DUNGENESS RIVER MANAGEMENT TEAM 2012 NOPLE Project Collective Comment and Average Score

Proposed Project	Individual DRMT Member Scores 0 (lowest) - 10.0 (highest) or NS (no score) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17													17	# of Scores Submitted	Score Average	Project Rank (1 = highest priority)			
A. Dungeness Flow Enhancement- Recharge and Storage	7.0	7.0	7.0	5.0	10.0	7.0	7.0	NS	NS	NS	7	7.14	N/A							
NOTE: DRMT consists of 13 voting members (and alternates) and 4 advisory members (and alternates). Advisory members were given the option of providing scores/comments. Members who are also TRG/LEG representatives either elected not to provide scores/comments, or had their alternate provide scores/comments. The																				
Team used the these criteria to help them in their decision: status/urgency, benefit to salmon, certaintly of success, extent of promoting ecosystem functions and sociopolitical benifits. Seven score sheets were received, one of which was from an advisory member who did not provide comments.																				

DRMT (East WRIA 18 CFG) SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The average score (of seven) is 7.14. One member scored the project at the highest level (10). Since there is only one project, the Team did not rank. The majority of comments noted the importance of improving low flows for salmon. Most recognized the project as a phased process, though two members thought the project should be implemented immediately. There were an equal number (three) of high and "medium" responses selected for benefit to salmon, and one "low" response. Supporters recognized the benefit of recharge during low flow periods. The "low" score for benefit to salmon suggested that instream flow improvements would be uncertain. For the certainty of success criteria, most selected "medium", as the project itself is to determine feasibility. Commenters noted that studying the feasibility of such a project is worthwhile, because if it proves feasible, higher flows are known to improve conditions for salmon. One scorer commented on the good track record of the project sponsor, and one commented that the approach has not been perfected. For sociopolitical benefits, comments discussed that storage is a project supported across the watershed, and also is consistent with DRMT's mission. Concerns about the project included cost and uncertainty about amount of water going back to river, and potential health risks.