

DUNGENESS RIVER MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

Meeting of January 12, 2005

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Team Members and Alternatives Present

Steve Tharinger, Chair, Clallam County
Al Moore, Riverside Property Owners
Mike Jeldness, Water Users Association
Don Hatler, Sports Fisheries
Hansi Hals, Alt. North Olympic Land Trust
John Cambalik, Puget Sound Action Team
Cathy Lear, Alt. Clallam County
Les Jones, Alt. Quilcene Planning
Scott Hagerty, U.S. Forest Service

Randy Johnson, WDFW
Scott Chitwood, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe
Virginia Clark, Dung - Quilcene Planning
Cynthia Nelson, DOE
John Beitzel, City of Sequim
Peter Schroeder, Riverside Property Owner
Walt Blendermann, Sports Fisheries
Pam Sanguinetti, Alt. USFW

Others Present

Shelly Spalding, Timm Tripp, Jessica Humphries, Susan Stark, Larry Ogg, Tom Martin, Byron Rot, Jeff Bohman, Welden Clark, Diane Hood and Therese Fillmore.

I. Introductions / Review Agenda / Approval of Minutes

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of December 8, 2004 were tabled for approval at the next regular meeting.

Public Comment Period

Tom Martin offered a proposal in assisting with watershed planning. Chair Tharinger suggested that Mr. Martin return to a future meeting to provide a formal presentation to the Team. Further discussion was had regarding a potential working relationship with the Marine Resource Committee.

John Cambalik informed the Team that Puget Sound Action Team has released the Low Impact Development Technical Manual and copies will be available January 18, 2005, at which time John will be distributing copies of the manual. It is also available on the PSAT web site. John further indicated that he will be available to present a short non-technical presentation to the Team within the next few months. Four (4) technical presentations will also be provided by PSAT at various locations around Puget Sound over the next few months. Chair Tharinger indicated that he will pass this information along to County Planning and Road Department Staff.

Pete Schroeder indicated that he recently returned from Laguna, California, and learned about technology that tells you real-time water flow data throughout the year. Mr. Schroeder offered to share the technology with the Team, to move toward a similar approach.

II. Bull Trout Presentation

Shelley Spalding and Larry Ogg, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, provided a presentation regarding Bull Trout. The Draft Bull Trout Recovery Plan is out. C Lear, Clallam County has a copy. Dungeness is 1 of 6 core areas for Bull Trout. Ms. Spalding will provide a copy of the PowerPoint presentation to the Team. Chair Tharinger indicated it would be helpful to put it on the DRMT website.

III. Flood Plan Update and Kinkade Island Update

Cathy Lear distributed copies containing a portion of the Flood Hazard Management Plan, which provides descriptions of some flood hazards identified by the Flood Plan Committee, and a table of some recommendations.

Ms. Lear indicated that the Dungeness Flood Hazard Plan is in need of updating, as the Plan was written in 1990 with most recommendations being complete, or not really workable.

Ms. Lear provided ortho photos, and pointed out and provided descriptions of identified hazards. The chart also provides alternatives to the identified hazards. The network of side and overflow channels were noted.

Ms. Lear indicated that Kinkade Island is basically a deposit in the River, with an east channel called Kinkade Creek.

Discussion was had regarding various alternatives and actions. C Lear said next step is take the flood plan through SEPA and that will happen in summer 2005.

Chair Tharinger indicated that possibly the Team would want to review the stated alternatives and provide some input or recommendations. This issue was tabled for the March meeting. The full document is available and requests should be submitted to Hansi Hals.

Discussion was had regarding the return size of hatchery Coho.

Ms. Lear reported that the conclusions for Kinkade Island is that it is a depositional zone, and there is a reasonable chance that the main channel will shift into the eastern channel.

A 10-minute break was taken.

IV. Shared Strategy Tasks

Discussion was had regarding reviewing the EDT computer model results, and determining whether there should be any amendments to the project ranking list.

Page 36, Restoring the Dungeness, includes 10 strategic elements that were discussed with regard to how the elements are related to restoration and limited factors. NOPLEG was updated in 2004, and the recommendations are not ranked, however two (2) recommendations are highlighted as critical. Page 3, Table 1, indicates ranking by the EDT computer model in accordance with the ten strategic elements. The intent is to review how the elements were sorted out by EDT and DRMT.

Hansi Hals indicated that she pulled information together regarding strategic elements and actions. Ms. Hals indicated that one of the most obvious items that jumps out is regarding the sediment management source control ranked as number 10 by the DRMT in 2001, and in the limited factors analysis was sequenced as something that should occur early on, and was sequenced as the NOPLEG as critical and produced by EDT as number 4. Chair Tharinger inquired with Scott Haggerty whether the EDT is specific to Forest Service Roads regarding sedimentation. Scott Haggerty indicated that he provided information for the model, basically stating that from a Forest Service priority, the Forest Service has addressed and restored the roads within the Dungeness, and are not proposing the projects as high priority. Randy Johnson spoke to the issue of sedimentation.

Discussion was had to amend language in Table 1 with regard to water conservation and water quality.

The Team agreed to revisit the project list, and provide further recommendations, if necessary.

Hansi Hals closed by indicating that the Team should review Question 'F' with regard to policy commitments, what is achievable, and who is in charge.

V. Announcements

John Cambalik indicated during the last meeting, Chair Tharinger had asked if Mr. Cambalik would consider assisting in the development of the nearshore section of the local watershed salmon recovery chapter for Shared Strategy, and Mr. Cambalik indicated that he forwarded an email to several folks in order to explore what he might be able to offer with regard to this request. Mr. Cambalik indicated there are a number of roles that he could play in the process (such as facilitation, coordination, text compiling, etc), and additional staff would be available, if necessary. Chair Tharinger thanked Mr. Cambalik for his willingness to review areas in which he may be able to assist.

Mr. Cambalik informed the Team that Puget Sound Action Team is trying to help Shared Strategy staff encourage local leaders, from local governments and Tribes, to attend the Shared Strategy Summit. Chair Tharinger inquired as to who is attending the Shared Strategy Summit.

Ann Soule indicated that there will be a focus session regarding groundwater supply issues during the week of January 31, 2005, as well as an instream flow session. Ms. Soule further requested time on the February agenda to discuss the status.

Chair Tharinger discussed the status regarding the Burnt Hill/ORV project, and indicated that there will be a public forum to include both the focus group and the community as a whole. An issue of concern is that the focus group is too narrow.

Tom Martin, President of the Washington sector of the American Water Resource Association, commended the Team on their continued effort, and encouraged the Team to attend the National Conference which will be held in Seattle in November 2005, and at the State level, there will be a meeting conducted in Tacoma on April 11, 2005

VI. Adjourn

