

DUNGENESS RIVER MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

Meeting of November 9, 2005
Notes Prepared By: Tami Breitbach, Clallam County DCD

Team Members and Alternatives Present

Steve Tharinger, Chair, Clallam County	Randy Johnson, WDFW
Al Moore, Riverside Property Owners	Scott Chitwood, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe
Mike Jeldness, Water Users Association	Virginia Clark, Quilcene Planning
Walt Blendermann, Sports Fisheries	Cynthia Nelson, DOE
Hansi Hals, Alt. North Olympic Land Trust	John Beitzel, City of Sequim
John Cambalik, Puget Sound Action Team	Joe Holtrop, Clallam Conservation District (advisory)
Annette de Knijf, USFW (advisory)	Shawn Hines, Alt. Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe
Cathy Lear, Clallam County	Tyler Ahlgren, Protect the Peninsula's Future

Others Present

Welden Clark, Selinda Barkhuis, Byron Rot, Tony Ebersol, Ann Soule.

I. Introductions / Review Agenda / Approval of Minutes

Steve Tharinger, Chair, opened the meeting. Introductions were conducted.

Approval of Minutes

Shawn Hines noted that the October 12, 2005 minutes will be tabled for approval at the December meeting.

Public Comment Period

John Cambalik distributed a Climate Impacts Report, which includes information collected by the UW Climate Impacts Group on how climate change will affect Puget Sound resources.

John also noted that the public involvement and education (PIE) grant opportunity is ready to be released. More information about the application and eligibility criteria can be found at the PSAT web site.

II. Dike Study Subcommittee Update

Hansi Hals indicated that a letter generated by the subcommittee was sent to landowners in May and that she receive comments from six separate parties. A second letter was mailed to affected landowners located adjacent to the dike, and a public meeting followed in August. Byron Rot provided a presentation at the meeting, and sixteen community members attended.

Ms. Hals distributed a map with various dike setback options, as well as a scope of work for a Bureau of Reclamation proposal to model the various options. Discussion was had about what would happen to Bebee Creek if any of the options were accepted, and whether or not the property owners are willing. Cynthia Nelson suggested that the "property owner" option could be run by itself for illustrative purposes to property owners. Byron Rot indicated there is not enough funding to do another model run.

John Cambalik suggested that farmers who have experience with dikes on their property be asked to come talk with property owners in this study area and share their experiences.

In closing, Ms. Hals noted a couple of considerations that were emphasized, such as evaluation of a worse-case scenario, as well as the question of further defining the 100-year flood regime, as it continues to change.

III. Stormwater Contaminants / Groundwater Monitoring Study

Ann Soule gave a PowerPoint presentation explaining that the Groundwater Monitoring project was a result of requests by various entities, including DRMT, that the County look into groundwater quality base-line monitoring due to the changing landscape outside the Sequim city limits. Ms. Soule reviewed parcels located within the

study area, identified study criteria, discussed contaminants that were tested, well screening and the sampling period, and reviewed water quality results. In closing, Ms. Soule reviewed the following recommendations:

Recommendations:

- Repeat sampling according the schedule that follows
- Obtain water level measurements from upgradient study wells
- Conduct monthly or quarterly sampling of nitrates and/or TDS to determine seasonal fluctuations (reconsider timing of annual sampling)
- Determine groundwater flow rate
- Increase frequency of testing for all constituents if a sharp increase in nitrates occurs

Recommended Sampling Schedule:

Timing	Constituents to sample and test
Spring 2005 (initial sampling)	All constituents
Spring 2006	All constituents
Spring 2007, 2008, 2009	Nutrients and dissolved solids
Spring 2010	All constituents
Spring 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014	Nutrients and dissolved solids*
Spring 2015	All constituents
Etc.	

* Unless data indicate a statistically significant increase from 2005-06 (determining this may require up to 8 sampling events), in which case all constituents should be sampled.

IV. Salmon Recovery on the Olympic Peninsula

Selinda Barkhuis introduced herself, and began by providing some history with regard to the extinction of salmon in the Netherlands, where Ms. Barkhuis was born and raised. Ms. Barkhuis proceeded to review the history of the Olympic Peninsula and provided a brief Salmon 101 course. Discussion with regard to history included Natives, newcomers, treaties, settling in the West, natural resources, forestry, agriculture, education, hydrodams, commercial fisheries, Native and sport fisheries, management, hatcheries, and the identification of Dungeness populations and endangered species.

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Ms. Barkhuis discussed recovery plans, regions and organizations, and how they apply locally.

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Ms. Barkhuis indicated that the goal of the North Olympic Peninsula Lead Entity (NOPL) is to restore habitat. NOPL participating entities and committees were identified, as well as NOPL challenges, stock priorities, economic and cultural priorities, priority watersheds, and the watershed prioritization matrix.

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Ms. Barkhuis provided a summary overview of priorities that apply to each WRIA, and reviewed the NOPL project application and review processes. The project review conceptual model was also discussed.

Ms. Barkhuis identified the 6th round (2005) SRFB project review results, as follows:

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- 1) Deep Creek Road Decommissioning and Sediment Reduction Project 05-1485;
- 2) IMW Final Restoration Treatments 05-1484;
- 3) Hoko River Habitat Restoration 05-1489;
- 4) Nearshore Central Strait of Juan de Fuca 05-1482; and
- 5) Pysht Estuary Conservation Proposal 05-1486.

Ms. Barkhuis discussed previously funded NOPL projects, and including the Clallam River habitat assessment, Salt Creek habitat assessment, Elk Creek acquisition, Siebert Creek acquisitions, Morse Creek acquisition and

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feasibility, Tassel Creek culvert replacement, Sadie/Susie barrier removal, Sekiu River log jam construction, Brownes Creek instream habitat restoration, and Jimmycomelately restoration.

In closing, Ms. Barkhuis discussed emerging habitat issues, and potential changes to the project application process.

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V. NASA Proposal and Letter of Commitment

Cathy Lear provided a brief overview of the NASA proposal, indicating that the proposal integrates existing tools with NASA's tools, to allow a better predictive capability for instream flows.

Ms. Lear noted that once it is determined as to how well the project works in the Dungeness, the project will be moved to the Elwha to try out the tools there. Once it works there, it will probably go national. Ms. Lear requested that the Team support and sign a letter of commitment with the intent to be a participant in the project, and commended Cynthia Nelson and Shawn Hines for revising the NASA template. Ms. Lear read the context of the draft letter. Following discussion, the Team agreed to commit to participation of the project by a motion and second with a unanimous vote to approve the letter.

VI. Announcements and/or Other Updates

Mike Jeldness explained the Comprehensive Irrigation District Management Plan (CIDMP) components and management plan process, as well as the Federal Take Permit, which is a contract that authorizes the impact to fish, and provided a current project update. The final draft is nearly complete.

Cynthia Nelson discussed compliance and outreach for water conservation and Steve Tharinger suggested that it be placed on the December agenda.

Byron Rot distributed a report, entitled *Historical geomorphology and ecology of the Dungeness River delta and nearshore environments from the Dungeness Spit to Washington Harbor*. The report was prepared for the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe by Brian Collins of the University of Washington. It provides information in support of efforts to restore the lower river, its delta, and adjacent nearshore.

Discussion was had regarding an update of the reregulation reservoir and the Atterbury Road study.

An announcement was made that the DRMT web site is back up again for access, and suggestions or comments are welcome.

VII. Adjourn