

Stillaguamish River Clean Water District Advisory Board

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Dear Mr. Ketchel,

The Stillaguamish Clean Water District Advisory Board (the Board) fully supports the Snohomish Health District (SHD) 2016 Accomplishments and 2017 Work Plan that you presented at our April 27th Board meeting. We thank SHD for its responsiveness to our 2016 recommendations, and have urged Snohomish County Surface Water Management (SWM) to renew the SHD Sanitarian Services contract for the 2017 calendar year, beginning January 2017.

Pursuant to Title 25A.30.030 of the Snohomish County Code (SCC), we would like to comment in more detail on the tasks enumerated in the Work Plan:

Investigation of On-Site Sewage Disposal Complaints – The Board strongly supports the continued robust SHD response to and investigation of on-site sewage disposal related complaints, review and approval of on-site sewage disposal repair designs, solid waste complaints, possible chemical contamination, and solid waste dumping within county road right-of-ways within the Stillaguamish River Clean Water District.

Education and Outreach – We support SHD making your technical expertise for on-site septic (OSS) repairs available to the CWD Discretionary Fund, Savvy Septic, and LakeWise program.

Time of Sale Verification – The Board continues to support and recommend development of a program for time-of-sale verification of OSS compliance with operation and maintenance (O&M) guidelines.

OSS Management Plan Update – We understand that SHD is updating its OSS management plan in preparation for submittal to the Washington Department of Health for review and approval. We support this and would like to receive the plan when it is available for public review.

The Board appreciates SHD's willingness to assign Steve Rice to the Board. His participation and specialized knowledge is vitally important to our work. We value SHD's contribution to our mutual goal of providing clean water.

Sincerely,



Dale Shelton, Chair



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