

## **APPROVED DRMT Meeting Notes, September 13, 2017**

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**DRMT Members Present:** Ben Smith/Water Users Association, Robert Phreaner/Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society, Robert Beebe/Riverside Property Owners, Shawn Hines/Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe (alt), Ann Soule/City of Sequim,, Cathy Lear/Clallam County, Shawn Hines/Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe (alt), Mary Ellen Winborn/Clallam County DCD (alt), Cathy Lear/Clallam County DCD, Don Hatler/Sports Fisheries, Michele Canale/North Olympic Land Trust, Tom Martin/Clallam County PUD#1, Joe Holtrop/Clallam Conservation District

**Others Present:**, Carrol Hull (Clallam County League of Women Voters), Phil Martin, Mary Foster (Clallam County League of Women Voters), Ted Stadtnueller (Graymarsh), Jacob Melly (Clallam County Environmental Health), Rebecca Benjamin (North Olympic Salmon Coalition), Marian Abbett (Ecology) Connie Groven (Ecology), Rebecca Lawson (Ecology)

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### **I. Introductions/Review Agenda/Review and Approve DRMT Draft Meeting Notes**

Ben Smith called the meeting to order. Introductions were made, sign in sheets circulated. Robert B. moved to approve September notes as provided, Ann seconded. None opposed, motion carried.

*Public Comment:*

- Powell announced Riverfest will be on Friday, September 29, from 9:00-4:00.
- Powell announced there are Pink Salmon above the Railroad Park bridge.

### **II. Update on Port Angeles Harbor Clean Ups, Rebecca Lawson, Marian Abbett, Connie Groven, WA State Dept. of Ecology**

- Purpose of presentation is to provide an overview of overview of Port Angeles Harbor cleanup sites and their current status.
- Currently focusing on cleanup activities at 8 sites:
  - Port Angeles Sediment Investigation;
  - Rayonier Mill Study Area;
  - Western Port Angeles Harbor;
  - K Ply;
  - Marine Trades Area;
  - Unocal Bulk Plant #06601;
  - Shell Oil;
  - Petit Oil Tumwater Truck Route.
- In 2008, Rayonier cleanup got transferred to the Dept. of Ecology.
- One challenge is there is contamination throughout the harbor and to figure out where one party's contamination ends and the other begins. There has been much negotiation determining and agreeing on primary liable parties.
- Steps in the cleanup process- site discovery and investigations, site hazard assessment and hazard ranking, remedial investigation, interim actions, final cleanup and monitoring, Ecology's final cleanup action plan, selection of cleanup actions, and the liable party implements.
- Port Angeles Harbor Stakeholder Involvement- 2 Primary Liable parties- Rayonier Mill and Western Port Angeles Harbor.
- The natural resources damage assessment is a separate process than the cleanup. The role is to assess damages, recover damages, and to ensure restoration.
- Why is this taking so long? These are large complex sites, multiple primary liable parties, difficulty reaching an agreement on technical issues, new sediment management standards, and new requirement for regional background for sediments.
- Currently, the Rayonier Mill is in the Feasibility Study stage of the current order.
- The parties reached an agreement on the boundaries of the Rayonier Mill cleanup- totals 1400 acres.
- Steps undertaken to get to an Action Plan- collect upland and marine sediment and groundwater data, preliminary cleanup standards section, development of alternatives section, evaluate interim action alternatives, and then finally, following a public comment period, a draft interim action plan.
- Rayonier has completed interim actions on the worst contamination sites.
- Upland contamination- surface water there are metals and dioxins, in the surface soil there are polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon (PAH), Metals, Dioxins, total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH), and polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB)

- Marine contamination from the marine data summary report- in tissue- metals, PAHs, PCBs, and Dioxins. In sediment- metals, PAHs, PCBs, dioxins, phenols, phthalates, and wood debris.
- Upland soil cleanup alternatives- dig and haul or capping.
- Marine sediment cleanup alternatives- dredging, capping, and enhanced natural recovery.
- Ecology is anticipating finalizing interim acting plan for the Rayonier site in 2019, then a public comment period, then cleanup.
- Western Cleanup Site- Current status they've finished remedial investigation (RI) and are in the feasibility study- due Feb. 3, 2017.
- Progress- 2013 RI completed, 2014 Data Report completed, 2015-2017 Paused agreed order schedule to work through issues related to new sediment management standards, 2017 restarted schedule and preparing remedial investigation.
- High concentrations of Dioxins/Furans and Mercury in the western PA Harbor.
- Next steps for western PA Harbor- Agency Review Draft RI Feb 2018, Public Review Summer 2018, a cleanup plan will be implemented under a separate legal agreement; natural resource damage assessment is underway in a separate process.
- Cleanup alternatives- dredging, capping, or enhanced natural recovery.
- K-Ply- completed RI, Interim Actions, Feasibility Study, Ecology's Final Cleanup Action Plan, next step will be final cleanup and monitoring.
- Overview- 2013 Interim Action, 2014 RI/Feasibility Study, 2015 Cleanup Action Plan/Start cleanup, 2016 cleanup completed.
- Cause of soil contamination was a leaky underground fuel (diesel and gasoline) pipe.
- Removed contaminated soils in 2015/2016.
- Marine Trades Area- This is beneath Westport Marine. Completed Interim Actions, RI, Feasibility Study, working on Draft Cleanup Action Plan
- Contamination was from gasoline from an old fueling station.
- A revised draft cleanup action plan submitted in 2015.
- Air sparging is being used to remediate. This is a system that pumps air down into the groundwater. The air grabs the petroleum and they attach to the water molecules and evaporate.
- Next steps- Ecology completes draft cleanup action plan 2017, negotiate agreed order with Port-Chevron-Arco 2017, Public comment period 2017/2018, finalize CAP and agreed order 2017/2018, and cleanup 2017/2018.

### **III. Canyon Creek Fish Ladder Update, Tim Ward, WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife**

- Purpose of is to provide an overview of the installation of a fish ladder at on Canyon Creek, near the infrastructure of the Dungeness Hatchery.
- Original intake for the Dungeness Hatchery, currently used to supplement Dungeness intake for the Dungeness Hatchery, and has blocked fish passage for approximately one century.
- Started work in June 2015, work window ended October 1, 2015, and project was completed in October 2015.
- Biggest challenge was keeping contractors on schedule to finish before the high flows started in the late fall.
- Tim advocates for flow gage to be installed on any new project to keep flow data as up to date as possible. Understanding the flow is integral for any capital improvement or stream restoration activities.
- Joe H. asked about the Agnew intake- Tim answered that it is in the capital budget, but money has not been secured.

### **IV. Shoreline Master Update, Cathy Lear, Clallam County Dept. of Community Development**

- Goals of the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) include encourage water dependent uses, protect natural resources, and to promote public access.
- SMP applies to Shorelines of the State which includes:
  - All marine waters;
  - Streams greater than 20 cubic feet per second (cfs) mean annual flow;
  - Lakes 20 acres or larger;
  - Adjacent shorelands. Shorelands include land within 200 feet or ordinary high water mark, associated wetlands, river deltas, up to the full extent of the 100-year floodplain, critical areas and their buffers.

- Reasons for updating in ludes consistency with State Shoreline Management Act, SMP has not been updated since mid-1970s, County population has more than doubled since the mid-1970s,
- Guiding laws and Rules include Shoreline Management Act (RCW 90.58) Shoreline Master Programs Guidelines (WAC 173-26), Shoreline Management Permit and Enforcement Procedures (WAC 173-27).
- Area covered by SMP includes approximately 4.5% of County, most marine areas, cities of Port Angeles and Sequim have their own SMP, Forks considering adopting County SMP, and National Park and Tribal Reservation/Trust lands are excluded.
- Project began in 2010. As of September 2017, the Planning Commission has forwarded a complete SMP draft to the Board of County Commissioners.
- Proposed Shoreline Environment Designations include Aquatic, Natural (~8%), Resource Conservancy (~65%), Shoreline Residential- Conservancy (~23%), Shoreline Residential- Intensive (~3%), and Marine Waterfront (~1%).
- Shoreline Environment Designations maps available on-line.
- SMP includes "Reach Sheets". These sheets summarize physical characteristics, offshore/onshore vegetation, zoning, public access, shoreline modifications, and cultural resources.
- Existing development is not affected unless- new clearing or grading, expansion of the structure, new/replacement structures, or redevelopment.
- All existing legally established single family residences and accessory structures are grandfathered and considered grandfather.
- SMP policies and regulations are designed to demonstrate no net loss. No net loss is a concept that ensures ecological functions stay the same (or are improved) over time.
- Next steps- the Department of Community Development will hold regional forums in November/December 2017, complete SEPA Review process, submit noticed to state of intent to adopt at least 60 days in advance of final SMP local approval, then public hearing in front of the BOCC in December. Once local approval occurs, then Dept. of Ecology will need to approve before it is officially implemented.
- For more information on Draft SMP- <http://www.clallam.net/LandUse/SMP.html>.

**V. Other Business/Announcements/Follow-ups**

- Shawn announced possible October field trip to PIC sites. Stay tuned for further information.
- Shawn announced that Scott Chitwood would be stepping down as Natural Resources Director and will remain as Chair through December.

Meeting adjourned 4:31.

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