

**Dungeness River Management Team**  
**May 14, 2008**  
**MEETING NOTES**

John Cambalik to remain as alternate to Cynthia Nelson –recommended by Cynthia.

Review agenda. Accepted as modified. (Mike Jeldness took fall, concussion so agenda item on Irrigation Flow Report postponed)

**Walt Blendermann:** Peter Jackson (riverside property owner) observed backhoe doing work in river and has an issue; irrigation districts/companies have HPA with Fish and Wildlife, but what they were doing maybe not be correct BMP. Control over what looks like an uncontrolled process. ) Put it on the agenda next month. Bob Caldwell will have someone from Irrigation at the next meeting. Peter has been contacted via Shawn Hines; she has asked Chris Byrnes if he could come and explain what the HPA is.

**Judy Larson:** Attended a meeting presenting a radio station that may host community interest programming. More information available at SCBRadio.com. Irrigation Festival is another opportunity for public outreach.

**Scott Chitwood:** Chinook stocks collapsed along the Oregon/California coast. South of Falcon voted no salmon fishing. Coho stocks down. 2008 adult return expected not as good as marine survival, fisheries will be affected. Stocks of concern - Stillaguamish Chinook and Central Sound Chinook. WA coastal fishery was based on abundance of Chinook in Columbia river, quota has been reduced for treaty and non-treaty. Coast of OR ESU was listed. Walt B. one other impact is AK, have cut their harvest in half. Conversely, BC pumped their harvest up.

Scott—international management of fisheries, negotiating limits etc. Robert B. – Pollock fisheries catch Salmon. Scott – they are Bering Sea/AK salmon, so impacts will occur on AK stocks. Bob B. will their still be redd surveys on the Dungeness River. When? **Scott**, yes, late August.

**Joe Holtrop:** Clallam–Cline Ditch Combo Piping Project Update –(power point)- Phase 5 estimated to cost over \$1 million (new engineer, much more cautious about what he is doing, thus more expensive.) Minimize tail water in ditch 7. 3 of 5 ditches can be done with money available. Pressure reducing station, costs \$60-70,000. Now they have an operation manual, turned it on slowly, checking the pipe along the system before up to full pressure. Irrigation infrastructure – would like to keep this project on the DOE project list. Scott C. – real time measurements on some of the ditches. The main ditch metered, and data should be available (Joe could find out where the information is available.) Requirement of this diversion to reduce the amount by 6 cfs. Dungeness Irrigation District project - comprehensive plan for this system nearly complete. Goal – ultimately the entire system could be put in a pipe. Have submitted a grant application to pipe upper 3,500 ft. Also a grant to pipe the last 2,500 feet of ditch by Sunland (Pioneers in Conservation grant). Dungeness Irrigation Group would like to pipe the rest of their system, concerned about the water they have remaining, and amount of water they'd have to give up to get the money to do the project.

On-farm stuff going on. Steve Johnson got about 25,000 from Env. Quality Incentives Program and CCD, to line his pond. Conversion of irrigation systems to watering boom, \$50,000 each, more efficient watering system.

**Walt B.:** Do you see a conversion of less water intensive crops. **Joe:** No – Nash Huber has gone from about 80 acres to about 400 acres in ten years. Hard to project amount of water he'll need due to his varying crops. Price of wheat and barley is way up so now locals are planting more of these crops as well as vegetable seed crops. Website and reports, are they available to the library system? Access to water – if you're in the district you have access the water. Clallam Co. received a grant that did Small Management Practices and Mapping and Clean Water District Boundaries.

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) Salmon Stream Buffer Restoration. Clallam Conservation District had been sharing a planner with Jeff County Conservation District, but now have own. Less than one-half FTE in house with that work now.

**Robert B.:** Would it be possible to bleed off flood waters into ditching system during flood events. Flood Water Mngmt Plan. **Joe:** Yes.

**Walt B.:** Water conservation measures for the homeowner? Clallam County has a grant for Water Conservation Grant DOE. Clallam Conservation District does workshops on water-conserving landscaping that reach nearly 200 people annually.

BREAK

**Cathy L: Handouts: Narratives and Table: DOE Project Building Budget Requests.**

Last Year 2 funded ASR (Aquifer Storage and Recharge) AR=Artificial Recharge (SAR=Storage and Artificial Recharge.) Study and Water Conservation Funds.

Work through the table and refer to narratives as needed.

Water Exchange (did Co. get \$100,000 already and continue?) Goal is to prioritize this list. Atterberry Reservoir monies need to go as a project – as annual costs. Don't know what the lease would cost and pumping costs.

Walt B.: need to look beyond this list, need to look at other options. ANALYSIS of alternatives to CONSERVE WATER. Long term alternatives for late seasonal use, irrigation, or storage. Scott C. this could be a separate item, issue. Cathy and Joe will work on it tomorrow. Feasibility study, ball park the budget at \$100,000.

Prioritizing (on chart hard-copy see Cathy/Hansi); Water Quantity is our priority over Water Quality.

**Cheryl B: Up-date on the NOBLE 3 year strategy.**

Salmon habitat recovery is not going to happen just because we write up a plan. These plans are reviewed by the NOAA review plan. Spent more time on this plan with Walt Pearson and Sam Gibboney contracted to write this strategy in shorter form (30-pg. doc.) Culled down the project list to projects that could be done in three years.

Strategic Planning Meeting at the end of the month for NOBLE. Targeting proposals for funding. Projects will be presented at the JUNE- DRMT Washington Harbor and Meadowbrook. June 3 is the next meeting if you're interested in attending presentation of all proposals.

**Sunland**

Mike Langley is the water system supervisor. They have water that they reclaim to irrigate field, are there other ways that that water can be utilized. The water is not used on the golf course at Sunland. Beneficial uses of reclaimed water, homes on common sewer system and recondition water and what other uses. Pollution abatement system – infiltration use at Graysmarsh. What does Casselery Creek support, what runs are there in Casselery, going into Casselery or Graysmarsh.

Hannah will get Casselery data to Mike Langley. Mike will come back with information and water project ideas.

Birthday Party for DRMT 4:00 p.m. next month. Is anyone contracted to do the logo, may have it by the birthday party.

Comments:

**John C. -** Partnership update. Strait Action Area Workgroup met earlier today for the second time here at the River Center. Next series of Action Agenda workshops for each of the Action Areas will be scheduled for July. LID Workshops at JSK in May and June. \$50/per session; get info on PSP website. Encouraged to attend.

**Tyler Ahlgren** presented to Commissioners info on a system that takes land fill waste and bio solids and clean water comes out the other end. Charge a tipping fee, plasma and sin-gas system no emissions inert by-products, gas is used for energy they sell the power (\$\$ tipping fee and power) green business -- Metro Vancouver (Zero Cost Zero Risk), is it offered in the USA? It is a Canadian Company.