

# Stillaguamish River Clean Water District Advisory Board

## BOARD MEMBERS

**Single Family-North  
Fork Stillaguamish**  
Bill Best

**Single Family-South  
Fork Stillaguamish**  
Mike Wolanek

**Single Family-Main  
Stem Stillaguamish**  
Vacant

**Single Family-Lakes**  
Vacant

**Single Family-UGA**  
Vacant

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Herm van Lier (Chair)

**Single Family-At-Large**  
Dave Ridgeway

**Single Family-At-Large**  
Christine Betchley

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Rate Payer**  
Kelly Wynn

**Stillaguamish Flood  
Control District**  
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District**  
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Ecology**  
Vacant

**Wash. Department of  
Fish and Wildlife**  
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Tribe**  
Jody Brown

**Tulalip Tribes**  
Maria Calvi (Vice Chair)

**Surface Water  
Management Staff**  
Sean Edwards  
Jake Jacobson

## Meeting Summary (final) Wednesday, September 24, 2009 4:00 – 7:30 PM Peace Lutheran Church, Silvana

### Attendance

Board Members Present: Max Albert, Bill Best, Chris Betchley, Jody Brown (meeting only), Maria Calvi, Bobbi Lindemulder, Mike Wolanek, Jennifer Whitney, Kelly Wynn

Board Members Excused: Herm van Lier, Dave Ridgeway

SWM Staff: Sean Edwards, Mike McGuinness (meeting only), Debbie Terwilliger (meeting only)

Guests: John Boettner, Bill Bowe, Tammy Edmonds, Kathy Stanley (orientation only)

### New member orientation (4:00 – 5:40 p.m.)

Sean Edwards led an orientation session for new Clean Water District (CWD) Advisory Board Members and provided a new updated manual to all Board Members. Most of the old Board Members also participated and helped to answer questions.

### Welcome, introductions, agenda review, and meeting summary

Clean Water District (CWD) Board Vice Chair Maria Calvi opened the meeting at 5:45 p.m. **The summary of the July 27, 2009 CWD Board special meeting was approved with changes.** In response to the July 27<sup>th</sup> meeting summary, Stillaguamish Watershed Steward Jake Jacobson provided the following clarification about the Stillaguamish Big Tree Project:

*The joint decision of the CWD Board and SWM to help fund the Big Tree Project with Discretionary Funds was not driven by the lack of Discretionary Fund applications. Rather it was intended to leverage our local dollars and help solve water quality issues identified in both the TMDL and salmon recovery plans using fees collected from citizens for on the ground water quality improvements.*

### Travel reimbursement for Board Members

Per Bill Best's request, Sean explained the Snohomish County Code provision for reimbursement of board members for travel expenses (SCC 2.03.070) and reviewed the administrative steps for processing expense reimbursements. **The Board and SWM staff agreed that any Board Members who wish to seek reimbursement for expenses incurred for travel to and from CWD meetings should contact Sean directly so he can process the paperwork.**

### Proposed changes to CWD Discretionary Fund application and guidelines

Sean provided hard copies of the proposed revised CWD Discretionary Fund application and guidelines, which were developed by Bill Best with input from the CWD Advisory Board. The Board agreed to table this topic until its October 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. The Board will review the proposed application/guidelines and provide comments by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Sean will send the revised guidelines/application to the Board by email for reply to all comments.

### Next meeting and letter to Snohomish County Council

The Board agreed to use the Board's 2009 letter to SWM, SWM's response, and the SWM 2010 budget

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spreadsheet, which will be provided by Debbie and Mike, as initial inputs for the letter to Council. The Board will deliver the letter to Council by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Sean will send the three inputs to the Board for review and comments by Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. Max and Bill will work with Sean to draft the letter for the Board to review and edit at the October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. SWM Acting Director Debbie Terwilleger will provide the SWM 2010 proposed budget for CWD-funded projects to the Board for consideration at the October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Stillaguamish Shellfish Restoration Plan**

Sean provided hard copies of the following documents related to the Stillaguamish shellfish restoration planning effort:

- Washington Department of Health (DOH) letter to SWM Director notifying Snohomish County that the South Skagit Bay shellfish growing area is being expanded by 815 acres (September 18, 2009).
- Sanitary Survey of South Skagit Bay (DOH, August 2009)
- 2009 Shoreline Survey of the Port Susan Shellfish Growing Area (DOH, September 2009)
- Port Susan Shellfish Certification Study Task 1 – Description of the Status and Shellfish Potential of the Port Susan Estuary , Lower Skagit Bay and Adjacent Waters (Pacific Shellfish Institute, May 2007)
- Port Susan Shellfish Certification Study Task 2 – Review of shellfish certification efforts in other communities and Task 3 – Recommendations on steps and time necessary for shellfish recertification in Port Susan (Pacific Shellfish Institute, March 2009)

Sean reported that the Stillaguamish Shellfish Restoration Plan is not yet final, but it is close to being finished. From January through June of this year Sean led a collaborative process with a steering committee composed of multiple stakeholders, including many of the CWD Advisory Board Members, to develop the shellfish restoration plan. This planning effort was funded by a Washington Department of Ecology grant that expired at the end of June. The County submitted a near final draft of the plan to Ecology as the main grant deliverable. Before the plan can be finalized, new Acting SWM Director Debbie Terwilleger wants to review it and make sure that any commitments of the County and other organizations are clearly defined and acceptable. The Board asked when they would get to see the plan. **Sean and Debbie will discuss the plan review and finalization process, including the roles of the CWD Advisory Board and the steering committee, and provide an update to the Board in the near future. The Board and SWM staff agreed that the plan should be finalized by the end of 2009 so the County can use it as the basis for the County's Stillaguamish Shellfish Protection Program, which will be due to DOH by June 2010.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, October 8, 2009, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Peace Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall.