

Draft Tenmile meeting minutes – May 10, 2017

Attendees: Alan C, Bob M, Bob S, Lee F, Marge L, Hank K, Naomi R, Dorie B, Andy R

Past meeting minutes were approved with no changes, and no new items were offered for the agenda.

Report from the Laurel WID April 10 meeting – Hank, Lee, Bob M, Bob S were in attendance. The Laurel WID sent a letter to Bob M requesting that Tenmile “clarify” its relationship with RE Sources. A letter will be drafted by the sub-group, and sent. No further action by the full committee will be needed for this letter.

Portage Bay Shellfish Protection District Advisory Committee – Andy & Lee gave a brief update from the recent meeting. The graph showing the 90th percentile data for the Portage Bay growing area was presented. It shows improvement in water quality data for the last year. A 6-month accumulated rainfall graph that was shown at the Portage Bay meeting was shown.

Hank provided a brief update from the April 24th Stakeholders meeting (a full set of notes was distributed). Highlights: NSEA has no new ideas for watershed projects. Whatcom Land Trust is always looking for new landowners who are willing to sign conservation easements. There are a few agricultural PDRs in the watershed. The WCD will probably be helping the Laurel WID with a project to replace willow plantings with species that will allow better drainage.

There was a brief discussion about the ZAPs units. Two more units are to be placed. A location is being sought in Tenmile. One proposed location on Barrett Road, is being considered if power and flood protection can be acquired. It would be good if one could be installed on Deer Creek.

Lee provided a Tenmile water quality update. The last two sampling results (April 4, May 2). The highest results were 60 and 62 fec/100 mls in Deer Creek and TM15, respectively. A map showing what areas of Tenmile watershed are listed on the Dept of Ecology’s most impaired waters list (303d) list was shown, and explained. No new graphs were available for Tenmile data, as the County staff are re-evaluating the Tenmile data (past graphs were compiled using data that was collected by county staff).

The WCD has proposed to present information at our June meeting about a project they are beginning called a Watershed Resource Assessment of the Tenmile Watershed. It is part of the NRCS National Water Quality Initiative. The assessment will use current and historic water quality data, land use information, soil type and climate data to generate a model to prioritize funding opportunities in the watershed for water quality improvements. The group decided to invite the WCD to present info to us at our June meeting.