



Island County  
WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**MINUTES**  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

**Thursday, February 1, 2007**

**3:00-5:00 PM**

**Taylor Road Fire Station (3440 Taylor Road, Oak Harbor)**

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**A. Call to Order and Guest Welcome**

<b>Citizen Members</b>	Bill Attwater (Chair)	Larry Bach	Mike Belangie
Don Lee	John Luechauer	Sherwood Minckler	Brian Peters
Dean Thiem			

**Citizen Advisors**

<b>Technical Advisors</b>	Jacque Klug	Karen Lennon	Linda Lyshall
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<b>Island County Staff</b>	Keith Higman	Shelley Richardson	Vin Sherman
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Jan Smith	Jeff Tate	Chris Wilson	Jill Wood
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<b>Guest</b>	Grant Heiken	Roy Leshner	
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**B. Adoption of December 7, 2006, WRAC Meeting Minutes**

**C. Announcements**

- Sound Waters on February 3, 2007 at the Coupeville High School.

**D. Presentation by Island County Public Health of new Septic Rule (Keith Higman)**

- New Septic Rule will go into effect July 1, 2007.

- Technical Design Changes will include:

1) Reduced loading rates for some soil types, 2) Design and installation to promote maintenance, and 3) Design standards more closely linked to site conditions.

- Increased Operations and Maintenance Requirements will include:

1) Complete evaluation of standard gravity systems once every 3 years, 2) Complete evaluation of alternative systems once per year, 3) Inspections conducted by homeowner or industry, and 4) Inspection/maintenance records must be divulged at time of sale if available.

**E. Presentation by Island County Planning & Community Development (Chris Wilson)**

- South end of Holmes Harbor prohibits shell fishing due to elevated bacterial results from water sampling.

- County is mandated by State DOH to develop the Holmes Harbor Shellfish Protection District.

- Island County Planning will identify the sources and develop a remediation plan.

- Shellfish Protection District is temporary until remediation of site basins has been completed.

- Public Hearing discussing strategy on development of the district on March 5, 2007.

**F. Subcommittee Updates**

Salmon Technical Advisory Group – Draft Timeline of TAG tasks for 2007 distributed.

Groundwater Team – No update

Surface Water Team – No update

Nonpoint Planning and Implementation – No update

Potable Water Emergency Preparedness – Draft Plan sent out in January, technical component of plan will be worked on next. City of Oak Harbor is working with the subcommittee on outreach and education items.

**G. New Business** – Roy Leshner discussed Camano Action for a Rural Environment (CARE).

CARE promotes preserving the quality of life on Camano Island. Visit web site at

<http://www.camanocare.org/> for more information.

**H. Meeting Closure**

*Next meeting: March 1, 2007. Taylor Road Fire Station, 3440 Taylor Road, Oak Harbor*