Westsound Watersheds Council followed.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting: Dave suggested that with the NPDES permitting process looming, a presentation on permit requirements seemed appropriate. He also suggested the preliminary stormwater plans as another topic. He also suggested that extended meetings be called to further discuss the plans, which are due by March 08. Melva suggested discussions on interagency sharing such as training opportunities. A discussion of upcoming subjects followed.

A tentative agenda includes: NPDES sharing, a brief grant update and an update on the nearshore assessment.

Motion made and seconded, meeting adjourned at 3:25.