

SAN JUAN INITIATIVE
POLICY GROUP MEETING

3/26/08

ORCAS ISLAND FIRE DEPT. MEETING ROOM

Meeting Summary - Draft

Policy Group in Attendance:

Peter Dederich,

Jeff Bash

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Tom Cowan

Nick Jones

Jonathan White

Elizabeth Babcock

Kit Rawson

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Jim Johannessen, Coastal Geological Services

Public:

Joe Thoron

Steve Hussey

Barbara Rosenkotter

Jeff Hanson

Tina Whitman

Materials provided at meeting:

Community Engagement Plan

Case Study Protocol for SJI Protection Assessment

Protection Assessment Questions

Next meetings TBD

May 30th meeting is canceled.

Case Study Summary:

Policy Group reviewed study design, preliminary findings and discussed research questions. Out of this discussion, the Policy Group provided the following direction:

- ~Continue to find ways to focus on what is working.
- ~Be sure to include parcels that are unmodified to find out “why”
- ~We are focused on physical changes to the shoreline because they have the best available science to understand potential impacts.
- ~DNR has new guidelines to consider when permitting mooring buoys.
- ~Refine questions around agency coordination to be more specific.
- ~Refine questions about conservation easements.

- ~Continue to focus on cumulative impacts and find ways to document cumulative impacts.
- ~Identify the potential for change in addition to what has already changed on the shoreline.

Community Engagement Discussion:

Policy Group reviewed the Community Engagement Plan and provided feedback and revisions. Out of this discussion, the Policy Group provided the following direction:

- ~Move up first general public meeting to June so that the broader community has a chance to engage.
- ~The neighborhood meetings should be viewed as research workshops where we are gathering information and not in the traditional sense of outreach.
- ~Policy Group unsure if we will get good information from neighborhood workshops. Recommended using surveys in addition to workshops.
- ~Include in engagement strategy the tasks necessary to inform communities beyond the San Juans.
- ~Workshops with neighborhoods and trade groups are like focus groups where staff can gather information and get feedback from informed and affected groups of people.
- ~Be sure that the workshops are not viewed as “exclusionary.”
- ~Because we are gathering information about the case study properties, we need to meet with these neighborhoods to make sure they are aware of what we are doing and have a chance to provide us information.
- ~Neighborhood workshops will hopefully provide us a way to talk to people not in the “choir.”
- ~Policy Group will assist in the implementation of the Community Engagement Plan by writing letters to the editors, calling workshop invitees and attending meetings.