



Dungeness River Management Team
Cooperative Management of Our Watershed's Resources
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Natalie McLenaghan, Marine Habitat Restoration Specialist
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RE: Support for *Dungeness Off-Channel Reservoir Project*, FY2019 Community-based Restoration Program Coastal and Marine Habitat Restoration Grant (NOAA-NMFS-HCPO-2019-2005889)

Dear Natalie McLenaghan:

The Dungeness River Management Team (DRMT) submits this letter in support of the Dungeness Off-Channel Reservoir Project, which we consider to be a significant stride toward climate change resiliency and water conservation for instream flows in the Dungeness Watershed.

The DRMT is a long-standing partnership of watershed stakeholders and individuals with a strong history of supporting and coordinating water conservation efforts. Water supplies, instream flow and floodplain and habitat restoration have been watershed priorities since the Dungeness-Quilcene pilot project in the early 1990s and the watershed planning process in the early 2000s. The DRMT's 2005 water resource management plan recommends an off-channel reservoir for storage of Dungeness River water, which would increase our area's resiliency against decreasing snowpack storage and critical low flows in the Dungeness.

Last fall, the DRMT reaffirmed its strong support for this project in a detailed resolution (attached). The related planning and coordination we have partnered on, for over 30 years, reflect our ongoing commitment to better water resource management for all.

We appreciate your serious consideration of funding this important water conservation project.

Sincerely,

Hansi Hals, Chair, DRMT
On behalf of the DRMT

2019 DRMT Membership

<i>Clallam Conservation District</i>	<i>Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe</i>
<i>Clallam County</i>	<i>North Olympic Land Trust</i>
<i>Clallam PUD #1</i>	<i>Protect the Peninsula's Future</i>
<i>City of Sequim</i>	<i>Riverside Property Owners</i>
<i>Dungeness Beach Association</i>	<i>Water Users Association</i>
<i>Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge</i>	<i>Sports Fisheries</i>
<i>Dungeness River Audubon Center</i>	<i>US Forest Service</i>
<i>Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society</i>	<i>WA Department of Ecology</i>