



**March 10, 2010 Meeting Notes**  
**Dungeness River Management Team**  
**Dungeness River Audubon Center**  
**Railroad Bridge Park, Sequim, WA**  
**2:00 – 5:00 P.M.**

*Notes prepared by: Melissa Coughlin*

**Team Members/Alternates in Attendance:**

Cathy Lear, Clallam County (alt)  
Cynthia Nelson, WA Department of Ecology  
Scott Chitwood, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe  
Shawn Hines, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe (alt)  
Virginia Clark, Dungeness/Quilcene Planning  
Les Jones, Dungeness/Quilcene Planning (alt)  
Pete Schroeder, Riverside Property Owners (RM 3.25-4.25)  
Tom Martin, Clallam County PUD #1

Robert Brown, Dungeness Beach Association  
Dean Yoshina, U.S. Forest Service  
Michele d'Hemecourt, NOLT  
Michael Blanton, WDFW  
John Cambalik, Puget Sound Partnership  
Don Hatler, Sports Fisheries  
Joe Holtrop, Clallam Conservation District  
Judy Larson, Protect the Peninsula's Future

**Others in Attendance:**

Robin Berry, Graysmarsh  
Hannah Merrill, Clallam County  
Hansi Hals, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe  
Byron Rot, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe  
Cheryl Baumann, NOPL  
Matt Heins, Dungeness Farms

Karl Secers, citizen  
Elizabeth van Sickle, Property owner/Resident  
Steve Rankin, Streamkeepers  
Powell Jones, Dungeness River Audubon Center  
Bob Boekelheide, Dungeness River Audubon Center  
Marguerite Glover, Sequim Association of Realtors  
Melissa Coughlin, Independent Contractor/note-taker

**2:00 P.M.**

**I. Introductions /Review Agenda / Review and Approval of February 10<sup>th</sup> DRMT Draft Meeting Notes**

- Michael Blanton, acting chairperson, called the meeting to order at 2:05 P.M.. Introductions all around.
- Agenda was reviewed and with no changes or additions made.
- Minutes from the February 10<sup>th</sup> DRMT were reviewed (they had been electronically sent to team for review prior to meeting). Judy Larson made a motion to accept the minutes, motion was seconded by Robert Brown and notes were unanimously accepted.

**Public Comment:**

- Cynthia Nelson suggested entertaining a conversation on having fewer details in the notes. It was decided that the Executive Committee would discuss note-taking at the next Executive Committee meeting. (Melissa commented that it took a long time to constantly go back to the recording to get precise quotes.)
- Judy Larson announced the third lecture in the Feiro Marine Life presentation series is on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. at the Feiro Marine Life Center on the Port Angeles City Pier. The presentation is, "Spiny-skinned Animals of the Pacific Northwest", with speaker Philip Lambert, who is Curator Emeritus at the Royal BC Museum in Victoria and an expert on Pacific Northwest invertebrate marine life. You must call ahead for reservations: (360) 417-6254. \$5 is the suggested donation, the organizations is dedicated to promoting marine conservation and education.
- Judy explained her viewpoint on notes is that it is important to have an accurate, detailed record of meetings and it is particularly difficult to get any of the agendas and meeting notes on the WRIA 18 Rule-making meetings (DREC) and it is not easy to attend in Port Angeles. Cynthia offered her DREC meeting notes to Judy.
- Cheryl Baumann announced Lead Entity grant funding season kick-off. Project applications and corresponding (approximate) budgets must be e-mailed to Cheryl by Friday. Projects must come off the 3-year workplan.
- Pete Schroeder brought up the Shoreline Master Plan public strategy handout from that last DRMT meeting. He recommended people "google" *University of Victoria Environmental Law Clinic* for the 107 page article on re-inventing rainwater management. There is a wealth of information there.
- Michele d'Hemecourt announced the annual NOLT meeting at Peninsula College this Saturday at 2:00 P.M. They will discuss the impending merger of North Olympic Land Trust and the Friends of the Fields.
- Don Hatler directed attention to the Coho that had hatched in the aquarium (the cooperative project from the Puget Sound Anglers and WDFW) at the River Center.

## II. Update on Dungeness Focus Watershed Restoration Funding – Dean Yoshina, Olympic National Forest/U.S. Forest Service

- Dean discussed the funding from *secure rural schools* dollars that the Department hasn't been able to spend until the Secretary of Agriculture approved a Resource Adviser Council (RAC) member. RAC is in place now. Scott Chitwood and other RAC members will allocate several thousand dollars per county to work on National Forest land. They are deciding which projects can occur on National Forest land. Of the 2-years worth of projects 30% have been completed. Haven't determined which new projects to work on next. Focus Watershed discussions have been around watershed restoration projects on the Olympic National Forest.
- Forest Service has been working with the Tribe and Watershed Action Team on the south fork of the Snokomish with "Legacy Roads and Trails" dollars. There are over \$2 million for legacy funding for those watersheds. Currently working restoration approach with partners in the middle of the watershed and river areas. Will be completed (or close) in a couple of years.
- They have been asked to refocus on other watersheds, this year looking at Kolaleh (out by Forks) with action plan.
- There is funding from "Legacy Roads and Trails" and we can apply for part of the \$90 million nationwide that Norm Dicks helped budget. Look at upper watershed region of the Dungeness for restoration projects that are compatible with DRMT supported efforts. Dean said he would like to consult with DRMT for the Watershed Action Plan development. They will also be going to Tribe with discussions, presentations and proposals. There is funding that has been committed to the upper watershed of Dungeness where work will probably start in a year or two.
- Michael Blanton asked when the RAC started. Dean said they were notified a month or so ago – now the Forest public affair people and group coordinator are looking at projects for this spring.
- Pete asked how far into the watershed is the funding applicable? Dean said "Legacy Roads and Trails" encourages other groups to submit for projects that are work off National Forests lands, but also benefits those lands.
- Robert Brown asked if there was going to be any impact to funding in the Elwha Watershed. Dean said that there was limited National Forest land there, and it was also not a focus watershed.

## III. Dungeness Restoration "Branding" Project Follow-up – Byron Rot, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

- Byron updated Team on the February 11<sup>th</sup> all-day meeting that took place to "brand" the restoration projects on the Dungeness River. Byron said it was a fascinating tour of how the brain works.
- Purpose of the meeting was to identify compelling messages and images to gain favor for restoration efforts on the Dungeness River with regards to the target audience (riverfront landowners). Also discussed the "hot buttons" that should be avoided when talking restoration to the target audience.
- Chuck Pettis from Brand Solutions was hired to facilitate the meeting. He walked the group through his process to develop how to present the restoration efforts in a 20 second opportunity to a member of the target audience. Discovered how to best convey message, and how to determine the best message to convey.
- Byron handed out the "Brand Identity Map" and explained how the group arrived at the final product (see Byron's handout which is also included in the notes from that meeting that will be e-mailed to DRMT).
- Three areas of the brain that respond emotionally: reptilian; limbic and rational. Determined how to present favorably with messages and images to landowners. Trying to connect with people and talk about why we're doing the restoration work. It is about the river itself and a healthy river situation. Positioning statement: *The Living Dungeness gives us clean water for families, farms and fish.*
- Next step: take information, images and messages developed at the workshop and test on small groups of landowners. Byron asked for images of the river (that bring to mind: hope, calm, children playing in river) – if you have any, e-mail .jpg to Byron.
- Then: Meetings with riverside landowners to talk about specific projects.
- Michael Blanton had participated in the meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup> and remarked how much work was done at the workshop and added he thought the workshop was very productive.
- Robert Brown asked about communicating the effects on the environment due to changing conditions. Byron explained that this was the first connection with the audience and discussions with the facts and figures come after that.
- Scott Chitwood also attended the workshop and said the lead-in to the exercise was an example of the effectiveness of marketing. With no change to the product itself a successful marketing campaign can sway a target audience.

- Judy Larson expressed concern that the approach seemed manipulative. Michael Blanton noted that the point was to get the landowners' attention. The details would come later. Byron explained that restoration efforts were complex and the audience was almost 400 landowners who need to agree to the projects. Byron said the focus test participants will be paid to allow testers to pick their brains on what they really love about the river. Pete Schroeder (who also had participated in the branding meeting) said that the meeting resulted in a proactive approach that used the intangible feelings and people's emotional reactions to the river. Byron will be sending the notes from the meeting to Shawn to distribute. If you have comments, send them to Byron.

#### **IV. Shoreline Master Program Update – Cathy Lear, Clallam County**

- Hannah Merrill passed out CD with Shoreline Master Plan key documents (including today's presentation).
- Passed out hardcopy map of area to be discussed.
- Shoreline Master Program includes all 39 counties and more than 200 cities that have shorelines of the state [RCW 90.58.030 (2)] within their jurisdictional boundaries.
- "Shorelines of the State" means: All marine waters; streams greater than 20 cfs mean annual flow, lakes 20 acres or larger; shorelands – inland areas extending 200 feet landward from the edge of these waters; and the following areas when they are associated with one of the above: some or all of the 100-year floodplain; all wetlands within 100-year floodplain; wetlands' river deltas.
- Shoreline Master Program in Clallam County has been in effect for over 40 years with nine revisions.
- Significance: Help protect water quality for marine waters, lakes and streams; increase protection of lives and property from flood and landslide damage; protect critical habitat as well as fish and wildlife; promote recreational opportunities and public access in shoreline areas.
- Purpose: Reserve appropriate areas for water oriented uses; promote public access opportunities; identify areas appropriate for restoration and preservation; help local governments avoid or lessen environmental damage as shoreline areas are developed.
- New Key Standards:
  - Current science
  - "No net loss" of ecological functions
  - Assessment of "reasonably foreseeable" cumulative impacts
  - Restoration planning
- Public participation: Robust plan (handed out at last DRMT and has been revised since then). Forums, public outreach, media plans, designated e-mail address: [SMP@co.clallam.wa.us](mailto:SMP@co.clallam.wa.us). Ecology Website— [www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/sma/index.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/sma/index.html). County Website— [www.clallam.net/RealEstate/html/shoreline\\_management.htm](http://www.clallam.net/RealEstate/html/shoreline_management.htm).
- Timeline and flowchart that showed how plan is reviewed and given input was presented. DOE is lead at state level.
- Next steps: Visioning – Summer 2010. Shoreline inventory and characterization – Summer/fall 2010. Preliminary shoreline designations and goals – 2010-2011. Clallam County requests River Restoration Workgroup to convene to help develop preliminary technical recommendations for inventory, characterization, designation, and goals.
- Cathy Lear wants the DRMT to consider reconvening the River Restoration Workgroup (subcommittee) to give input on some of the tasks of the update.
- Robert Brown asked what Cathy's view on "visioning" means. Cathy said there will be a number of community sessions to hear what people use their shorelines for now and what they envision for future uses. Will also verify the correct public access on the maps and other points. Robert asked if the Border Patrol is being contacted for vulnerable access areas. Cathy hadn't heard that but agreed it would be a very good step.
- Cathy referred to map and current designations from the SMP. Pete noted the area at the north end of Herd Creek is colored to designate rural when it actually more a conservancy environment. Cathy said they are looking at what needs to change from the 1992 SMP.
- Will do a field check on Mill Creek to put on map near Forks UGA.
- Discussion began on certain creeks that were missing from the map. Cathy explained that creeks must meet a mean annual flow of 20 cfs. Matt Heins asked how to get Meadowbrook Creek on the map. He felt Meadowbrook Creek is an important creek to protect— it is one of the water quality issues with Dungeness and is critical to the wetlands throughout Dungeness. Byron said a chunk of Meadowbrook would qualify. Saltwater in Meadowbrook Creek – marine issue? Cathy thought it was not tidal influence but beach or bluff 200 feet back determined if a creek was listed on map. Byron thought salt tolerant plants should be considered as criteria.

- Robert Brown suggested revising the 20 cfs limit, since creeks below that limit may need to be included. Cathy said the state sets the cfs limits, but agreed that along the shorelines we need to consider other input.
- Scott asked for general terms on the designations. Cathy described: **Natural** (blue) for areas with minimal human change (like a wildlife refuge); **Conservancy** (green) More activity than natural, functional habitat (Dungeness Spit); **Rural** (yellow) areas with minor development, agricultural practices, cottage industry; **no designation** (pink) New stream segments that need to be considered. They will be looking county-wide at the designations to determine if designations are still appropriate for the areas. Matt argued that the 3 Crabs area has more than one drift cell building the spit. Cathy said it was based on land use. Will be considered during characterization, and “no net loss”.
- In conclusion, Cathy asked if Team is agreeable to have the River Restoration Work Group (technical advisory group to DRMT) work with SMP effort and update the DRMT on any progress. Judy made the motion that the DRMT be involved by providing input to the plan (by way of the River Restoration Workgroup), Virginia Clark seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Hansi Hals noted that the River Restoration Workgroup has not been active in quite a while; membership may need reviewing. Pete amended the motion that the River Restoration Workgroup would serve to provide input to the plan and update the DRMT. Motion was made and passed that a subcommittee would be formed.

#### V. **River’s End Restoration Update – Byron Rot, JSKT & Hannah Merrill, Clallam County**

- Byron came to give a quick update on the acquisition and restoration of the River’s End area.
- Clallam County, WDFW, and Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe did most of the acquisition.
- Benefits to the river and public: Public out of harms way to flooding; leaking septic systems removed; 11 wells decommissioned; fine sediment storage (will slow down the filling of the bay); removed a stressor to bay water quality; protects improving fish habitat in reach; prevents heavy handed river manipulation or diking to protect houses; site restoration for future generations; site restoration in case channel avulses.
- Timeline: Began in 2002 – River’s End property acquisition and demolition. 2007 – First planting at River’s End. 2009 – Dungeness Farms restoration and tidal flow expansion to WDFW. 2010 – Second planting at River’s End (10 acres WDFW).
- Partners in restoration and acquisition: Clallam County, Dungeness Farms, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe, Salmon Recovery Funding Board, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the WDFW.
- Byron went through *before* and *after* pictures of flooding in the area. Showed where planting took place.
- Robert Brown commented that the Dungeness Beach Association (DBA) has considered armoring the bank or taking some action to protect the road there.
- Most of the houses that had been acquired had been demolished. Some structures had been moved for reuse at other sites. The Bradley House is now at Robin Hill Park.
- Full restoration work was completed at Dungeness Farms. An area was used as a tidal basin and channels were dug out to the River.
- Washington Conservation Corp planted thousands of trees and shrubs, only a few survived destruction by field mice. Cones will be placed around new (2010) planting, mowing will occur to reduce mice and competition between pasture grasses. Robert Brown had heard Nash Huber was going to plant barley there. Byron said no, the plan is to pull the fencing and then frequent mowing to control the thistle and then spraying. At Towne Road this method has worked. Joe Holtrop said the plant protectors have worked very well at the Kaiser planting on Towne Road.
- Matt said that from a “duck standpoint” the new habitat is great. Byron said Reeves Excavating did a creative job in eliminating the need to bring in a dump truck during excavation of the channels. A sled was used instead to haul out dirt. Project completed under-budget (\$90,000).

#### VI. **DRMT Priorities for Restoration/Protection (request from Strait Ecosystem Recovery Network, PSP) – John Cambalik**

- Handed out “Strait ERN Draft Work Plan Matrix of High Priority Strategies and Actions- Draft 6” to Team.
- At the last Strait Ecosystem Recovery Network meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup>, it was decided that identifying projects for funding must be more strategic. Last round (for the Watershed Management Grant for the Strait) was rushed, but the process produced four projects that were a great collaboration effort between Jefferson County and Clallam County Clean Water Districts. The competition for funding was a very stiff. There were 88 proposals submitted for \$10 million. Total funding request was for \$100 million.
- EPA will be providing the Puget Sound with another \$50 million for 2010. John doesn’t know how it will be allocated or distributed. He anticipates the money will be available this spring.

- In an effort to become more strategic in identifying projects, The Network will be forming a taskforce (by late April) to work on criteria and process to put together proposals for the Strait. Part of this effort is to come before each organization that has project lists, (like the DRMT, other Watershed planning units, etc.) and request the top three priority projects from each "list holder". Looking for projects that can be reasonably implemented in the next 2-3 years. Goal is to try to meet the deadline the EPA puts forth – won't wait for the details from the EPA to identify projects.
- Top priorities can be drawn from watershed plan.
- Lead Entity list is already prioritized with salmon recovery projects, but not with water resource or water quality projects. Salmon recovery programs have dedicated sources of funding. John talked with WRIA 17 last night and they agreed to provide a list for water resource and quality projects, and may also ask for funding for continuing watershed planning. Funding questionable now for water resources and water quality. John is asking the same from the DRMT.
- Discussion began on the short timeline. Don't have time to go through process of choosing top priority projects at the next DRMT meeting. John has a matrix he will supply. John referred to his handout – on page one: two actions drawn from implementation for DIP (Detailed Implementation Plan) and Dungeness River Management Plans. John suggested combining the projects. Use the watershed plan action detail to create implementable projects. WRIA 17 has a DIP. John is asking for top 1-3 projects, perhaps focusing on water resource or water quality. Joe Holthrop added that Dungeness Bay and Lower Dungeness has a DIP for water quality. John said that would be a good list to use to draw from.
- John said that right now we don't even know who can apply for the money. At the last round only Tribes and local governments could apply. Don't have the details on who may apply or the process to apply, what criteria will be used and it is questionable if we will even be ready to meet deadline (which isn't known, either). There are many lists from which to draw.
- Don Hatler asked if the \$50 million was for projects in the whole state of Washington, John said that it is funding for Puget Sound. In 2009 the funding was \$10 million from the EPA for Puget Sound. The deadline for that was January, Strait submitted four proposals. There were 88 proposals submitted for \$100 million.
- Discussions on lists (Clean Water District's Clean Water Group's list) and how to best come up with 2-3 projects for John ensued. It was suggested that Shawn will e-mail John's matrix to Team. By Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> ideas will be submitted by group to Shawn to categorize and bring to April 14<sup>th</sup> DRMT meeting for vote. Robert Brown suggested that the Executive Committee appoint a subcommittee to look at lists. Michael thought it might be better for all to look at, and perhaps move the due date up. After more discussion, with John recommending not spending too much time (since there are many good projects listed) on this. Scott said a lot of projects from last round will not be funded. A lot of the projects from 2009 are on the table, Scott has heard that many of the entities that took the time, effort, staff and money to apply for the '09 round may not participate in future efforts if they don't receive some funding. Pete Schroeder asked if the budget cuts had affected the \$20 million funding. John said it was federal money and hadn't been affected in 2009 (\$20 million), doesn't expect in 2010 (\$50 million), but thinks it may affect 2011 allocations. Pete Schroeder made a motion to have members review the lists (Lead Entity, PSP Action Agenda, Clean Water District, Salmon Recovery Plan, Watershed Plan, etc.) and get top 1-3 priority projects to Shawn by March 22<sup>nd</sup>. (Shawn to get the Clean Water list out to group), Shawn will pull the list together and send out for review prior to April DRMT meeting. Cathy Lear seconded the motion, which then passed. \* see bullet in Public Comment for final correction.

## **VII. Other Business/Announcements**

### **Dungeness Instream Flow and Water Management Rule Updates – Cynthia Nelson, WA DOE**

- Outreach program has been extended to stakeholder groups. Cynthia and Sarah Ferguson attended the weekly meeting of real estate agents. The meeting had an audience of about 80 people. There were some very good questions that were taken back to the DOE staff.
- DOE director is planning to meet with government groups and stakeholders between now and end of month.
- Had to cancel the Rule-Making Executive Committee Meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> in Port Angeles.
- On schedule to file the Rule in spring. There is a limited number of staff to perform the small business and economic analysis.
- Working with Clallam County on the MOA. The Rule is part of the overall package. DOE is also helping to develop framework of mitigation exchange. Also working with the Water Users on water rights (how to and if they can transfer). Lots of activity.

- Current budget in the House and Senate - \$5.3 million may be restored for watershed planning, giving a year and two months reprieve. Some planning dollars may be restored. Cynthia's job is still intact.
- In answer to Judy Larson, there is a *listserve* for Dungeness Rulemaking, Cynthia suggested Judy try to get tapes from the meetings. There are no written minutes from the meetings.
- Marguerite Glover said Dave Nazy's presentation from the real estate meeting was in .pdf format. Cynthia recommended going to the website for all the presentations.
- Robert Brown asked what are the County's obligations to implement if the legislature takes away the Department of Ecology funding and support. Cynthia said the watershed plan obligation that was signed states the Rule development is the obligation of the DOE and they will finish the Rule.

### **Carlsborg Sewer Feasibility – Request for DRMT Letter of Support for next phase – Tom Martin, Clallam County PUD #1**

- Tom handed out a 4-page, *Wastewater Treatment and Water Reuse System for Carlsborg UGA – Frequently Asked Questions*. He said he was there to ask members to read the handout and sign a letter of support at the next DRMT meeting. It is not just a sewer, but reclaimed water reuse that provides a lot of benefits for the public health, economic health and ecological health. PUD is teamed with the County on this and they are embarking on an ambitious fundraising plan. Asking for different agencies, businesses, organizations and citizens to sign a letter of support.
- Immediate need is for a grant application from the Public Works Board. Wanted to give the FAQ to people so they would know why they should sign to support this effort.
- E-mail Tom with any questions: [tomm@clallampud.net](mailto:tomm@clallampud.net)
- Currently the project is developing a hydrogeology and biological resource assessment.
- Also working on public involvement.
- This spring an LUD (Local Utilities District) formation process will begin. It will be formed to assess landowners for payment of a system. It will be based on what sort of benefits will be received.
- Finishing the Utilities Plan this spring – they are circulating a petition in the UGA which starts the process. There are specific state rules for the PUD to follow on process. With 10% landowner signatures the Commissioners can hold a hearing and hear pros and cons on that to decide then if they want to move the project forward. If 50% or more of the landowners sign the petition it is more likely that the Commissioners will go forward. They have to be assured that the cost/benefit make economic sense. Telling people that they'd like them to sign this letter of support, but know it is a lot of money (\$15 million) and tough to afford, so the letter of support is contingent on the PUD and County getting grant and loan funding that will reduce the costs of the monthly payments. Need to show the grass root support to the funding sources.
- Michele d'Hemecourt asked, "has the high price tag been the only opposition you've heard so far?" Tom said feedback includes lots of acknowledgement of the benefits (that have to do with the high nitrates in the water) and problems of economic development of the UGA and the Growth Management Act that says there has to be sewers for the UGA to exist, but the primary opposition is cost.
- Pete asked how widely the FAQ has been distributed. Tom said they've been passed out at local businesses, residential groups, Old Mill Café, churches and at meetings. Hoping people distribute to neighbors.
- Robert Brown asked if this project dealt with stormwater or any planning of reclaimed water. Tom said no stormwater planning, but reclaimed water is part of the plan. There are several options for reusing reclaimed water: flow supplementation, fire training center, new construction and non-potable water, lawn watering possibly for schools. Hoping to change lawn watering from irrigation systems, (which is a direct diversion from Dungeness River), to reclaimed water which is less impact. Robert thought that information should be included in handout.
- Facilities Plan draft is on the website.
- Pete asked what was the trigger to create the system – a motion by Clallam County Commissioners? Tom said the petition is first, then a resolution by Clallam County Commissioners. Pete thought the random distribution of FAQ is not enough. Judy suggested piggy backing on tax parcel assessments and PUD bills.
- Don Hatler wanted to clarify and understand what it means – creating a sewer system will allow residential densities to increase. On the one hand there are beneficial uses for reclaimed water, on other hand - are we encouraging up-zoning and increased building in the Carlsborg area? Promoting higher density will use more water and result in more people living there. The impact of new building and more development also needs to be considered when deciding to sign the letter of support. Tom said that there is growth in Puget Sound, and this allows for a low impact way to absorb the growth – contain vs. sprawl. Don said he preferred the density

to increase in present cities rather than developing into other areas. Tom said other issues to consider are the nitrates in the water and jobs creation in industrial park.

- Cynthia asked if the vote to move forward was based on land ownership. Tom: RCW just says landowners, may be some latitude. Judy said a petition was needed for annexation and there are evaluations involved.

#### **Public Comment**

- *Correction:* John Cambalik wanted to make the correction that the Clean Water District was one of the organizations that are being asked separately for their own list of priority projects, so DRMT is not to include those in their list.
- Dr. Robert Crittenden handed out his written review of the groundwater model and asked members to consider his findings and statements. The question he left the group was, "*Do you believe that the members of the DRMT have immunity for the consequences of the instream flow rule?*"
- Matt Heins announced that the model of the lower portion of Meadowbrook Creek area developed by Battelle that was sponsored by Ducks Unlimited is complete and is on the May DRMT agenda.
- Hannah Merrill had a sign-up sheet for communications on the Master Shoreline Program, if you would like to be involved, let Hannah know.
- Judy asked for an update on the Conservation District election. Joe Holtrop said that an election had been held, Joe Murray ran for re-election (the only one on the ballot, and the only one eligible to run based on new state procedures). Write-in candidates must be approved four weeks prior to election. Low voter turnout. Joe Murray won by landslide. Nash Huber's appointment is up this year, end of March is deadline for forms.
- Judy Larson suggested calling: 1-800-562-6000 to show support the Clean Water Act and stormwater pollution clean-up. Supports House Bill #31-81 / Senate Bill 6851.
- Michael Blanton suggested adding Washington Wilderness Coalition to an upcoming DRMT agenda. Among other efforts they are working on Wild and Scenic River designations (Dungeness River is one considered). Also working on expanding Olympic National Park.
- Cynthia shared that the Executive Committee meeting today discussed upcoming agenda items and workplan for the year. The Committee discussed trying to conduct some low budget outreach for the DRMT. If nothing else, contact a reporter for a local paper to get blurbs in every couple of months.
- John Cambalik said that a subset of the Strait Eco-Net is currently involved in a project, "Voices of the Strait", a video of interviews with elders, Tribal and non-tribal voices discussing the value of natural resources along the Strait and they are looking for people to interview. Contact Feiro Marine Life Center if you know someone willing to be interviewed on video.

#### **VIII. Meeting Adjourned at 5:00 P.M.**

##### **Handouts:**

- WAC and Current Shoreline Environment Designations in Dungeness Planning Area and map.
- NOPL 2010 Work Plan Ranking.
- Brand Identity Map created at February 11<sup>th</sup> all-day branding workshop.
- Strait ERN Draft Work Plan Matrix of High Priority Strategies and Actions - Draft 6.
- PUD Wastewater Treatment and Water Reuse System for Carlsborg UGA FAQ.
- Groundwater Model, March 10, 2010 by: Dr. Robert Crittenden.
- CD with Shoreline Master Plan Key Documents and presentation.