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Health District Kicks Off Horseshoe Lake Water Quality Improvement Project

The Kitsap County Health District will kick off the Horseshoe Lake Water Quality Improvement Project with a public meeting on **Tuesday, February 24, 2009 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** at Miracle Ranch's Circle K Room, 15999 Sidney Road SW, Port Orchard, WA 98367. A meeting invitation has been mailed directly to residents of the Horseshoe Lake watershed, and the public is also invited to attend. Health District staff will present information explaining how residents of the lake and the general public can help to clean up the Horseshoe Lake.

The purpose of the project is to reduce nutrient pollution in Horseshoe Lake. Excess nutrients can be associated with toxic algae blooms and other problems. The project will investigate all freshwater drainages and properties draining to Horseshoe Lake, correcting problems and giving property owners useful information. Pollution sources may be one or more of the following: failing on-site sewage systems, pet waste, livestock waste, fertilizers, soil erosion runoff, waterfowl, or wildlife.

Horseshoe Lake is on the "2009 Priority Area Work List for the Pollution Identification and Correction Program, which is available at

http://www.kitsapcountyhealth.com/environmental_health/water_quality/docs/pic_priority_list.pdf. Funding for this project is provided by the Kitsap County Surface and Storm Water Management Program.

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