



Island County
WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, May 1, 2008 3:00-5:00 PM
Camano Island Senior Center (Art Room)

A. Call to Order and Guest Welcome

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| Citizen Members | <input type="checkbox"/> Larry Bach | <input type="checkbox"/> Barbara Brock | <input type="checkbox"/> Julius Budos |
| Technical Advisors | <input type="checkbox"/> Jeff Bash | <input type="checkbox"/> Bob Friedman | |
| Island County Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Doug Kelly | <input type="checkbox"/> Chris Wilson | <input type="checkbox"/> Jill Wood |
| Guests | <input type="checkbox"/> Thomas Buehrens | <input type="checkbox"/> Dean Hayes | |

B. Adoption of modified March 6, WRAC Meeting Minutes (April Meeting Cancelled)

C. Announcements

- For information about City of Oak Harbor Sustainable Living Classes, refer to 2008 Calendar at <http://www.oakharbor.org/uploads/Sustainable%20Living%20Schedule.pdf>
- WICD Rain Garden Workshop (Coupeville Recreation Hall), June 3
- WICD Pervious Pavement Workshop (South Whidbey Park & Rec), June 10
- Puget Sound Partnership Meetings refer to <http://www.psp.wa.gov/>
- Chris Wilson announced that SRFB process has begun.

D. Kristofferson Creek Survey Update - Barbara Brock

In winter of 2004, adult chum salmon returned to the creek to spawn. Stream studies in 2005 through 2008 have shown spawning adult chum, and rearing use by chinook, coho and trout. 2.5 acres were purchased with Conservation Futures Funds in January 2006 for protection, and 7.4 acres of adjacent property was donated to the Whidbey Camano Land Trust in 2008. (Handouts)

E. Island County Planning Department: Salmon TAG Project Update

Thomas Buehrens discussed West Whidbey Results from the 2 year study from Wild Fish Conservancy. Review included salmon species that are dependent on west Whidbey for habitat. Wild Fish Conservancy is trying to get the study published in a peer reviewed academic journal.

F. Dean Hayes discussed Well Drilling in Island County

Discussion included that the Seawater Intrusion Policy doesn't allow flexibility for development of wells in high risk areas. Dean's concept was to pump wells at lower withdrawal rates while monitoring them in high risk areas to minimize impact to aquifer. Island County and the WRAC discussed potential solutions that could include bringing water in from areas that do not have seawater intrusion. Current water systems, not in high risk areas, could expand their service areas.

G. Subcommittee Updates

- Salmon Technical Advisory Group
- Potable Water Emergency Preparedness
- Groundwater Team
- Surface Water Team
- Nonpoint Planning and Implementation

H. New Business

- Action Item: Due to the potential low attendance at the July 3 WRAC meeting, the monthly meeting was rescheduled to July 10.
- WRAC members would like to become active and have their voice heard in the development of the Puget Sound Partnership Action Agenda.

I. Meeting Closure

Next meeting: June 5, Taylor Road Fire Station (Oak Harbor)

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