

Clarks Creek TMDL Stakeholder Meeting
07/22/14
Meeting Notes

Participants

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TMDL Updates:

Ecology – June 10, 2014 public meeting had a good turnout. Reminder TMDL public comment period was extended to July 21, 2014. Please share with any interested individuals.

General

Group decided to move review and prioritize of stormwater work to September meeting because there were several stakeholders that were not able to make the meeting.

Previous meeting notes May - Volunteer Fecal Coliform Monitoring:

Pierce CD has helped coordinate a volunteer monitoring network. The CD wants to train volunteer samplers to be able to take fecal coliform samples and deliver them to a lab for analysis. They would sample at about 5 basins for one year and rotate sites. First basin chosen was Clarks Creek (close to CD office). Program can collect samples at 5-6 locations within the basin. WSU and Puyallup collected data within the basin; volunteer monitoring could use the same locations. CD will be developing a QAPP. Pierce County also takes a monthly grab sample in Clarks Creek near the mouth. Cindy had conducted annual write-ups on the status of fecal coliform TMDL. Sites have been reused in various projects (City of Puyallup, WSU, and Ecology). See handouts.

Fecal Coliform (FC) monitoring program site selection:

Group went over FC sites used in the original TMDL study and new data collected by WSU. 7 sites were selected and Peirce CD will meet with Ecology Environmental Assessment Program staff next week to discuss the sites and to clarify questions on the Quality Assurance Plan. Volunteer training will happen in August, CD will update the group at the next meeting.