



Dungeness River Management Team

Cooperative Management of Our Watershed's Resources

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City Planning Commission and City Council
Stormwater Plan
Sequim Public Works
152 W Cedar St.
Sequim, WA 98382

RE: Dungeness River Management Team Support for Storm/Surface Water Master Plan

To Whom It May Concern:

The Dungeness River Management Team (DRMT) would like to express support for the City of Sequim's Storm and Surface Water Master Plan (Plan), as presented to the DRMT at their June 10, 2015 monthly meeting. The DRMT has appreciated the City's routine status reports related to storm and surface water planning (including the City's Stormwater Management Needs Assessment) and opportunities for feedback.

It is notable that the City's water strategies emphasize natural resource protection, such as ensuring adequate groundwater recharge and protection of groundwater quality, in conjunction with their plans for growth. These and other of the Plan's high priority actions correspond to recommendations in the DRMT's own watershed plan (WRIA 18 Plan, 2005). For example, constructing water storage reservoirs, having a watershed-based and coordinated approach to stormwater management and advancing efforts to implement reclaimed water projects are all important actions the DRMT has endorsed over the years (Recommendations 3.1., 3.5 and 3.1.10, respectively; WRIA 18 Plan, 2005). The DRMT also commends the City for its attention in the Plan to climate change strategies, its participation in North Olympic Peninsula climate change preparations, and recognizing the importance of interagency collaboration.

Water resource management in the Dungeness watershed is an important focus in the area, and we appreciate this recognition in the Plan. We hope the improvements to the City's Storm and Surface Water program can be approved and implemented as soon as possible.

On behalf of the Dungeness River Management Team, thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Scott Chitwood, Chair, DRMT
Dungeness River Management Team

2015 DRMT Membership

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