

**DUNGENESS RIVER MANAGEMENT TEAM
REVIEWER/MEMBER COMMENTS (5/28/15)
2015 NOPLE Project Proposals**

Key:

- A. Sequim Bay Shoreline Restoration: Dawley Phase
- B. Dungeness Floodplain Restoration: Robinson Phase
- C. Dungeness R. Railroad Reach Floodplain Restoration

REVIEWER 1:

A. Dawley Phase - Good straight forward project with high benefits to salmon and certainty of success. Restoring shoreline condition and nearshore processes. Reason why it is not the top priority is that the time sensitive negotiations factor with willing seller for the Dungeness Riparian Protection project.

B. Dungeness Riparian Protection - Restores important floodplain process for functioning fish habitat. May lend momentum to other acquisitions within the reach. Takes septic tank out of floodplain. Time sensitive regarding willing land seller.

C. RR Bridge - I see the high benefit to salmon benefit from getting the creosote pilings out of the floodplain and restoring floodplain function. But the high cost of the replacement bridge should be shared more with the recreational user groups. Also, there is high social-political benefit; but to have salmon restoration \$\$ the entire cost just does not seem right.

REVIEWER 2:

Reviewer had no comments.

REVIEWER 3:

Both the Sequim Bay Shoreline Restoration (Project A) and the Dungeness Floodplain Restoration Projects (Project B) are my top choices over the RR Bridge Trestle Project (Project C) because they are comprehensive restoration projects. The RR Bridge repair project (Project C), although an amazing necessary project, seems to be more of a candidate for other types of funding instead of restoration. I hate to see the limited restoration dollars go to pay for maintenance and repair.

REVIEWER 4:

Reviewer had no comments.

REVIEWER 5:

I wish to comment for the record that all three of the projects are worthy of funding and that all presenters and NOPLE staff are to be commended for providing clear background information and effectively answering DRMT questions.

COMMENTS/ REASONING:

To obtain a numeric score based on the rating scheme provided for the five criteria, I assigned [for Benefit to Salmon] a 0.5 value for Low, 1 for Medium, and 2 for High; [for Status/Urgency] a 0.5 for Discussion, 1 for Active Analysis, 1.5 for Phased, and 2 for Immediate. (This could allow for a MAX score of 10, but only a 2.5 for a MIN, which I believe makes more sense than a 0 MIN, since no project would have made it through review that would warrant only 0!).

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Projects A & C have the advantages of NOT needing land acquisition, which for Project B- an otherwise outstanding floodplain habitat improvement and flood hazard reduction proposal - involves "some" expressed interest by "some" of involved parcel owners. Project A does not include "back parcels" which would limit access/public benefit. Project C would have considerable benefit to salmon AND people by allowing for improved habitat and restore and greatly enhance recreation/access and outreach education opportunities. Biking and walking the Olympic Discovery Trail has local and tourism value, hence C has very high socio-political AND economic benefit to outweigh the high cost.

REVIEWER 6:

A. Sequim Bay Shoreline Restoration: Dawley Phase. This project is a great thing and I hope it progresses but it got a score of 6 because I don't see the urgency other than the fact that there is a current opportunity.

B. Dungeness Riparian Protection. This one got a 4 because I see it needing a lot of additional work, permissions, funding sources, etc., before it can be realized. Again, great idea.

C. RR Bridge Trestle. Got my highest score because of the huge sociopolitical benefit. This one needs lots of support, soon, or the chance to prevent the same thing happening on other posts will be lost, and a longer span will benefit fish and wildlife.

REVIEWER 7:

All three projects are laudable and necessary, and all three deserve support. It is nice to see some attention given to Sequim Bay, which has both water quality and habitat restoration needs. However, since Dungeness River floodplain restoration remains at the top of DRMT's restoration priority list, and more habitat will be restored (and more threatened species affected) in both of the Dungeness floodplain projects than in the Sequim Bay shoreline project (shoreline project will restore 4.3 acres of habitat), both projects B and C scored higher than A. For the same reason, and while both floodplain projects are time-sensitive, the Robinson Phase (Project B) scored slightly higher than the Railroad Reach (Project C) (29 acres of floodplain processes restored in the former vs 20 acres of floodplain restored in the later). Plus, Robinson project may be more ready to proceed. While all projects would see some socio-political benefits, with the Railroad Bridge likely to have the most (high profile, more public access), still -- scores mainly reflect amount of habitat acreage improved.