

Jefferson County Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 20, 2007

8:00 A.M.

WSU Community Learning Center, Port Hadlock

A. Opening Business

Met at WSU Community Learning Center and carpoled to first site. Role Call: Bill Miller, Bud Schindler, Henry Werch, Mike Whittaker, Patricia Farmer, Ashley Bullitt, Edel Sokol, J.D. Gallant, Peter Downey. Format of the meeting was briefly discussed: question time initially for the Planning Commission and then for public.

B. Field trip to wetland sites

1) Port Commission Property

Wetland enhanced for additional flood storage capacity.

Rated as Category III both under the current (1993) and proposed (2004) rating guidances. There was some discussion about the wildlife rating, subjectivity of rating, and how it may effect the overall wetland classification. Further discussion regarded the functional difference between the buffers as they were staked. For example, what are is functionally different between 40 feet and 60 feet for wildlife, water quality, et cetera? Buffer widths were marked for a) Dr. Brooks Recommendation, b) Silver/Hiatt Recommendation, c) May 17 Draft (DOE Alternative 3) and d) current ordinance.

2) H.J. Carroll Park

We considered this site as being a Type "S" or "F" Stream.

The factor of disturbance Intensity depends upon size of parcel, not zoning.

Buffer widths also established for a) Dr. Brooks Recommendation, b) Silver/Hiatt Recommendation (as clarified on site), c) May 17 Draft (DOE Alternative 3) and d) current ordinance. Buffer stakes b,c and d were at the same location.

3) Rice Lake Road, Quilcene

5-acre parcel with wetlands: Type III according to proposed 2004 guidance, Type II with current (1993) guidance.

We reviewed a homesite buffer example for a single-family house, by setting buffer width measurements along roadway to observe distances.

4) Chimacum Creek

This was an add-on site due to the benefit of a little extra time and a desire by Dr. Brooks to show this site to the group.

A forest practice by Pope Timber was the cause of mass hillslope failure. Gravels and other sediments catastrophically entered Chimacum Creek.

A Herculean volunteer effort was made by local citizens to install a sediment trap to abate effects on rare fish populations. The effort was offered as an example of what volunteer stewardship can accomplish.