# Hood Canal Coordinating Council

Jefferson, Kitsap & Mason Counties; Port Gamble S'Klallam & Skokomish Tribes

## Hood Canal Regional Pollution Identification and Correction Program

### Guidance Group Meeting Summary

**Thursday, March 21, 2019; 12:30 – 3:30 pm**

HCCC Offices: 17791 Fjord Drive NE, Suite 124; Poulsbo, WA

**Attendees**:

Susan Gulick, Sound Resolutions
Nate White, Hood Canal Coordinating Council (HCCC)
Leslie Banigan, Kitsap County Public Health District (phone)
Mike Dawson, Jefferson County, Environmental Public Health (phone)
Ian Rork, Kitsap County Public Health District
Grant Holcroft, Kitsap County Public Health District
Paul McCollum, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe
Katie Otanez, Mason County Public Health
Travis Casey, Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group (HCSEG)
Julian Sammons, Skokomish Tribe
Dave Kangiser, WA Dept. of Health

Workplan Updates:

| | Mason | Kitsap | Jefferson |
|---|---|---|---|
| Number of hotspots identified | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| Number of hotspots closed | 6 (rolled over from Phase 2) | 0 | ? |
| Number of parcels reopened | 1 (greywater discharge in Lilliwaup) | 18 recommended of 21 of priority parcels | ? |
| Number of acres upgraded | 0 | 80 | ? |
| Number of vouchers distributed | ? | 451 | ? |
| Number of vouchers redeemed | 35 | 48 | ? |
| Number of site inspections completed | 100 | 88 | ? |
| Number of OSS failures identified | 10 | 5 | 40 |
| Number of OSS failures corrected | 3 | 4 | ? |
| Number of livestock problems identified | 0 | 2 | ? |
| Miles of surveys conducted in priority shoreline areas | 6.3 | .80 | ? |

- Jefferson County is working on providing some of this information; they do not track data in the same manner as Mason or Kitsap Counties.

Success stories:
- HCSEG:
  - The large number of volunteers who participated
- Mason:
  - Funding allowed us to focus on Hoodsport and conduct lots of investigations and monitoring

- o Two failing septic systems were repaired in a hotspot area near Big Bend Creek

Vouchers:
- The Guidance Group discussed what data has been collected so that the counties can report consistent information.
- Mason has information on the number of vouchers redeemed for O&M, pumping, risers, or repairs
- Jefferson has information on the address, date rebate request/received, and parcel number. They only use vouchers for O&M inspections and riser installations
- Kitsap has the most robust list of information on vouchers distributed and redeemed. They want to show how effective these grants are, especially since there is not a lot of money available for vouchers.
- If there is a phase 4 grant, we will develop a template at the beginning so that all counties are collecting the same information.
- Susan and Leslie will pare down Kitsap's list to what other counties are tracking for Phase II reporting.

Mapping and Outreach Contracts:
- Mapping:
  - o Gretchen Peterson will be the mapping contractor for the Phase 3 report.
  - o She is asking for all data by April 1.
- Outreach:
  - Marie Novak of Cascadia Consulting is the project manager for the outreach contract. She is working on design ideas and will have be working throughout the spring. Cascadia is preparing two deliverables:
    - o Two, 2-page handouts will be prepared.
      - ▪ One focuses on communicating the Phase 3 PIC program/results
      - ▪ The second focuses on why ongoing funding is needed from decision-makers

Phase 3 reporting:
- Ian and others at Kitsap County are gathering Phase 3 data from partners and putting it into the Storet database. Storet is hosted by EPA
- These data not used or mapped in the final report; this is more of a data dump.
- Susan and Leslie are coordinating data gathering for the reporting and mapping for the Phase 3 Final Report and reporting to DOH on the grant deliverables.

Sustainable Funding Efforts:
- The Guidance Group discussed sustainable funding efforts in each County, and the need for secure regional funding.
  - o Mason Co
    - ▪ Looking into a county-wide clean water assessment to fund their PIC program
    - ▪ Mason County is also trying to secure money through Foundation for Public Health (public health money from the legislature) for water quality efforts
  - o Kitsap Co
    - ▪ Has sustainable funding (Clean Water Kitsap), but has no voucher funding (can't gift public money to private individuals/property)
  - o Jefferson Co
    - ▪ Has some funding through a Shellfish Protection District (paid for through an assessment), but not enough for all the work that needs to get done
    - ▪ They are also continually chasing grants, which is inefficient.

HCRPIC Phase 4:
- HCCC applied for a $750,000 four-year grant for HCRPIC. They were awarded a $200,000, two-year grant.  This was very disappointing and will require re-thinking the regional PIC program.
- Whatcom, Skagit need to get their 1,600 acres of closed shellfish beds delisted to meet statewide Shellfish Initiative, so most money went to them (plus Thurston's PIC program was expanded county-wide).
- The Guidance Group discussed some initial ideas for Phase 4, but most of this discussion will be postponed until Haley returns from maternity leave.
- Leslie provided some ideas via an e-mail.
- The group discussed reducing the number of in-person meetings to save money.
- Haley is still working on the story map and will finish that after she returns.
- It was suggested that leveraging Hood Canal Shellfish Initiative buzz to advocate for more PIC funding could be helpful.
- Skokomish Tribe does lab testing of water quality which saves Mason County from doing this. Mason relies on coordination to save costs.
- A potential deliverable in Phase 4 could be a white paper on handheld E Coli detection equipment, process, and effectiveness.
- A new QAPP will not be needed if we apply for more funds for phase 4.


Other Issues:
- Partners must get all final data to Susan and Leslie ASAP. Field work is done and it is time for reporting and analysis.
- Mark your calendars for the July 17 HCCC Board Meeting when the Phase 3 report will be presented.  Sustainable funding may also be discussed at this meeting.
- Could HCCC store the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribes auto sampler at their office? PIC partners could borrow it as needed.

Next Meeting:
- The next meeting will be on July 11, 12:30-3:30 PM.  Haley should be back from maternity leave.
- Agenda items include:
    o Final report
    o Phase 4 Scope of Work and Budget
    o Sustainable funding
    o Story map
    o Outreach materials