



Dungeness River Management Team

Cooperative Management of Our Watershed's Resources
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Paul Haines
City of Sequim Public Works
152 W. Cedar Street
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RE: City of Sequim's Centennial Clean Water Program Grant Proposal (FY2015)

Dear Paul:

The Dungeness River Management Team (DRMT) was pleased to learn more about the City of Sequim's storm and surface water management planning efforts at the November 13th DRMT meeting. The DRMT wishes to offer our full support of the City's funding request to Ecology to develop its proposed *Storm and Surface Water Management Program*. We understand the proposal includes the following important activities:

- Develop a stormwater management plan and program for the City
- Develop agreements with stormwater management partners
- Propose municipal code revisions for City Council review/approval
- Conduct related outreach and public involvement

The DRMT is well aware of the impacts of insufficiently managed stormwater. Over the years, the Team has had many discussions with partners and other community members about such impacts as they relate to the Dungeness Watershed (e.g., flooding; conveyance of sediment and other pollutants, alteration of stream channel morphology, redd scouring, etc.). In fact, we spent considerable time incorporating the subject of stormwater management into our 2005 Ecology-approved Elwha-Dungeness Watershed Plan (WRIA 18 Plan). The City's proposal to develop a stormwater management program is supported within the WRIA 18 Plan (e.g. *Recommendation 3.5-A.2*), along with other recommendations that we encourage the City to consider during its stormwater planning process (WRIA 18 Plan, Chapter 3.5: http://www.clallam.net/environment/assets/applets/W18_3.5-Stormwater.pdf).

The City's proposal will also fulfill actions listed in the 2004 Clean Water Strategy for Dungeness Bay and Watershed (actions updated in 2012), on which the Clean Water Work Group partnered. The Clean Water Work Group is a subcommittee of the DRMT that formed at the same time a Clean Water District was created to focus on water quality problems, such as stormwater, that are impacting the Sequim Bay and Dungeness watersheds.

The DRMT commends the City for making stormwater management a high priority, and we hope the effort can be coordinated with other relevant jurisdictions. We wish you success in your grant application, and we look forward to further updates.

Sincerely,



Scott Chitwood
Chair, Dungeness River Management Team