

**DUNGENESS RIVER MANAGEMENT TEAM  
REVIEWER/MEMBER COMMENTS (6/11/14)  
2014 NOPE Project Proposals**

Key:

- A. *Dungeness Riparian Habitat Restoration (DR Riparian Restoration)*
- B. *Lower Dungeness Floodplain Restoration (DR Floodplain Restoration)*
- C. *Dungeness Habitat / Large Property Protection (DR Habitat/Property Protection)*

**REVIEWER 1:**

- B. *DR Floodplain Restoration:* This project would address two critical limiting factors, restoring necessary floodplain and side-channel habitat in this stretch of the Dungeness. This is a project that has been funded in the past, and it is worthwhile to continue support of this restoration effort. One concern that is unavoidable is that all lost floodplain (561 acres total) cannot be restored. The scoring is slightly lower than the possible 10 due to (1) this concern above, (2) the fact that there is little detail on the budget and nothing I could find on how the estimates were derived, and (3) there was no information on the Socio-Political Benefits.
- A, C: Reviewer chose not to score Projects A or C to due potential conflict of interest.

**REVIEWER 2:**

All strong projects that would advance salmon/steelhead recovery in the Dungeness. Lower Dungeness Floodplain Restoration [Project B] ranked highest due to the critical phase which needs to be funded for success on this large scale project to move forward. Dungeness Riparian Habitat Restoration [Project A] ranked higher than the Dungeness Habitat/Large Property Protection [C] because negotiations are further along with the smaller acquisition project.

**REVIEWER 3:**

- B. *DR Floodplain Restoration:* I scored the Lower Dungeness Floodplain Restoration application the highest because in my mind it is shovel-ready.
- C. *DR Habitat/Property Protection:* I scored the Dungeness Habitat/Large Property Protection application slightly lower because in my opinion it doesn't go downriver far enough.
- A. *DR Riparian Restoration:* I scored the Dungeness Riparian Habitat Restoration application the lowest because I don't think it goes after the protection of enough properties, whereas there is much bigger River floodplain protection opportunities in the lower river.

**REVIEWER 4:**

- A. *DR Riparian Habitat Restoration:* This project, assuming willing landowners, has a high likelihood of success, given the experience of both the Tribe and North Olympic Salmon Coalition in managing habitat protection. The location for protection falls within the DRMT priority area (lower watershed) and will protect 15 acres of habitat – adjacent to other protected areas. While the urgency is high, due to the fact that currently there is nothing to protect this area from development near river, the other projects are higher in priority due to scale (higher benefits).
- B. *DR Floodplain Restoration:* The DRMT has repeatedly prioritized lower floodplain restoration as its number one priority for maximizing habitat benefits to listed salmonid species. Momentum is high, with the pending feasibility study from ACOE, as well as the other Floodplains by Design work currently underway. Funding the actual setback (moving the dike) I essential to the overall goal of floodplain restoration.

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- C. *DR Habitat Protection*: This project scores higher than Project A due to its scale – and potential to protect a significantly larger area of floodplain (200 acres in Project C versus 15 acres in Project A). Over 90% of this acreage is considered “high quality functional habitat”. Best to preserve this now, rather than potentially eventually paying in future for restoration.

**REVIEWER 5:**

- A. *DR Riparian Habitat Restoration*: There is a benefit to salmon recovery.
- B. *DR Floodplain Restoration*: I can see some benefit to salmon recovery, provided flooding can be controlled in consideration of property owners.
- C. *DR Habitat Protection*: There are benefits for salmon recovery.

**REVIEWER 6:**

- A. *DR Riparian Habitat Restoration*: No immediate benefit to the river but good long range.
- B. *DR Floodplain Restoration*: Best project to help lower Dungeness long planned time to act.
- C. *DR Habitat Protection*: Good for everybody but certainty of success is low because purchase was rebuffed previously. Hope this helps. I'd like to see all of them done now, but life is never easy.