

## APPROVED DRMT Meeting Notes, December 14, 2016

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**DRMT Members Present:** Cathy Lear/Clallam County (alt), Scott Chitwood/Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Shawn Hines/Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe (alt), Robert Beebe/Riverside Property Owners, Donald Hatler/Sports Fisheries, Pete Walker/Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society Conservation Committee (alt), Michele Canale/North Olympic Land Trust, Joe Holtrop/Clallam Conservation District, Judy Larson/Protect the Peninsula's Future, Lorenz Sollman/Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge (advisory), Marc McHenry USFS, Matt Heins, Ben Smith, Robert Brown/Dungeness Beach Association

**Others Present:** Powell Jones/River Center, Hilton Turnbull/Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, John Cambalik/Strait ERN, Bill Strehle/resident, Chad Theismann/Clallam County

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### I. Introductions/Review Agenda/Review and Approve November 16<sup>th</sup> DRMT Draft Meeting Notes

Scott Chitwood called meeting to order. Introductions were made, sign in sheets circulated. Judy Larson moved and Ben Smith seconded the motion to approve the November meeting notes. Motion carried.

#### *Public Comment:*

- Tom Martin clarified the PUD's position regarding Bob Martin's November presentation on Carlsborg and water rights. Per the November notes, Bob had stated that Carlsborg has water rights for 40 years and water rights for new development could be sought once existing water rights had been exhausted. Tom clarified that the PUDs position is the County needs to be more proactive in their performance per the 2013 interlocal agreement with the PUD and not wait 40 years before obtaining new water rights. Scott Chitwood inquired on the number of water rights that currently exist. Judy Larson would like to see presentation from Clallam County on Carlsborg zoning densities and buildout analysis. Cathy Lear will pass along this request to the Clallam County Department of Community Development. *[Cathy made the request, and a presentation will happen at January 11<sup>th</sup> DRMT meeting]*
- Joe Holtrop mentioned The Washington Association of Conservation Districts presented Scott Chitwood with the Special Services Award.
- Joe Holtrop mentioned the State Conservation Commission presented Matt Heins with the award of Supervisor of the Year.
- Powell mentioned Don Hatler's birthday today.
- Judy Larson mentioned Board of County Commissioners public hearing on Roadside Noxious Weed Management Plan, January 10<sup>th</sup> in Commissioner's meeting room.
- Robert Brown mentioned Boy Scouts put up pet waste containers in County Parks and they are looking for volunteers to monitor the stations.
- Cathy Lear introduced Chad Theismann as a new planner with the County.

### II. Engineered Log Jam Project in the Gray Wolf River, Hilton Turnbull, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

- Purpose of "Engineered Log Jam" (ELJ) is to recruit large woody debris to improve chinook rearing habitat.
- \$490,000 project to place 12 ELJs in river.
- These ELJ's contain 60 foot logs with root wad, racking bundles made up of bundles of smaller trees used to occupy interstitial space, and rock collar anchors designed to hold 60 foot logs in place.
- ELJ's were put in place by helicopter. Helicopter cost \$7,000/hour.
- Biggest challenge was coordinating log, racking bundles, and rock collar placement to minimize helicopter flight time (i.e. project cost).
- Ben Smith questioned the need for river restoration in the upper watershed that is primarily intact or completely undeveloped. Hilton stated the purpose of the project was large woody debris recruitment for smolt habitat. Marc McHenry added this project is striving to nudge recovering systems in a positive direction. Marc and Hilton described past land use in Olympic Peninsula watersheds, where wood had been removed from rivers (upper and lower watersheds) in an effort to improve them. Only later was it understood that wood jams are a key component of healthy river systems.
- Robert Brown commented he would like to see future monthly aerial monitoring using a drone. Hilton responded this is in the long-term plan, and the timeframe for drone flight(s) will be determined by project budget.

### III. Strait Ecosystem Protection and Recovery Plan and NTA Funding Status, John Cambalik, Strait ERN

- John Cambalik provided two handouts titled; Strait 2016/2017 Actions- Summary and Strait LIO Ecosystem Recovery Plan- Draft Short-Term Long-Term Goals for 6 Priority Vital Signs Reported that the Final Draft of the Strait Ecosystem Protection and Recovery Plan is in the vetting period, final Draft expected June 2017.
- John highlighted and discussed "Near Term Actions" (NTA) from the Strait 2016/2017 Actions-handout including:
  - Advancing Western Strait Fish Passage Barrier Removal, which will be funded with funds allocated to the LIO.

- Implement Clallam County's Enhanced Pollution Identification and Correction Program in the Marine Recovery Area, which is funded for 2 years through the regionally-available NEP funds.
- Enhanced Onsite Sewage Systems in Clallam County's Marine Recovery Area, which is funded for 2 years through the regionally-available NEP funds.
- Bell Creek Basin Assessment.
- GreenLink Watershed Plan for 5 Bell Creek Basin, Sequim and Clallam County.
- Dungeness River Riparian Restoration
- Lower Dungeness River Floodplain Restoration
- Dungeness Habitat Protection- RM 6.5 to 7.5 Phase.
- Dungeness River Floodplain Restoration- Robinson Phase.
- Dungeness River RR Reach Floodplain Restoration.
- Reviewed the 6 Priority Vital Signs handout. Cells highlighted with a gray background are ready to go, cells with no highlighting (or white background) have data gaps.
- Highlighted a success story from the Strait 2016/2017 handout- the Makah Hake Plant Above Ground Storage Tank Clean Up is complete- tank is removed.
- John requested collective feedback (due Feb/March) from the DRMT regarding the goal statements.

#### IV. **Other Business/ Announcements/ Follow- ups**

- **2017 DRMT Chair and Executive Committee Elections:** Shawn reminded group of the list of nominees for 2017 Chair (Scott Chitwood) and Exec Committee (Ben Smith, Judy Larson, Michele Canale, Ann Soule, Matt Heins, Bob Phreaner). Judy Larson and Michele Canale feel there should be "new blood" on the Exec. Committee and would like their names removed from nomination list. Shawn noted that Ann Soule also declined nomination at this time.
  - Judy Larson made a motion to nominate Ben Smith, Matt Heins, and Bob Phreaner for DRMT Exec. Committee. Michele Canale seconded. Roll call vote- all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.
  - Shawn Hines moved to nominate Scott Chitwood Chair. Judy Larson seconded. Roll call vote- all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.
  - Robert Brown added he would like to see a representative from the Department of Ecology. Scott stated that he has already asked Mike Gallagher, who agreed to attempt to come to every other meeting. Scott will ask again. Matt Heins added he feels the representative could be from another State Agency such as WDFW of Dept. of Health.
  - Judy Larson added that operating rules state if you miss three consecutive meetings you're off the committee.
- **Approve updates to DRMT Operating Procedures:**
  - Lorenz Sollmann had requested clarification on who exactly is a voting member. Discussion was had regarding ensuring member status is clearly identified in Operating Procedures.
  - Shawn Hines stated members' status (voting or advisory) should be identified on website. She will verify.
  - Judy questioned why some members are "advisory" vs. "voting"? Scott Chitwood responded it's typically by the request of the committee member. He added some members do not want to represent and speak on behalf of their respective organization/agency.
  - Robert Brown motioned to approve procedures along with a list of organizations and voting members. Ben Smith seconded. Discussion- Shawn Hines added that voting status is identified on sign in sheet. Scott Chitwood recommended the list of members and their voting status be a document separate from Operating Procedures to facilitate updates to Operating Procedures. I.e., have the Operating Procedures refer to website, so that the Operating Procedures do not need to be updated every time a membership change happens.
  - Roll call vote: none opposed, all in favor.
- Olympic National Forest Updates, Marc McHenry:
  - Follow up on December Olympic National Forest's Open House- which mainly was a re-rollout of Dungeness Action Plan to the public.
  - Hope to start official NEPA public scoping for Olympic National Forest Road Treatment Project in the upper watershed sometime in February. Dana Butler, Forest Hydrologist and project lead would likely give presentation.
  - New District Ranger on Staff in late spring.
- Cathy Lear provided a follow up on November Dungeness Levee Open House. ~70 people attended.
- No additional public comment.

#### V. **Meeting Adjourned 4:51**