

NEWS RELEASE

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MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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TO: KMAS, KRXY, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE OLYMPIAN, SHELTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE SUN

RE: Environmental Health Manager to attend conference in Washington, DC

Mason County's Environmental Health Manager, Debbie Riley, received a Centers for Disease Control (CDC) scholarship to attend the Environmental Public Health Tracking Conference "TRACKS2009: The Future of Environmental Public Health" being held in Washington, DC. The conference runs from February 23 – 26, 2009.

This conference will feature the official launch of CDC's National Environmental Public Health Tracking Network (referred to as Tracking Network). This is a nationwide network of integrated health and environmental data to be used to provide information in support of local actions that improve the health of communities.

At the conclusion of the conference the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) Environmental Public Health Tracking Workgroup, which Riley chairs, will have a 4-hour retreat. The workgroup agenda includes a conference debrief, an update from the Centers for Disease Control, and determination of next steps for Tracking Activities.

For more information contact Debbie Riley, Environmental Health Manager by email at dlr@co.mason.wa.us or by phone at (360) 427-9670 EXT 358 or from Belfair (360) 275-4467 EXT 358.

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