

## **APPROVED DRMT Meeting Notes April 11, 2018**

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**DRMT Members Present:** Cathy Lear/Clallam County (Vice-Chair), Shawn Hines/Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe (alt), Pete Walker/ Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society (alt), Matt Heins/Riverside Property Owners-Estuary Tidelands, Robert Beebe/Riverside Property Owners, Powell Jones/Dungeness River Audubon Center, Mary Ellen Winborn (Clallam County DCD), Ann Soule (city of Sequim), Judy Larson (Protect the Peninsulas Future)..

**Others Present:** Jacob Melly (Clallam County Environmental Health), Jim Carr (Resident).

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

Cathy called meeting to order. Introductions were made, sign in sheets circulated.

- March meeting notes are not complete; Chad will send them around when complete.

*Public Comment:*

- none

### **II. DRMT 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning + River Festival**

- Celebrate in September 27 and 28 with the Dungeness River Festival.
- Would like to have a Photo contest, similar to the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.
- Shawn drafted a flyer using the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary announcement as a starting point.
- Powell noted that the Festival was changed to just Friday. He thought maybe booths could set up Thursday, maybe have a band Thursday eve to give working folks a chance to attend.
- Shawn recalled for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary they voted on the photos ahead of time and announce the winners on Friday.
- Also suggested a poster or a DRMT booth at the festival.
- Discussion of voting and displaying of photos entered into the contest; perhaps have a DRMT vote and a public vote (i.e. people's choice). They could enter their vote at the festival.
- Discussed press releases in July, August, and September. The press releases could highlight history of the DRMT, projects that the DRMT has worked on, and the direction the DRMT is going or future vision.
- Judy suggested having computer available that shows DRMT website.
- Shawn will send sign in sheet for staffing of the DRMT booth.
- Ann mentioned it would be a good idea to have kids' activities available at the DRMT booth.
- Cathy suggested a band, possibly Sequim Marimba.
- Don suggested kids could provide comments on sticky notes; the notes could be displayed in the shape of a river or in some type of interesting design.
- Discussion of prizes- Shawn stated during the 52th Anniversary celebration, the Tribe donated prizes. Powell suggested the Audubon Center could donate books or similar from the gift shop. Robert B. said he could do gift certificate to Game Farm. Don asked if the Tribe could donate oysters for an oyster bar. Judy suggested a gift basket filled with various items.
- Discussion regarding entering a float into the Irrigation Festival parade. No consensus, timeline for entry seemed too tight.
- Ann thought a good idea for the booth is a poster or similar that features work that members of the group are or did work, why they participate, and/or what does the DRMT mean to them.

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### **III. DRMT Goals Review and Calendar Planning**

- Purpose of the discussion item is clarify/review current goals and discuss future presentations and work items.
- Current goals are not prioritized or ranked. Current goals:

- Goal 1 Support actions designed to reduce the risk of loss of life and property from flooding while encouraging measures that improve ecosystem functions.
- Goal 2 Coordinate activities that help restore riparian and aquatic ecosystems within the Dungeness River Watershed and estuary areas to mutually benefit fish, wildlife and human residents.
- Goal 3 Coordinate efforts to enhance water quality and quantity in the Dungeness River Watershed Planning Area to support all beneficial uses, including an adequate supply of clean water for current and future human needs and a higher productive capacity of fish and wildlife habitats.
- Goal 4 Encourage cooperation, coordination and effective watershed management within the community and at all levels of government. Emphasize protection of ground and surface water quality and quantity.
- Goal 5 Exchange information about relevant studies, issues and projects occurring in and/or impacting the Dungeness River Watershed Planning Area.
- Goal 6 Promote public participation and education about the watershed, and provide a forum to inform the public and help resolve conflict.
- Goal 7 Encourage development of a community stewardship ethic.
- Goal 8 Support, promote, and facilitate implementation of relevant management plans and strategies developed for this area and endorsed by the DRMT
- Listing the goals may lead some to think they are prioritized or ranked; Judy suggested that the goals could be displayed as a wheel, to avoid this. Shawn suggested the goals could just be bullets- without numbers. Or Judy suggested the goals could be displayed as a road map.
- Tom felt that Goal 3 was most important to his organization.
- Tom added a lot of what the DRMT does is disseminating information.
- Ann felt the group could use a refining of where they are and refocus. To refocus, try to learn where the data gaps are- what is the need?
- Powell spoke of the WA State Nonprofit Spin Kit that may be useful tool to help visualize a scoping.
- Some members of the group felt that there isn't a current project; the group's meetings are all about presentations and sharing of information. Disseminating information is important, but there seems to be a lack of tasks, projects or direction.
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- Items that one or members would like further information or a status report on include:
  - Upper Dungeness Watershed Management Plan from the Forest Service;
  - Update from the County on the Water Rule development for an area outside the Dungeness;
  - High altitude lakes study report from the Nat'l Park Service;
  - Eelgrass beds status in Washington Harbor and in general- trends, restoration, etc. from possibly Anne Schafer or Batelle;
  - Shoreline Master Program update from the County;
  - Stormwater update from the County.
  - Report on the Agnew-Mcdonald Creek diversion project.
  - Any studies on nitrate concentrations following development of public sewer system for the Carlsborg Urban Growth Area.
  - Model that Dept. of Ecology uses to predict aquifer depletion and amount of reserves within the Dungeness Water Rule area.
  - Agriculture exemption within the Clallam County Critical Areas Code that was adopted in ~2015.

- Clallam County Dept. of Community Development's new Code Compliance Division and the process by which complaints are addressed. Especially regarding how the correction part of the PIC program fits into the Code Compliance.
- Field Trip ideas:
  - North Olympic Land Trust success project.
  - Tour of the Carlsborg sewer system infrastructure- joint Clallam County and City of Sequim..
  - Fish ladder at Canyon Creek and its successes.
  - Demonstration of how USFS Streamflow monitoring and how they calibrate real-time gauges.

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

- Mary Ellen thanked the group for their letter on sea water intrusion.
- Mary Ellen reported that she was contacted by Joe Tovar of the Rucklehaus Center who is leading an effort to create "A Road Map to Washington's Future". The project attempts to see how well the Growth Management Act integrates with rural communities as well as urban communities 25 years after it was adopted. The workshop will be held May 9<sup>th</sup> at the PUD.
- Judy moved that the May 9<sup>th</sup> DRMT meeting take place at the "Road Map to Washington's Future" workshop, pending approval of the scheduled May 9<sup>th</sup> presenters. Matt felt and the group discussed that this workshop is a much broader scale than the Dungeness Watershed and that it may not be pertinent to DRMT's focus area. No second.
- Joe provided an update on the Off-Channel Reservoir Project. DRMT wrote a letter in support of the project to the Governor to help secure funding for land acquisition that was in the supplemental budget. The supplemental budget was vetoed based on it was inconsistent with the criteria established to disburse the money in Hurst basins.
- 3 NTAs have been submitted for funding the Dungeness Off-Channel Reservoir Project.
- Matt announced Dungeness Farms land swap agreement with the WDFW.
- Robert Beebe motioned to adjourn. Judy seconded.

Meeting adjourned approximately 4:30.

**DRMT Website: <http://tinyurl.com/DRMTweb>**