

SWAC Summary

March 10, 2011

Present: Janet O'Connor, Vicki Rice, Mike Drumright, Thai Batchelor, Scott Wilson, Sheena Kaas, Steve Corey, Pat Carpenter, Jason Dose, David Baker

Minutes from February approved

Announcements: Mr. Dose asked about **tire recycling**; an increasing problem in the City of Shelton. Costs, strategies and historical information were discussed. It was requested an Ecology representative be invited to make a presentation at a future meeting. Ms. Kaas identified that **curbside, single-stream recycling** was now available on the Squaxin reservation. Previously, the housing area had only one bluebox for recyclables, but trash collection was an option for all residents. There are now 13 subscribers (out of 140 households) in the first few weeks, or almost 10%. Mr. Wilson was pleased to note that Wilson Recycling is now open seven days a week. They are also collecting sheet/film plastic, which will be sent to New Wood at their Satsop site. New Wood may be a future facility tour site for the group, or a potential presentation. Mr. Drumright provided information about the **legislation regarding medicine take back** which was presented last month. Sadly, the bill lost by one vote on the floor. He did suggest that each year it has gotten closer, and it will likely be passed and implemented in the next few sessions.

Glass recycling: Although the scheduled presenter was unable to attend, the topic was addressed by staff, primarily in regard to its' connection to single-stream programs. The main use for glass today is as aggregate. It makes decent road bed when mixed with common gravel types, and is useful as trench marking in underground pipe and wire applications. Very little is used to make new glass products. The only facilities in the Northwest which are including recovered glass are St. Gobain in Seattle and Owens Corning in Portland. St. Gobain is using glass from e-cullet, who color sorts and cleans glass. However, e-cullet only accepts glass from Oregon and British Columbia where a container deposit is in place. The Commingled Recycled workgroup, coordinated by Ecology, is trying to establish a better way to collect glass, and has promoted container deposits as a viable strategy. The next meeting of that workgroup is March 23rd. The report from that group was previously distributed electronically to the SWAC.

Solid Waste Management Plan amendments are slowly moving forward. The SWAC will draft a letter of support for the proposed recycling chapter and the Hazardous Waste chapter. The draft will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Next Meeting will be April 14 in Building 1 at 6 PM