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**Minutes from the First PSNS ENVVEST Community Working Group Meeting**

September 12, 2000; 6-8 p.m.  
 Kitsap Regional Library  
 Sylvan Way Branch

Attendees:

Bob Cipra	Environmental Division Director	PSNS
Jerry Sherrell	ENVVEST Program Manager	PSNS
Bob Johnston	Technical Coordinator	PSNS/SPAWARS
Steve Swanson	Project Engineer	PSNS
Greg Leicht	Remediation Engineer	PSNS
Diane Manning	Deputy Public Affairs Officer	PSNS
Darla Montgomery	Water Media Manager	Navy Region Northwest
Marion Rideout	Regulatory Affairs	Concurrent Technologies Corp (CTC)
Mary Ann Pearson	Minutes Recorder	Envisioneering
Phyllis Nelson	Local Stakeholder	Port Orchard
Lyle Nelson	Local Stakeholder	Port Orchard
Howard Minor	Local Stakeholder	Port Orchard
Peggy Adkins	Local Stakeholder	Bremerton
Glen Hemerick	Local Stakeholder	Olalla
Doug Chamberlin	Local Stakeholder	Port Orchard
Isa Chamberlin	Local Stakeholder	Port Orchard
John Larson	Local Stakeholder	Bremerton

1. The purpose of this public meeting was to invite members of the Sinclair Inlet stakeholder community to participate on the ENVVEST Community Working Group (CWG), take comments on the draft Final Project Agreement (FPA), and solicit input on the FPA and CWG structure.
2. Opening Remarks - Mr. Cipra opened the meeting at 6 p.m. He welcomed everyone and gave a brief overview of the project. He then turned over the meeting to Mr. Sherrell.
3. Introductions - Mr. Sherrell introduced the project participants. The community members introduced themselves and stated their interest in the project.
4. Project Overview and FPA - Ms. Rideout provided a brief overview of the US Environmental Protection Agency's Project XL (eXcellence and Leadership) program and Project ENVVEST.

a. Attendees were informed that the FPA was announced in the Federal Register for a 14-day comment period that ends on Sept 14. A copy of the FPA was mailed in advance of this meeting to CWG members so their input could be gathered at this meeting. A discussion of the FPA content was conducted. It was noted that signing of the Final FPA was scheduled to occur on September 25.

b. The FPA covers Phase 1 - the project will conduct studies/research and provide recommendations for Phase 2. There will be a separate FPA for Phase 2.

5. An explanation of TMDLs (Total Maximum Daily Loads), which are mandated by the Clean Water Act, took place. One of the key aspects of this project is to identify what the chemical stressors are in Sinclair Inlet, identify the point and non-point sources of the pollution, and make recommendations on alternative methods to regulate them. As part of this project, CWG members will have future input regarding TMDLs.

6. Further clarification of the project and FPA was provided. The goal is to apply a common sense approach, friendly to fish and local economy, not to attempt to attain pre-Columbian (pristine) status.

The study area does not include Keyport. The watershed area to be studied is large and includes many sources, including non-Navy sources. The purpose of the comprehensive database is to collect all this data from various sources. The Shipyard will be working with the local stream investigation groups. The Bremerton Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) discharge is also included in the study.

The expectations for the CWG were discussed. The CWG will provide a diversity of viewpoints and feedback to the project, and will be informed of the status of the project. They will provide a liaison between the Shipyard and other community members. The participation of the public is very important to the control of non-point source pollution.

The Shipyard's current involvement with a citizen's advisory group known as a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) in the Sinclair Inlet dredging project was explained to give attendees an idea of how it works. Attendees were provided copies of the RAB bylaws and discussed the potential of the CWG following similar bylaws. It was agreed that the Shipyard would modify

the RAB bylaws and provide a draft to the CWG members for discussion at the next meeting.

It was reemphasized that this is Phase 1 of the project and could take up to two years. There is a great deal to study within the watershed that has not yet been adequately addressed. It's very difficult to determine the impact that each potential stressor may have on the environment. Once Phase 1 is complete, Phase 2 will follow. This project could take up to five years.

7. Closing - Meeting schedules, night of the week, time of day, and future meeting locations were discussed. It was decided the meeting locations would alternate between Bremerton and Port Orchard. The meeting frequency for the CWG will be on an "as needed" basis depending on milestones reached. Notice for future meetings will be sent via mail about two weeks in advance. Everyone was thanked for attending and the meeting was closed.