

# Stillaguamish River Clean Water District Advisory Board

Meeting Summary – FINAL  
Thursday, June 25, 2015 5:30 – 7:30 PM  
Peace Lutheran Church, Silvana

## BOARD MEMBERS

*Single Family-North  
Fork Stillaguamish*  
Dale Shelton

*Single Family-South  
Fork Stillaguamish*  
Vacant

*Single Family-Main  
Stem Stillaguamish*  
Ray Brown

*Single Family-Lakes*  
Miriam Lancaster

*Single Family-UGA*  
Vacant

*Single Family-At-Large*  
Herm van Lier

*Single Family-At-Large*  
Dave Ridgeway

*Single Family-At-Large*  
Christine Betchley

*Farm Rate Payer*  
Vacant

*Retail, Industrial, Other  
Rate Payer*  
Kelly Wynn

*Stillaguamish Flood  
Control District*  
Max Albert

*Snohomish  
Conservation  
District*  
Steve Van Valkenburg  
(Chair)

*Snohomish Health  
District*  
Vacant by agency choice

*Wash. Department of  
Ecology*  
Andrew Funk

*Wash. Department of  
Fish and Wildlife*  
Vacant by agency choice

*Stillaguamish Tribe*  
Kate Konoski

*Tulalip Tribes*  
Vacant by agency choice

*Surface Water  
Management Staff*  
Sean Edwards

## Attendance

Board Members Present: Max Albert, Christine Betchley, Ray Brown, Andrew Funk, Kate Konoski, Miriam Lancaster, Dave Ridgeway, Dale Shelton, Steve Van Valkenburg, Kelly Wynn

Board Members Excused: Herm van Lier

SWM Staff: Sean Edwards, Gregg Farris

Guests: Cayley Allen, Bill Blake, Dave Garland, Brett de Vries

## Welcome, introductions, agenda review, and meeting summary

Clean Water District Advisory Board (CWDAB) Chair Steve Van Valkenburg opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. with introductions and review of the meeting agenda. The draft agenda was accepted as written.

Sean provided hard copy information packets including the following materials:

- CWDAB 6/25/15 preliminary meeting agenda
- CWDAB 5/28/15 meeting summary – DRAFT #1
- "New Bins an Attractive Addition to Lakewood Horse Farm" summary by Snohomish Conservation District of Rosgaard composting bins Discretionary Fund project
- CWDAB draft 2015 recommendations letter to Snohomish Health District

*The 5/28/15 draft meeting summary was approved as written.*

## Subcommittee reports

**Finance:** Max Albert reported that he attended the Snohomish County Council's Public Works Committee meeting on 6/16/15 at which SWM Interim Co-Directors Gregg Farris and Karen Kerwin provided a briefing on the SWM Service District Reassessment. Max noted that SWM is recommending that Council not amend Snohomish County Code Title 25A as recommended by the CWD Advisory Board in its 4/27/15 letter to SWM.

**Discretionary Fund:** Max reported that SWM has not received any new DF grant applications. Sean added that the two education and outreach projects recently approved by SWM were under contract (i.e., "Be the Solution 2015" by Sound Salmon Solutions and "Kayak Point Shellfish Enhancement Feasibility" by Pacific Shellfish Institute). Sean noted that SWM approved the Be the Solution 2015 project on condition that Sound Salmon Solutions work with SWM staff to achieve a goal of 75% of the people attending the shellfish dinner event be CWD ratepayers. To help achieve this goal, Sean requested that CWD Advisory Board Members who represent ratepayers attend the shellfish dinner, which will be in Stanwood in late August.

**Shellfish Protection:** Sean reported that he and his SWM colleagues were focused on education and outreach activities, including updating the CWD web pages, developing the Lower Stillaguamish Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) web site, and preparing for a CWD information table at the 8/8/15 Warm Beach Summerfest event.

**Lower Stillaguamish Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) Advisory Committee:** Dale Shelton reported that there had not been a PIC Advisory Committee meeting during the past month.

**Stillaguamish Watershed Council (SWC):** Dave Ridgeway reported on the 6/24/15 SWC meeting, which focused on the low river flow this year (16% of normal). Due to low flows this summer, Chinook salmon in the North Fork Stillaguamish are consolidating in pools, which makes them more vulnerable to poaching. To report poaching, people can call Stillaguamish Tribal Police Captain Hibner at 360-638-3521. Stillaguamish Tribal Police are cross-deputized by Snohomish County Sheriff's Office and therefore have enforcement authority. The SWC meeting also featured a USGS presentation on sediment from the Oso Landslide.

**Snohomish-Stillaguamish Local Integrating Organization (LIO):** Chris Betchley reported that she attended an LIO subcommittee meeting to develop results chains for Near Term Actions (NTAs) and linkages to the Puget Sound Partnership's Vital Signs. The Sno-Stilly LIO is also starting to develop a 5-year strategic plan.

**Lakes:** Miriam reported that approximately 100 people participated in the 6/13/15 Lake Ketchum Celebration event. SWM Lakes Program staff also participated. The event included food and games for everyone. Miriam's report included photos of the successful event. Miriam also noted that the next alum treatment for Lake Ketchum will be in March, 2016.

### **Discretionary Fund administration costs for 2016**

Gregg Farris reported that SWM is proposing to use a portion of the Discretionary Fund to pay for staff time required to administer the Discretionary Fund Grant Program. Several Board Members expressed concerns about this. In response, Gregg agreed to consider other options.

### **Status of proposed amendments to Snohomish County Code Title 25A**

Gregg presented the PowerPoint briefing on the SWM Service District Reassessment that he and Karen Kerwin gave to the Snohomish County Council's Public Works Committee on 6/16/15. Gregg responded to various questions from the Board.

### **Finalize 2015 recommendations letter to Snohomish Health District**

Chris, Miriam, Ray, and Max developed the draft 2015 recommendations letter to SHD. Steve led the Board's review and editing of the draft letter. The letter was approved unanimously as edited. Sean will work with the Chair and Vice Chair to finalize the letter, get it signed, and delivered to SHD.

### **Meeting review, new business, and public comment**

Kelly Wynn requested that if SWM staff members have any concerns about the conduct of CWD Advisory Board Members, then those concerns should be brought to the Board's attention and that the Board be given a chance to self-regulate.

Andrew Funk announced that he had accepted a new job at Ecology as a stormwater inspector and as such he would be resigning from the CWDAB effective 7/15/15. Andrew's supervisor, Dave Garland, noted that Ecology is working toward making the non-point pollution inspector position permanent and would be refilling the position to replace Andrew as soon as possible. Sean thanked Andrew for his excellent work and his contributions to the Lower Stilly PIC Program. Steve thanked Andrew for his involvement on the CWD Advisory Board.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.**

**Next meeting:** Thursday, July 23, 2015, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Peace Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall.

This meeting summary was prepared by Sean Edwards. Please direct any questions or comments to Sean at 425-388-3024 or [sean.edwards@snoco.org](mailto:sean.edwards@snoco.org). More information about the CWD is also available at <http://cwd.surfacewater.info>.