

DUNGENESS RIVER MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

Meeting of April 13, 2005

Notes Prepared By: Tami Breitbach, Clallam County DCD

Team Members and Alternatives Present

Scott Hagerty, U.S. Forest Service (Advisory)

Cathy Lear, Clallam County (Alt)

Mike Jeldness, Water Users Association

Virginia Clark, Dungeness/Quilcene Planning

Les Jones, Dungeness/Quilcene Planning (Alt)

Cathy Lucero, North Olympic Land Trust

Hansi Hals, North Olympic Land Trust (Alt)

Randy Johnson, WDFW

Cynthia Nelson, DOE

John Cambalik, PSAT (Ecology Alt)

Al Moore, Riverside Property Owners

Scott Chitwood, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

Pam Sanguinetti, USFW (Alt)

Others Present

Welden Clark (Dungeness River Audubon Center), Byron Rot (Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe),

Roger Anderson (Battelle), Tom Martin (Battelle/AWRA).

I. Introductions / Review Agenda / Approval of Minutes

Randy Johnson opened the meeting, and introductions were conducted.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of March 9, 2005 were approved as submitted. Discussion was had regarding the 'action minute' format vs. minutes that are more thorough.

Public Comment

None.

II. NASA Northwest Collaboratory Project

Roger Anderson, Battelle, began by indicating that the Pacific Northwest Regional Collaboratory Program (PNWRC) was developed three years ago. Its regional partners include two (2) national laboratories and four regional universities with a partner base to be expanded in future years. The PNWRC mission is to facilitate the integration of geospatial technologies, and data to serve the needs of resource managers and decision-makers across the Pacific Northwest region. The objectives are to provide solutions to problems of critical regional importance; create enduring collaborations that position the PNWRC as a key asset to government and industry in the region; build geospatial capacity within the end user community and participant institutions; and ensure the financial sustainability of the enterprise.

Mr. Anderson indicated that the PNWRC is uniquely qualified and positioned to address major environmental and natural resource decision support needs that transcend political jurisdictions and ecological boundaries across the PNW; mobilize the geospatial research and development resources of the region's universities and national laboratories in a broadly collaborative and synergistic manner; and to integrate and standardize data collection, modeling, and decision support tools to enable effective and sustainable policy, and resource management outcomes.

Mr. Anderson identified technical projects, and reviewed example end users. Mr. Anderson provided information regarding the NW Sustainability Atlas, which is a web-based data portal with regionally relevant dataset for technical users, and provides a set of synthesized products

for targeted applications that will be used by decision makers addressing issues important to the future of the region. The Program will provide analysis of regional sustainability trends that can assist in defining areas and issues of critical importance, as well as providing integrated information and decision support systems which will facilitate the movement toward adaptive resource management.

Mr. Anderson reviewed regional drivers as: increasing water scarcity and conflict around allocation; ESA listing of several salmon species resulting from habitat degradation; and rapid population growth, more stringent state urban planning mandates. Mr. Anderson briefly discussed example end users and decision support needs.

Mr. Anderson closed by identifying benefits to the region, as follows:

- Unique geospatial science and technology collaboration on critical regional issues;
- Products provide synoptic regional view;
- Opportunity to exert national and international leadership in geospatial technology deployment;
- Provides information to support incentives-based management of natural resources;
- Provides basis for informed decision making through enhanced application of NASA data;
- Wide range of regional beneficiaries, including agencies, commercial interests, and NGOs; and
- Provides an opportunity to make field data more extensible, and to perform integrated assessments.

Tom Martin discussed NASA tools that are used for resource application.

III. Dike Study Subcommittee

Discussion was not recorded.

IV. Salmon Pre-Season Planning Results

Discussion was not recorded.

V. Shared Strategy Business

Discussion recorded half-way through. Cathy Lear spoke to Question F of the Dungeness Watershed Salmonid Recovery Planning Notebook, as well as the Adaptive Management Plan, letter submittal by DRMT, and the nearshore component of local response.

VI. Announcements / Updates / Other

Bob Boekelheide, Dungeness River Audubon Center, indicated that the Center is available for various venues, and to call him for additional information, or to schedule.

Further discussion was had regarding the Shared Strategy letter to be submitted by the DRMT, as well as others letters submitted by other entities.

Discussion was had regarding the prioritized project list.

VII. Adjourn