

## **APPROVED DRMT Meeting Notes, February 8, 2017**

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**DRMT Members Present:** Scott Chitwood/Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Robert Phreaner/Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society Conservation Committee, Peter Walker/Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society Conservation Committee (alt), Joe Holtrop/Clallam Conservation District, Marc McHenry/USFS, Ben Smith/Water Users Association, Cathy Lear/Clallam County (alt), Robert Beebe/Riverside Property Owners, Matt Heins/Riverside Property Owners-Estuary Tidelands, David Garlington/City of Sequim (alt)

**Others Present:** Andy Perham/Clallam County, Jennifer Garcelon/Clallam County, Andrea Copping/Pacific NW Laboratory

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### **I. Introductions/Review Agenda/Review and Approve January 11<sup>th</sup> DRMT Draft Meeting Notes**

Scott Chitwood called meeting to order. Introductions were made, sign in sheets circulated. Ben Smith moved to adopt the January notes, Cathy Lear seconded. None opposed, motion carried.

#### *Public Comment:*

- Joe Holtrop reported lots of progress on the Dungeness Irrigation District McComb Rd to Levee irrigation piping project. Project started at McComb road, crosses Old Olympic Highway, down Towne road, crosses Woodcock Road and continues north to existing piping near the existing levy. Approximately 12,000 feet of additional piping was installed, creating one continuous pipe from fish screen all the way down to Dungeness River.
- Cathy Lear announced Clallam Marine Resources Committee will be putting on a Science Saturday Family Event titled Food Webs Can Be Fishy on February 25, 2017 from 2:00-4:00 at the Vern Burton Community Center in Port Angeles. There will be presentations on forage fish and seabirds from Phil Dionne-WDFW and Bob Boekelheide- Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society, as well as hands-on demonstrations for kids and adults.

### **II. Clallam County's Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) Program Status and Update, Andy Perham and Jennifer Garcelon, Clallam County Environmental Health Department**

- PIC Program was developed through a grant from Department of Health, in partnership with Clallam Conservation District and Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe to monitor fecal coliform and attempt to determine source (e.g., agriculture, septic, pet waste, wildlife), and correct pollution problems.
- Initial focus area: Golden Sands Slough, Meadowbrook Creek and Slough.
- Andy and Jennifer presented a map showing 15 sample sites within the Golden Sands development and fecal coliform sample data from the sample sites.
- Andy stated that this is the first time the County has enforced septic provisions of the Clallam County Code.
- Ben questioned how they are enforcing. Andy responded that they are worked with the Prosecuting Attorney's office to develop violation letters. The letters will eventually be sent to property owners with inspections that aren't current, septic system suspected (no documentation) and to properties that have a holding or portable tank. The enforcement action will depend on the response from the property owner. The first set of letters to property owners with holding or portable tanks went out on February 7.
- David inquired about feedback from the Golden Sands community. Andy responded that they have received supportive comments.
- Matt commented that he would like to see "Department of Community Development" (DCD) involvement to address non-conforming land uses, in particular the RV Park.
- Cathy inquired about how active the Prosecuting Attorney has been. Jennifer responded they have been instrumental ensuring legal due process.
- Matt stated from a tideland owner perspective that this Code Enforcement action regarding land use (esp. RV Park) has taken way too long and he believes this is partially due to lack of political will. He would like to see DRMT put additional pressure and re-iterate support for Code Enforcement action to County Commissioners. Scott asked if Matt had language for a motion. Matt said he did not and would make a motion at one of the next meetings.
- David asked about the amount of fines that could be imposed if property owners didn't address Code violations identified in the letters that the Environmental Health Dept. sent. Jennifer said it's dependent on the violation, but initially, the fines will be administrative. Fines that can be imposed on delinquent septic inspection are \$5/day up to maximum of \$300. Other administrative fines range from \$100 to \$500 with a maximum of \$14,000.

#### Handouts:

1. Map-"Golden Sands OSS Status", Clallam County Environmental Health Department. January 2017.

2. "PIC- Segmented Sampling Results, Golden Sands Slough, June 2015-January 2017", Clallam County Environmental Health Department.

### **III. Competing Water Uses in the Face of Climate Change: Integrated analysis to support water resource planning for extreme events, Andrea Copping, PNNL**

- Objective- develop a decision-support tool to help water resource managers and planners understand the impacts of extreme events on sustainable fish habitat and human water needs in the Puget Sound basin
- Funded by NOAA Climate Change. Team members from Pacific Northwest Laboratory- Coastal Division, U of Washington Climate Impacts Group, U of Washington Sea Grant, NOAA Fisheries- NW Fisheries Science Center, and WA Department of Ecology- Padilla Bay
- Specific Objectives and Outcomes of the project:
  - Establish communication between research community and managers;
  - Use latest projections on climate change;
  - Develop decision support tool for water resource metrics under extreme events in Dungeness and Skagit basins that is based on model outputs and correlated with thresholds from regulation, guidelines, for sustainable fisheries and other human uses;
  - Demonstrate method is transferrable to other coastal watersheds.
- Started project in January 2017 and goal is to have tool developed by July 2018.
- Extreme events may be more important drivers of change than long-term averages on resources at risk.

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

- Matt announced the mouth of Meadowbrook Creek has sealed off and backfilling.

Meeting adjourned 3:50.

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