

Terry Willis, Lee Napier, Jim Fleming, Bob Amrine, Patrick Wiltzius, Glenn Connolley, Ann Wick, Randy Lewis, Samuel Iwenufu, Dave Rountry, Chanele Holbrook, Chad Stussy, and Kahle Jennings were present.

Review and local prioritization of Centennial Grants

Randy Lewis, Administrator for the City of Westport, presented the proposal to the group. The City of Westport's WWTP has exceeded the discharge limits of its NPDES permit on several occasions and has not been effectively removing solids. The City is under an order from the Department of Ecology to correct the problems. In 2004 the City paid over \$26,000 to oyster growers due to permit violations at the WWTP that closed oyster harvesting areas. In addition, future loadings are expected to increase with growth in the City. This project will pay for the design and construction of upgrades to the WWTP that will increase its capacity and improve the treatment process. Both are necessary to meet the permit limits and anticipated demands for new connections.

The City has already complied with the Administrative Order from Ecology with City funds; the grant will allow the City to work on reliability and capacity issues. This is not an expansion, but will improve capacity through upgrades to the ditches that handle the solid waste.

Comments the group:

- QIN would be interested reviewing the draft NPDES permit.
- Where will you haul waste for disposal? This project will include improvements to the current composting system. Due to constraints such as weather and facilities, the City is not able to fully process compost year round, so they will continue to haul partially composted materials.
- Have there been other incidents such as the 2004 permit violation? No.

Fleming moved we endorse this project. Wiltzius seconded the motion. The group agreed with the motions.

Bob Amrine, Director of the Lewis County Conservation District presented the proposal to the group. Dillenbaugh Creek is listed on the 303(d) list of impaired waters for fecal coliform and temperature. Lack of riparian vegetation has eliminated shade and allows sediment and organic matter to enter the stream. Suspected sources include agricultural operations, septic systems, and stormwater runoff from the Chehalis Industrial Park.

Lewis Conservation District will monitor water quality for 18 months and complete salmon habitat assessments in the Dillenbaugh Creek watershed. In addition, the District will educate and work with landowners and stakeholders (City of Chehalis, Lewis County, businesses, schools, and residents) to restore and protect the water quality in the system using a combination of conservation plans, education, technical assistance and help finding financial assistance.

Wiltzius made the motion to accept. Fleming seconded the motion. The group agreed to endorse the project.

Progress Reports

Groundwater Pilot Project-Jennings reported. He distributed a hard copy of the project update dated November 2004.

In past meetings, the group asked for a description of piezometers. He brought two types to show the group and explained the use of each.

The group would like presentations to both the CBP and the Water Quality Committee from Charles Pitz before the report is published in June 2005.

Iwenufu asked if the data collection included evaluation of the interaction and contaminants? No, the data was limited.

Draft Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP)- Jennings is still working to meet the July deadline.

Plan 2 Fund Homework Assignment

The group entered tasks into Plan 2 Fund related to Action item #39 from the WMP. See attached page summarizing that work

Scope of Work (SOW) for Coordinated Water Quality Program/Annual Plan of Work

The group did not discuss this item.

Agenda for Next Meeting

Topics for next meeting's agenda: homework tasks for the proposed scope of work, homework tasks for Plan 2 Fund, review progress from QAPP, report on status of groundwater pilot project.

The next meeting is January 13, 2005. The group changed the start time for the meeting from 9:00am to 9:30pm.

CBP Handout
Water Quality Committee December 9, 2004 Meeting Activity
Using Plan 2 Fund

List of Goals, Objectives, and Tasks for Action 39

Goal: 1 Prevent the degradation of and/or improve water quality to have clean water (as defined in Washington State water quality standards) for all fish, wildlife, and human uses. (WMP page 4)

Objective 1.1 Develop strategies to identify and prevent water quality degradation. (WMP page 4)

Task 39 Develop and distribute public information on inspection and care of septic systems. (WMP page 24)

Subtasks

- 39.01 Determine what info needs to be developed and/or distributed.
- 39.02 Collect what info is already out there. For example state, county EPA, national small flows clearinghouse, internet, and other.
- 39.03 Determine if any new information needs to be developed. Based on what you did in Task 41.
- 39.04 Determine where to distribute information i.e. on a county-wide level, public agencies or public.
- 39.05 Determine the means to distribute the information i.e. the internet brochures or presentations/community meetings.
- 39.06 Distribute the information.
- 39.07 Evaluate the effectiveness of the distribution i.e. surveys. Did the intended audience get the information? Did the reader understand the information? Create a report to document effort.
- 39.08 Determine schedule to update the information.
- 39.09 Determine who is responsible for this Task.
- 39.10 Determine how to pay for this Task.
- 39.11 Gather baseline data regarding past efforts to educate and distribute information and current knowledge regarding that information.
- 39.12 Determine your audience and the priority area(s).
- 39.13 Create a pilot program.
- 39.14 Identify incentives and funding programs to implement the care of the septic systems. This is part of subtask 41. There are some incentives programs that encourage homeowners to share information and host "neighborhood" meetings.