

Nisqually River Council Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday April 12, 2011 Nisqually Natural Resources Office

CAC Members Present: Debora Anderson, Paul Crosetto (on telephone), Mary Foster, Steve Pruitt, Karelina Resnick, Carl Rotter, Bob & Marjorie Smith

Staff Present: Justin Hall, Sara Scott, Don Perry (on telephone)

1. Welcome, Introductions, Minutes, & Agenda Approval

Bob called the meeting to order at 7:03. The minutes were corrected to reflect that Walter Music was born in Camp 7 on Bald Hill Road. The minutes were accepted as amended. The agenda was approved as presented.

2. Stream Stewards Update

Don reported that 17 people have signed up for the Stream Stewards class, which starts Wed. June 1. This Saturday, there is a NatureMapping event in the Ohop valley, and an invasive ivy pull on Land Trust property the same day.

Nisqually Stream Stewards will help work with students and volunteers to construct six rain gardens in Eatonville on Saturday May 7. This project is a partnership with Stewardship Partners, and will highlight a live Ciscoe Morris broadcast. Don is working on the next newsletter and planning restoration projects for the Mashel River, Ohop Creek, and the delta.

SPSSEG is currently working on the engineering for the next phase of the Ohop Restoration, downstream of Highway 7.

3. Nisqually Watershed Stewardship Plan

Sara reported that the updated NWSP was presented at the March NRC retreat. Copies of the updated Plan with feedback from the retreat were provided. Any additional feedback or comments should be directed to Sara.

4. CAC Educational Programs

The Committee discussed the benefits and challenges with including educational programs in the CAC meeting framework. Some potential topics for consideration include:

Photovoltaic Systems (Solar)

Farmers Markets

Presentations by historians (Chief Leschi, Nisqually Glacier)

Tribal Forum

Nisqually River Sediment Transport

General Environmental Education

5. Officer Nominations

Elections for Chair and Vice-Chair were tabled until the June meeting.

Mary Foster, Paul Crosetto, and Bob Smith were nominated to represent the CAC at the Nisqually River Council meetings for the next calendar year. The slate of candidates was seconded and approved.

6. For The Good of the Order

There was discussion about the new restroom in Elbe. Concerns were raised that the 12 planned parking spaces will not be sufficient, and will be unable to accommodate large vehicles. It was noted that the DOT is working within the limitations presented by the space and location; vault toilets will be used (no contract with Elbe Water Treatment Systems), and the restroom structure will be freestanding within the historic structure.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.