

## APPROVED DRMT Meeting Notes August 8, 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), Joe Holthrop/Clallam Conservation District, David Garlington/City of Sequim (alt), Powell Jones/Dungeness River Audubon Center, Mary Ellen Winborn (Clallam County DCD), Matt Heins/Riverside Property Owners-Estuary Tidelands, Judy Larson/Protect the Peninsula's Future, Robert Beebe/Riverside Property Owners, Ben Smith/Water Users Association, Don Hatler/Sports Fisheries, Pete Walker/ Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society (alt),

Robert Phreaner/Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society, Robert Brown/Dungeness Beach Association, Mike Gallagher/Washington Dept. of Ecology, Tom Martin/Clallam County PUD#1, David Garlington/City of Sequim (alt),

**Others Present:** Carrol Hull (Clallam County League of Women Voters), Rico Gonzales- Jacob Melly (Clallam County Environmental Health), Darcy McNamara and Bob Simmons (WSU Ext.), Aaron Brooks (JKST), Lisa Kaufman (Northwest Straits Initiative, Phil Martin (resident).

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

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

- Slew of notes to approve:
  - March- Ben motioned to approve, Matt seconded. None opposed. Judy pointed out distinction between Group A and Group B systems. Group A water systems are 15 or more connections and Group B systems are between 2 and 14 connections.
  - April- Ben motioned to approve, Cathy seconded. None opposed.
  - May- Ben motioned to approve, Powell seconded. None opposed.
  - June- Ben motioned to approve with the addition of Judy and Powell to members present. Powell seconded. None opposed.
  - July- Ben motioned to approve with corrections to members present, Robert Bebee seconded. None opposed.
- Powell announced the new parking lot immediately to the east of the Audubon Center is currently available for parking.
- Cathy announced that at the July 19 Public Hearing for Levee Setback permits from Clallam County was approved with conditions. Next up is permits from DOE and the Army Corps. Cathy hopes that ground will be broken next year.
- Powell announced River Fest Sept 27 and 28. On the 27<sup>th</sup>, there will be a community night with food, band, and DRMT celebration.
- Judy inquired as to the status of the poster. Shawn responded that she is working with other Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe (JKST) staff to prepare some materials including a poster..
- Hansi and Cathy announced Large Cap PSAR within the Capital Budgets that the Dungeness Floodplain restoration was #2 behind the Nooksack.
- Hansi announced JKST is culling their Natural Resources Library, if folks are interested stop by and see what's available.
- Hansi announced Executive Team was discussing the Dungeness Off Channel Reservoir and seeking funding and will be requesting at a minimum a letter of support from the DRMT.
- Judy reflected on Mike Gallagher's March presentation and was wondering if there were different requirements for mitigation if land owners drill into any of the 3 aquifers present. Mary Ellen reported that it is her understanding that the deeper you drill the greater the impacts to other streams that may require different mitigation.

*Public Comment:*

- None.

### II. Northwest Straits Foundation Nearshore Programs and Projects, Lisa Kaufman, Nearshore Program Manager, NW Straits Foundation

- Purpose of presentation is to go over the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative (NWSMCI).
- The Northwest Straits Foundation (NSF) is the non-profit arm of the NWSMCI and directly collaborates with the Marine Resources Committees.
- The mission of the NSF is to protect and restore the health of Northwest Straits' marine resources by promoting and implementing science-based restoration and stewardship, enhancing collaboration, and attracting resources for the work of the Northwest Straits Initiative.
- NSF is made up of 7 counties- Clallam, Jefferson, Island, Snohomish, Skagit, San Juan, and Whatcom.
- Role of the MRCs include there are an advisory body to local government, set local priorities, design and carry out projects, coordinate and collaborate with the Northwest Straits Commission and the Northwest Straits Foundation.
- Funding for MRCs comes from the EPA National Estuary Program.
- Shoreline armor removal integrates science with landowner outreach. Program objectives include influence shoreline landowners to remove, soften, or forego armor on their property, provide landowner workshops, Realtor Workshops (Fall 2018), provide technical assistance: free site visits, costshare design & permitting assistance
- Program benefits include protecting and restoring spawning habitat for forage fish, increasing food supply for fish and birds using the nearshore for feeding Increasing natural resiliency to respond to rising sea levels, enabling landward shifts of species assemblages, such as forage fish spawning areas and sea grasses, as sea level rises.

### III. Dungeness Salmon Management and Status, Aaron Brooks, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

- Aaron delivered a presentation titled North of Falcon and the Role of Washington Tribes in Harvest Management.
- History of the Treaties signed by NW Tribes 1844-1845:
  - Treaty of Medicine Creek
  - Treaty of Neah Bay
  - Treaty of Olympia
  - Treaty of Point Elliot
  - Treaty of Point no Point
- Following those Treaties Non-Indian commercial fisheries began taking more salmon, canneries were popping up all over, logging, agricultural and industrialization impacts taking their toll on salmon at the same time, and the salmon between non-Indian harvest and the destruction of habitat in the watersheds the salmon resource began to decline.
- Through the 1960's tensions grew as more tribes battled for recognition of their treaty rights.
- Treaty rights formally recognized in the 1970 Boldt decision. Judge George Boldt upheld tribal treaty reserved rights in 1974.
- The Boldt decision:
  - Interpret the treaty language to mean that the tribes were entitled to half of the harvestable number of salmon returning to or passing the tribes' usual and accustomed fishing places, establish the tribes a co-managers of the salmon resource, establish conservation standards that restricted the ability of the State to regulate treaty Indian fishing,
  - State initially refused to implement Boldt's ruling. The decision was upheld by Supreme Court in 1979.
- Salmon management today uses Fisheries Regulation Assessment Model (FRAM), and a series of meetings where the Tribes negotiate with the State and other Tribes commonly referred to as North of Falcon.
- Dungeness 2018 Forecast:
  - Chinook – 796 (Dungeness Chinook Management Objectives has an Escapement Goal of 925 spawners)
  - Coho– Wild – 622
  - Coho– Hatchery – 10,573
  - Chum – 103
- Overall summary for the 2018 rule setting process include
  - Better forecast, more fish, for 2018 than last few years;
  - Increased opportunity- several marine areas open longer this year
- North of Falcon was easier this year than the last few.

### IV. WSU Extension Project Updates- Pet Waste Project and Stream Steward Course, Darcy McNamara and Bob Simmons, WSU Extension

- Pet Waste Project, Darcy McNamara:

- The objective is to develop and implement an education and outreach plan designed to engage the public in water resource protection efforts. Focus is primarily on pet waste issues and links to water quality, especially in the Sequim Dungeness Marine Recovery Area (MRA).
- Funding from Clallam County Public Health PIC NTA grant. Total project budget of \$6457. The project is contracted through WSU Extension.
- Timeline is Oct 2017 through March 2019.
- Deliverables include outreach materials (fact sheet, posters, business cards, dispensers), distribution of outreach materials, provide a minimum of 2 presentations, staff a table at a minimum of 3 events, and submit a minimum of 1 news article.
- Next steps include finalize WSU reviewed white paper, continue incentive distribution & presentations, submit news article, evaluate project and make a final recommendation for future outreach efforts..
- Engaging the Community in Ecosystem Recovery, Bob Simmons;
  - Goals and Objectives include: provide two 40 hour training programs, NOSC will provide 30 classroom presentations and 15 action based field experiences to 3 middle schools in Jefferson and Clallam Counties over a January 2018- February 2020 timeframe.
  - Funding provided by USEPA National Estuary Program via WA Fish and Wildlife.\
  - Stream stewards course logistics include classes meet 5 times for a total of 40 hours, minimum class size is 12 bu the goal is 25, and registration will open Sept. 5.
  - Participants in this course receive comprehensive, science-based training and become stewards, citizen scientists, and educators in our local communities.
  - Course topics include watershed dynamics, stream ecology and riparian habitat, native plants, noxious weeds, forest ecology and management, Tribal treaty rights, fisheries and natural resource management, salmon biology, management and habitat restoration, stormwater management and rain gardens, water quality and stream monitoring, water rights, local water resources and supplies, land use issues, agriculture, forest, development, and conservation, WDFW Habitat & Fish Passage Programs.
  - Course will include local field trips.
  - Stream Stewards commit to volunteering 40 hours for local water-related programs working on conservation issues, stream monitoring, restoring native habitats, environmental education, salmon spawning surveys, removing noxious weeds, water quality sampling, installing rain gardens, and riparian restoration.

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

- Shawn announced that the USFS will likely be asking DRMT for a letter of support for their Dungeness Roads Project. Details will be forthcoming in an email.

Meeting adjourned 4:47

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