

APPROVED DRMT Meeting Notes May 17, 2018

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DRMT Members Present: Hansi Hals/Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Cathy Lear/Clallam County, Shawn Hines/Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe (alt), Robert Phreaner/Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society, Pete Walker/ Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society (alt), Ann Soule/City of Sequim, Matt Heins/Riverside Property Owners-Estuary Tidelands, Joe Holtrop/Clallam Conservation District, Marc McHenry/USFS, Ben Smith/Dungeness Water Users Association, Judy Larson/Protect the Peninsula's Future, Powell Jones/Dungeness River Audubon Center.

Others Present: Carrol Hull (Clallam County League of Women Voters), John Stened (SP?), Jacob Carleson (Huxley College student), Neil Harrington (Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe), Jacob Melly (Clallam County Environmental Health), Alana Linderoth (North Olympic Land Trust), Tom Sanford (North Olympic Land Trust).

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

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

- April 11 meeting notes- Chad is not done, will send them around when complete.

Public Comment:

- Pete Walker distributed a petition for Initiative 1631- Carbon Fee. The purpose of this petition is to get the Initiative on the ballot.

II. Puget Sound Nutrient Reduction Project, Dustin Bilhimer, WA Dept of Ecology

- Remote Presentation
- Purpose of presentation is to provide information on project, scope, and next steps.
- This project aims to provide a clearinghouse of data to determine and quantify if human nutrient sources are affecting water quality in Puget Sound and how to reduce or mitigate those impacts and further refine a model, the Salish Sea Model, to demonstrate impacts and get the "most bang for buck" when recommending reduction strategies.
- What prompted project?
 - 303d listing for dissolved oxygen (DO);
 - 2006-2014 South Puget Sound DO project;
 - 2011-2017 Salish Sea model development;
 - Increasing recognition that over-enrichment of nutrients from human sources contributes to low DO problems.
- Vision for the project is to develop, implement Puget Sound Nutrient Reduction Plan so that we have something to guide our point and non-point nutrient reduction goals to meet water quality standards.
- 3 phases of the project:
 - Phase I- Provide and communicate best available science to frame the issue of DO;
 - Phase II- 2018-2021-Collaboratively develop a nutrient reduction plan for Puget Sound;
 - Phase III- Implement the nutrient reduction plan to improve water quality in Puget Sound.
- Project created a nitrogen story map that visually displays nitrogen sources and their impacts.
- How do we continue to grow and limit our carbon and nitrogen impacts to maintain and not degrade water quality? This project looks our impacts now and is attempting to quantify impacts to minimize future limitations, increase Puget Sound's resiliency by providing room to grow sustainably, and to plan for future growth and impacts from climate change.
- Understand the sources of pollution, nitrogen and carbon, using the Salish Sea model to determine how to limit those inputs and thereby improve water quality.
- The nitrogen-silica ratio has an important relationship in creating favorable conditions dinoflagellates, jellyfish, other organisms that don't represent a good food source for salmonids and other fish species.

III. North Olympic Land Trust Projects, Alana Linderoth and Tom Sanford

- Purpose of presentation is to provide information on information on the North Olympic Land Trust's (NOLT) 2017-2021 Strategic Plan, recent conservation efforts, and leave time open for discussion.
- NOLT was founded in 1990, current staff of 8, NOLT is accredited by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission.
- All projects located within Clallam County.
- 520 acres of farmland, 12 river miles of stream/river habitat, 1,800 acres of forestlands, 460 of those are working forestlands.
- Protect lands through fee simple ownership and easements.
- NOLT partners include Cities, County, Tribes, WSU Extension, Conservation District, and Individuals.
- Currently working on preserving 132 acres of farmland at Port Williams Road and Schmuck road, currently being farmed by the Smith family.
- Working on a project to improve Chinook habitat on the Elwha River, by looking at parcels greater than 15 acres. This project is funded by the Lead Entity.
- Discussion on preserving open space through Conservation Easements within urban areas working with the Cities and other projects for improving livability within urban areas. Connecting kids with their backyards. How could or should the Land Trust increase density in urban areas?
- Discussion on preservation of farmlands as the pressure to subdivide is increasing. The Land Trust would like to have a coffer or an allocation of funds that can be available to purchase farmland quickly, before it subdivides.
- Judy suggested reaching out to property owners enrolled in Open Space programs administered through the County Assessor's office.

IV. Other Business/Announcements/Follow-ups

- Levee setback update- Cathy Lear, Clallam County. Current work includes measurements on Towne Road, cultural resource survey is just being completed, submitted permit applications to Corps and Clallam County. County Public Hearing on July 19 at the Courthouse for County permitting. Meeting with Corps on May 31.
- Report on Ruckelshaus workshop on "A Road Map to Washington's Future". Many DRMT members attended. Meeting was well attended by a variety of decision makers. One discussion item was does the Growth Management Act serve the needs of rural counties as well as urban counties.
- Marc reported that the USFS Upper Dungeness Roads EA was put on back burner last year, it is moving forward now, the EA should be issued for public review in June.

Meeting adjourned approximately 4:45.

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