

**Lower Nehalem Watershed Council  
February 13, 2003 Regular Meeting**

Meeting Convened at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Shirley Kalkhoven, Bob Teagle, Jay Holland, Georgette Ferdun, Gareth Ferdun, Vivi Tallman, Dave Wells, Jim Johnson, Bonnie Johnson, Don Cameron, Bob Forster, Doug Firstbrook, Barbara Rippey, Barry Marshall, Jack Thayer, Mike Whalen, Damen Minto  
**Guests:** Gus Meyer, Doug Ray, Michele Long, Joe Watkins, Jim Vonsaeger, Terry and Gordy Southwick, Brad Thayer.

**Approval of Minutes:** No changes noted, considered accepted.

**Announcements:** Dave Wells noted that the ODF 2004 operations plans are open for public review and will be open for 45 days. A copy will be available in the Council office. Gareth inquired about the ODF response to last year's WC recommendations. Dave said that he did not know the status of that, but that comments on specific timber sales would be most useful this year.

**Presentation:** Todd Jones gave an excellent PowerPoint presentation on net pen fishery operations in the Lower Columbia Estuary.

**Council Business**

Estuary Cleanup — Date will be April 5<sup>th</sup>, Vivi, Doug, Georgette and Todd will participate in planning and fund raising will be underway shortly. Current plan is to begin 8-8:30 at the Sea Shack in Wheeler.

Vacation Policy - Georgette noted that in adopting the Personnel Policy we did not state if current employees would begin accruing vacation credit as of their service start date. She asked for Council approval to have the policy apply at service start date. No objections.

Action Plan - Georgette reported on Action Plan priorities implementation — 1. Assist at least three landowners with riparian plantings. It was noted that the N. Fork project is with five and David Godsey has two additional committed plus another three prospects. 2. Advertise Council work with landowners on riparian projects. Additional free publicity was suggested as the best advertisement. 3. Obtain grant funds for two instream LWD habitat improvements. We have two planned for this year. Gareth noted an educational element should be included for the LWD project in God's Valley. Jay added that the God's Valley project will be implemented in the Fall of 2003.

NKN Creek - Doug Firstbrook asked about the bore status on NKN creek. Dave Godsey noted that more preliminary work was underway but had heard that the first bore attempt was not successful. He added that status on remodeling the stream grade to avoid a fish ladder was also unknown.

North Fork Riparian - Doug Ray noted that, there will be the last riparian planting on the North Fork this Saturday and urged Council members to attend. He added that the last riparian work will be at the Gordon (10:00) and Stanton (Noon) properties.

Money - Shirley noted that a large check from OWEB had been received. Funds are for the Habitat Assessment and Planner grants. North Fork subcontractor fee has been paid.

Website - Gareth asked if anyone had objections to including Action Plan priorities on the website. No objections.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15

Submitted: Dave Godsey & Georgette Ferdun