



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, September 13, 2018; 12:30 – 3:30 pm

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

Attendees:

Susan Gulick, Sound Resolutions
Glen Gately, Jefferson Conservation District
Leslie Banigan, Kitsap Public Health District
Jean Frost, WA Dept. of Health
Travis Casey, Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group
Mike Dawson, Jefferson County
Tim Weissman, Jefferson County
Seth Book, Skokomish Tribe
Julian Sammons, Skokomish Tribe
Katie Otanez, Mason County
Alex Paysse, Mason County
Haley Harguth, Hood Canal Coordinating Council
Sam Phillips, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe
Laurie, Niewolny, WA Dept. of Ecology (via phone)

1. Workplan Updates

Kitsap Public Health District (KPHD)

- 86 acres have been upgraded from prohibited to approved in Port Gamble Bay due to the decommissioning of a wastewater treatment plant outfall. Geoduck sampling has been clean.
- No hotspots were identified.
- 0.38 miles were surveyed.
 - HC 1 Lofall dock, nothing over threshold (7 surveys)
 - HC 1 Vinland Creek area, above and below problem area. This will be repeated two more times. (11 surveys)
 - HC 1 Lutes Creek (2 surveys)
- Vouchers: KPHD distributed 450 notifications of voucher availability and processed 18 vouchers. Nine of these have OSS issues. In addition, approximately 20 vouchers are pending and will be followed up in October.
- KPHD would like to see the voucher mailings from other counties.
- KPHD has conducted 61 site inspections and has 1 pending. These inspections identified:
 - 4 failures
 - 4 corrections

- No livestock problems
- 11 concerns
- 41 no problems
- 5 no records

Jefferson County

- Mike is providing data to Susan who is uploading it to the cumulative data sheets.
- Anna is working on the Central HC PIC project, meeting with 2 homeowner associations, etc.
- *Pleasant Harbor/Black Point Area*
 - PR 50 – not occupied, difficult to reach landowner, dry, will follow up in fall
 - PR 77 – discharge from sump pump. Repair is complete. Close to final.
 - New hotspot was found in Duckabush area (Petitjean Creek). Surveys found bootlegged system (cesspool close to creek). They are working on a temporary sanitation measure until permanent repair is completed. The landowner is interested in Craft3 or USDA loan.
- *Pierce Creek* – They have surveyed almost all properties, only 2 left.
- Surveys:
 - 28 in Duckabush (15 failures) (63 total sites with issues in Duckabush area)
 - 9 in Pleasant Harbor
 - 1 in Dosewallips
- No livestock issues
- Dry season shoreline surveys completed; monthly stream monitoring wrapping up in October. The results have generally been clean.
- *Quilcene/Dabob*:
 - Herb Beck Marina
 - There is a septic issue at the marina, to be resolved in September. There was a very high hit in marine water (at swimming beach outside marina).
 - Drainfield is upland, steam runs through beach. There may be a failing system draining into stream.
 - Drainfield suspected failure nearby, working on removing structures on drainfield, now current on O&M.
 - Big Quilcene
 - Lots of fishermen are congregating, and they are adding a sanican to accommodate the crowd. They are monitoring regularly, will shut down access if it gets bad. WDFW is helping with enforcement.
 - There is a shellfish growing area nearby.
 - Tribes will want to be part of decision process regarding closure.
 - DOH wants to know if human waste is being found. They will close a growing area based on potential pollution, not just WQ data. DOH could pressure WDFW to respond.
 - HCSEG walks area surveying for knotweed every summer, could train them to also look for waste.

- County wants to prepare for the fishing season next year, coordinate with tribes, HCSEG, agencies.
- 10 surveys were completed, 9 were denied
- Parcels were upgraded around Herb Beck Marina, Pleasant Harbor (Jean will follow up with acreage)
- No hotspots
- ~1/2 mile shoreline surveyed
- No new livestock problems
 - Donovan Creek issue still present. JCCD working with landowner to implement BMPs (on hold due to staff reductions).
- Vouchers: distribution slowed down this summer, but septic classes in fall will lead to more.
- 1 OSS failure, repair in progress.

Mason County

- Mason County has had some staff changes: Alex Paysse was hired as the environmental health manager, replacing Debbie Riley. There is a new WQ staff person working on HCRPIC.
- 1 new hotspot was identified. Seven have been closed.
- Vouchers are being distributed. 20 have been distributed around Annas Bay area
- 2 failures have been identified and are waiting on repairs
- No livestock problems
- Katie has begun working in Annas Bay. She has mostly been working mostly on investigating current problems
- Mason has conducted 3.4 miles surveys in Hoodspport. They do not plan on conducting more shoreline surveys in the rest of Phase 3. They are focusing on investigations unless problems referred to them
 - Public bathroom in Hoodspport submitted design for new drainfield
 - All marine stations showing good water quality
 - Ice cream shop: tenant monitoring use of bathrooms, pumping up to date, Sani can installed for customers, no surfacing sewage or discharge currently
 - H27: high samples at dive house that was clean in summer; investigating source
 - HS 017
 - Finch Cr: sent notice & order to contact county at last property on Finch Cr. Rd to repair, currently rented
- N. Hoodspport
 - H007: new hotspot, geomean clean in summer, will continue to monitor in wet season
- Big Bend:
 - 2 parcel closures
 - I55: will dye test as much as possible in wet season
 - 2 properties closest to drainage on concern list
 - I042: Calm Cove: 1 failure across street from shoreline, working on repair
- HC 9
 - Failure identified on tank behind bulkhead, repair in progress; bulkhead repairs underway

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Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group (HCSEG)

- HCSEG is monitoring 12 sites every 3 weeks.
- Devereaux Creek was too dry to sample the last three sampling events
- Finch Cr had a high hit a few months ago
- Union River had high hits recently
 - HCSEG will coordinate with Mason Co to investigate
- Tahuya had a high hit last month, but has been low since
- Mulberg Cr had a high hit this month
- HCSEG is entering the sampling data into the database

Skokomish Tribe

- Julian has been sampling around Hoodspout and in the Skokomish Valley.
 - They obtained first rain samples; there were numerous TNTCs (too numerous to count) on bigger streams. There are lots of livestock in riparian areas and little fencing. They are not meeting TMDL dry season standards; high groundwater in the area impacts OSS.
 - Annas Bay SPD includes valley; Skokomish Watershed Action Team (SWAT) interested in Katie presenting to them
- Julian and Seth explained the proposed changes to state water quality standards, and the Guidance Group discussed. The Guidance Group would like someone from Ecology to come to a future meeting and explain the changes and potential implications.

Kitsap Conservation District

- They are working on agriculture & rainfall programs
- 32 raingardens have been installed in Hood Canal watersheds
- 3 projects installing pervious pavements have been completed
- 4 softened landscape installations have also been completed.
- They are currently working with 5 landowners (2 referrals).

Jefferson Conservation District

- Chimacum Creek farm CREP project has a final planting this winter
- Glenn has Discovery Bay watershed water quality data 25 years. He will share the data reports/literature

Department of Health (DOH)

- DOH is finishing a shoreline survey in Hood Canal 3, which will be finalized by end of year. They are using Jefferson County onsite data. This will be finalized by the end of the year.
- They are also working on a shoreline survey of Port Gamble Bay later this fall. DOH staff will request info from PGST on OSS/PIC work in area. They will coordinate on any follow up sampling
- DOH is also reviewing the Hoodspout data in fall to see if reclassification is possible

- Skokomish shellfish crew has been surveying shellfish in the Hoodsport area to prep for future harvest
- **DOH reminder: *If anyone finds failures in approved shellfish areas, notify DOH immediately and keep them apprised of any repairs. It is also important to alert county health departments as appropriate.***

2. Phase 3 Success Stories

- Potentially Big Bend, once repairs are made
- Annas Bay closure response plan (done faster due to grant funding)
- Capacity support for Shellfish Protection District response plans, which otherwise were unfunded; quicker more thorough response, allows immediate implementation with grant funds
- Potentially Hoodsport reclassification
- KPHD vouchers finding ½ of OSS needing service

3. Contract Amendment

- It is possible that DOH will extend the deadline to allow more work to be completed and fully use funding.
- Haley will follow up with updates. Contract amendments will likely occur before our next Guidance Group meeting; be looking for emails with information, will need prompt responses

4. Next meeting

- December 13, 2018, from 12:30-3:30
- Agenda items:
 - Ecology water quality standards update
 - Decision-maker presentation to HCCC Board
 - Timeline for final report

5. Other Issues

- Jefferson County is applying for a centennial grant for foundational monitoring program for east county clean water district. They will be seeking letters of support.