

Stillaguamish River Clean Water District Advisory Board

Meeting Summary – FINAL
Thursday, July 23, 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
Vacant by agency choice*

*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, Miriam Lancaster, Dave Ridgeway, Dale Shelton, Herm van Lier, Steve Van Valkenburg,

Board Members Excused: Kate Konoski

Board Members Absent: Kelly Wynn

SWM Staff: Sean Edwards, Gregg Farris, Karen Kerwin

Guests: Brett de Vries, Mak Kaufman, Brad Riehle

Welcome, introductions, agenda review, and meeting summary

Clean Water District Advisory Board (CWDAB) Vice Chair Dale Shelton opened the meeting at 5:35 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 7/23/15 preliminary meeting agenda
- CWDAB 6/25/15 meeting summary – DRAFT #1
- Memo to Council: Response to SWM Statements Regarding CWD Revenue Use (CWDAB Finance Subcommittee, 7/3/15)
- CWD Finance Committee Position regarding RCW 90.72 (Dale Shelton email to Gregg Farris, 7/20/15)
- RE: Emergency Closure Guidelines (Jean Snyder email to Sean Edwards, 7/9/15)
- Call for Clam Survey Volunteers (Pacific Shellfish Institute)
- Shellfish Protection District 2015 Annual Reporting (template from Washington Department of Health)
- Stillaguamish Shellfish Protection Program Annual Report Draft Schedule to meet 9/15/15 reporting deadline

The 6/25/15 draft meeting summary was approved as written.

Subcommittee reports

Finance: Max Albert cited an email from Snohomish Conservation District (SCD) Manager Monte Marti regarding reduced SCD budget proposed by SWM for 2016. CWDAB Chair Steve Van Valkenburg and Vice Chair Dale Shelton met with SWM Interim Co-Director Gregg Farris on 7/10/15. Gregg explained that SWM was confused by the CWDAB's apparent reversal of its position on the use RCW 90.72 (shellfish protection) CWD revenue compared to previous years. Chris Betchley expressed concern about the Finance Subcommittee's re-interpretation compared to the CWDAB's earlier position deliberated in 2008/2009, which was that 90.72 revenues must be used to improve water quality of shellfish tidelands. Debate on this issue was postponed to a future CWDAB meeting in order to stay on schedule for this meeting.

Discretionary Fund: Max reported that SCD will be submitting several new DF grant applications by 8/1/15. Sean reported on the status of current DF projects. Sound Salmon Solutions scheduled the Be the Solution 2015 shellfish dinner event for 8/29/15 in Stanwood. The Pacific Shellfish Institute scheduled their Kayak Point clam survey for July 30-31.

Shellfish Protection: Sean Edwards reported that SWM had significantly improved the CWD web site, including the addition of new web pages focused on CWD water quality, shellfish protection, and resources for residents to protect and restore water quality.

Lower Stillaguamish Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) Advisory Committee: Dale Shelton reported that the next PIC Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for 8/5/15. Sean noted that SWM is developing new web pages for the Lower Stilly PIC Program, which will be published in late August before the Stilly shellfish dinner.

Stillaguamish Watershed Council (SWC): Dave Ridgeway reported on the 7/22/15 SWC meeting, which focused on the low instream flows in the Stillaguamish River, low flow impacts on salmonids, Floodplains by Design, and the 2015 Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) grant round.

Snohomish-Stillaguamish Local Integrating Organization (LIO): Chris Betchley reported that the Sno-Stilly LIO is updating the local Near Term Actions (NTAs) for the Puget Sound Action Agenda update.

Lakes: Miriam reported that she has is trying to learn more about issues for the other lakes in the CWD besides Lake Ketchum where she lives.

Stillaguamish Shellfish Protection Program annual report to WDOH

Sean reviewed the new template for shellfish protection program annual reports that the Washington Department of Health (WDOH) provided to all local governments that have shellfish protection districts per RCW 90.72. The annual report is due to WDOH by 9/15/15. Sean and Alyson Rae are preparing the annual report, which will document the County's shellfish protection fee revenues and expenditures in 2014, program activities, successes, and challenges. The draft annual report will be prepared in consultation with the CWDAB, starting with the CWDAB Shellfish Protection Subcommittee, which includes Chris Betchley, Dale Shelton, and Ray Brown.

SWM response to CWDAB's 2015 recommendations letter

Gregg Farris provided hard copies of SWM's written response to the CWDAB's 2015 recommendations letter and presented a PowerPoint summary of SWM's written response. Regarding SWM's proposed changes to Snohomish County Code Title 25A, which authorizes the CWD, Gregg stated that the proposed ordinance for the changes will be made available to the CWDAB when SWM presents it to Council. Prior to Council's vote on whether to approve the proposed ordinance, there will be a public hearing with at least three weeks public notice. The CWDAB will be able to comment on the proposed ordinance at that time. ***SWM will notify the CWDAB once the schedule for SWM's presentation of the ordinance to Council is known.***

Begin preparing recommendations letter to Snohomish County Council and create subcommittee to draft letter for 9/24/15 CWDAB meeting

Max, Steve, and Herm Van Lier volunteered to draft the letter to Council. Steve requested that CWDAB Members submit any inputs for the letter to Sean by Monday, 8/17/15, preferably with proposed wording. The draft letter will be discussed at the 9/24/15 CWDAB meeting and finalized at the 10/8/15 CWDAB meeting after the Snohomish County Executive presents the proposed 2016 budget.

Meeting review, new business, and public comment

Brett de Vries noted that SCD is preparing to submit three new DF grant applications by the 8/1/15 deadline.

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. More information about the CWD is also available at <http://cwd.surfacewater.info>.