

Hood Canal Coordinating Council

JEFFERSON, KITSAP & MASON COUNTIES;
PORT GAMBLE S'KLALLAM & SKOKOMISH TRIBES



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors – Draft Meeting Summary

20 May 2015; 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Baymont Inn and Suites, 5460 Kitsap Way, Bremerton, WA

HCCC Board of Directors Present

David Herrera, Skokomish Tribe

Paul McCollum, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe

Phil Johnson, Jefferson County

Randy Neatherlin, Mason County

Rob Gelder, Kitsap County

Terri Jeffreys, Mason County

Exofficio Members Present

Sally Toteff, Washington State Dept. of Ecology

Stacy Vynne, Puget Sound Partnership

Teri King, Partnership Ecosystem Coordination Board for Hood Canal

HCCC Staff Present

Patty Michak, Mitigation Program Manager

Robin Lawlis, Administrative Program Manager

Scott Brewer, Executive Director

Call to Order, Introductions, Approval of Meeting Agenda

Randy Neatherlin, HCCC Chair, called the meeting to order. A quorum was present. The Chair requested that at 1:12 PM the Board add a discussion of HCCC recognition. Dave Herrera requested time to make a comment afterward. A motion was made by Phil Johnson to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Rob Gelder and the motion was approved.

Public Comment

Randy Neatherlin, HCCC Chair, opened the meeting for public comments. Constance Ibsen asked if the audience would be permitted to ask questions directly after the HCPIC presentations. The Chair will allow comments thereafter.

Randy announced that the HCCC received an award from the Greater Peninsula Conservancy for mitigation efforts the Irene Pond project and asked the Board to consider a motion to allow Patty Michak, Mitigation Program Manager, to personally accept that award as she was directly responsible for the results of that effort. The motion was made and approved by the Board.

Consent Items

All matters listed under Consent Items have been distributed to each member of the Board for reading and study, are considered to be routine, and will be enacted by one motion of the Board with no separate discussion. If a separate discussion is desired, that item may be removed from the Consent Items and placed as an additional topic by request.

1. Draft Board Meeting Summary 14 April 2015
2. Cash Disbursements: March 2015

3. Expenditures: July 2013 – March 2015

HCCC Board Outcome: A motion was made by Rob Gelder to approve the consent items; seconded by Paul McCollum and the motion was approved.

Dave Herrera thanked the HCCC Board, staff and members' staff for their well wishes and support during his recovery.

Hood Canal Regional Pollution Identification and Correction Program (HCRPIC) Update

Member jurisdictions—Kitsap County (Leslie Banigan, and Stuart Whitford); Mason County (Cindy Waite); Jefferson County (Mike Dawson); Skokomish Tribe (Seth Book); and Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe (Paul McCollum) Amy Georgeson the Dept. of Health--presented water quality successes and discussed the coordinated approach to protecting and improving water quality in Hood Canal. A Board Briefing Memo was distributed.

Leslie began stating that this is a historic moment as this program has become a model for local partnerships. She went on to provide an overview of the HCRPIC program. The regional pollution and identification and correction goals according to the Hood Canal Aquatic Rehabilitation Technical Advisory workgroup were identified as: (1) develop a regional PIC program to protect and restore Hood Canal water quality; (2) clean up and prevent fecal pollution from human and animal waste that threatens public health and shellfish growing areas, (3) restore and protect Hood Canal habitat, and (4) further water quality goals through efficient, prioritized, coordinated responses by Hood Canal Action Area jurisdictions.

The HCRPIC planning phase, conducted between May 2012 and April 2014, was funded by the EPA National Estuary Restoration Program (NEP) through a grant from Washington State Dept. of Health (WSDOH). The HCRPIC regional team developed planning documents that are available on the HCCC website (hccc.wa.gov).

In addition, the prioritization and ranking processes including maps were reviewed. HCRPIC funding, planning and implementation highlights and next steps were outlined. Kitsap County's total maximum daily loads (TMDL's) and local pollution control plans and progress were explained. Sally Toteff recognized Kitsap County's lead on this program. Jefferson County discussed Hood Canal clean streams data, shoreline surveys, and various areas of ongoing and upcoming work. Mason County has scanned all environmental health records for on-line access, which allows for a thorough database to track maintenance, target problems areas, and efficiently conduct other PIC work. The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe has a portable hot spot auto sampler and has worked with members to identify priority areas to conduct samples. The Skokomish Tribe considers Hoodsport as a significant area to coordinating the efforts of the PIC program because they are most familiar with the issues. They are also working with the Dept. of Health on sampling and marine monitoring to expedite the process on effects of shellfish harvesting. For more information on the HCRPIC Program efforts, refer to the (PowerPoint) presentations on the HCCC website.

Board discussion: Paul said we need sampling tools for the shellfish beds and this HCRPIC program could pilot this for everyone. Dave said the program is focused on septic systems and nearshore areas and that the next steps are to identify best management practices (BMP's) for ag lands. He is upset about the way we refer state-wide to the need to develop BMP's, when we already have plenty of scientific studies that show that we already know the actions we need to take to protect water quality on agricultural lands. The HCCC action area has little agriculture land left. We need to use our education and outreach programs to show what we know about agriculture lands to identify what we can do to help famers meet water quality standards and provide leadership in our areas and region-wide. Teri Jeffreys said there is an opportunity in the new EPA funding model to work with the Partnership to have regionalized PIC as a priority and would like HCCC to explore that option. Randy said he is also fan of this program

because of the actions and getting funding to find out what hasn't been done to make fixes is important. Teri King suggested coordinating with Washington Sea Grant Program on testing. Amy Georgeson noted we are required by the FDA to perform a sanitary shoreline survey at least every 12 years (rotate between fresh and marine waters). If the surveys aren't done the FDA can stop harvesting of shellfish. Randy suggested coordinating volunteers for testing similar to the Lower Hood Canal Watershed Coalition, to help with efforts (and it's important to recognize the volunteer efforts). Teri Jeffreys said there are gaps with volunteers and they would need to be highly managed. Teri King explained sampling done by volunteers currently. Sally Toteff asked about monitoring to see ability of shoreline and streams. Amy responded that we are not far enough along in the process, although we have a coordinated effort and some of that information; generally the larger flows are used for measuring standards.

HCCC Board outcome: HCCC Board was provided with updates on progress of the Hood Canal Pollution and Identification Program

Public Comments

Randy Neatherlin opened the meeting for public comments. Constance Ibsen said there appears to be a downgrade in Alderbrook Big Bend and wants to know if the HCCC will mobilize to look at the area. She also asked if there a public restriction on shellfish harvesting. Response: yes, Kitsap County is monitoring and updated Mason County in February; property owners have made repairs as a prioritized area. They will do actual shoreline monitoring in addition for hot spots. The offices haven't finalized closures, but it depends on the amount of rainfall and they don't close for recreational harvest.

Executive Session - In Lieu Fee (ILF) Mitigation Program

The Chair announced that the purpose of the Executive Session is by reason of RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate. The executive session will end at 3:15 PM. No action is expected. In the interest of time, we will forego the executive director's report, previously scheduled. Subsequently, at 3:15 PM the Board announced that an extension of 15 minutes was needed to complete the session.

Adjournment and Next Meeting

Randy Neatherlin adjourned the meeting at 3:30 PM. The next meeting is the Annual Meeting and Retreat of the HCCC Board of Directors, Wednesday, 17 June 2015, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Best Western Silverdale Beach Hotel, 3073 NW Bucklin Hill Road, Silverdale, WA. For more information about Board meetings, contact Robin Lawlis, 360-394-0046 or rlawlis@hccc.wa.gov.

Approval of Board of Directors Meeting Summary

HCCC Chair