



Island County
WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday, March 6, 2008 3:00-5:00 PM

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

A. Call to Order and Guest Welcome

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| Citizen Members | <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Heiken | <input type="checkbox"/> Larry Bach | <input type="checkbox"/> Barbara Brock |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Julius Budos | <input type="checkbox"/> Steve Frostad | <input type="checkbox"/> Don Lee |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> John Luechauer | <input type="checkbox"/> Sherwood Minckler | <input type="checkbox"/> Dean Thiem |
| Technical Advisors | <input type="checkbox"/> Jeff Bash | <input type="checkbox"/> Jacque Klug | |
| Island County Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Kim Bredensteiner | <input type="checkbox"/> Jan Smith | <input type="checkbox"/> Chris Wilson |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Jill Wood | | |
| Guests | <input type="checkbox"/> Justin Hail | <input type="checkbox"/> Dave Heimer | <input type="checkbox"/> Maury Hood |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Gary Rowe | <input type="checkbox"/> Steve Sakuma | |

B. Adoption of February 7, WRAC Meeting Minutes

C. Announcements

The WRAC discussed the draft resolution from the Council of Governments (COG 001-08) promoting a sustainable island community.

D. Presentation from Puget Sound Partnership - Steve Sakuma and Gary Rowe

Leadership Council was tasked by the governor to develop action agenda by September 1, 2008. The intent of action agenda is to restore the health of the Puget Sound by 2020. Outreach is underway by the Leadership Council to collect information, assess, develop, and then prioritize a list of action items. Whidbey Basin Action Area is the largest action area in the plan. The plan is being divided into six topic forums that include, Human Health, Human Quality of Life, Species and Biodiversity, Habitat and Land Use, Water Quality, and Water Quantity. Current information and the calendar of events can be found on-line at <http://www.psp.wa.gov/>.

E. Salmon Recovery Project Updates

English Boom Spartina Control Project - Dave Hiemmer from WDFS gave an overview of the successes of the spartina removal. Spartina is an invasive grass where the root masses are removed to destroy the vegetation. Mechanical control methods to remove spartina were used in English Boom. The areas were "disked" several times in a two year period. 135 acres of spartina were measured in 2004 (before treatment), and 20 acres were remaining in 2006 (after treatment).

Ala Spit and Strawberry Point - Jan Smith from Planning and Community Development reported that the Ala Spit feasibility study is still underway, and will be complete in a few months.

F. Action Item: WRAC approved Criteria Changes for TAG, with no opposition.

G. Subcommittee Updates

- Salmon Technical Advisory Group - See Item E
- Potable Water Emergency Preparedness - No Update
- Groundwater Team - No Update
- Surface Water Team - No Update
- Nonpoint Planning and Implementation - No Update

H. New Business

Larry Bach and Don Lee were approved to co-chair the committee, due to Bill Attwater's resignation in February 2008. Don Lee suggested adding agenda item for WRAC project planning.

I. Meeting Closure

Next meeting: April 3, Taylor Road Fire Station (Oak Harbor)

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