

APPROVED DRMT Meeting Notes January 9, 2019

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

Others Present: Phil Martin, Dave Shreffler, Bill Straehle, Carol Hull (Clallam County League of Women Voters), Randy Johnson, Michael Blanton, Judy Nixon, Cheryl Bauman.

I. Introductions/Review Agenda/Approve September, November, December 2018 Draft Meeting Notes

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

- Shawn noted there are no minutes to approve for November or December.
- Hansi had one clarification to the Draft notes on the second page, 3rd bullet "...usable habitat for <chinook>..."
- Judy had multiple typos and corrections.
- Judy motioned to approve September minutes with corrections as noted, Ann seconded.

Public Comment:

- None.

II. North Olympic Peninsula Lead Entity (NOPE) for Salmon Updates, Cheryl Baumann, NOP Lead Entity for Salmon Coordinator

- Cheryl wanted to clarify Citizen Facilitation Groups (CFG) make recommendations to the Lead Entity; DRMT is one of the very important CFGs. Discussion was had regarding the "weight" of DRMT's comments, Cheryl, Hansi, and others noted they place a high value on DRMT's comments.
- Cheryl received some questions about the grant round this year and what was the funding source. The grant round is a biennial, in odd number years they get PSAR funds equally ~2.4 million, in other years, the Salmon Recovery Funding (SRF) Board allocation is 537k- so the NOPE groups them together in attempt to make process more efficient and get the money on the ground quicker.
- Cheryl handed out a ranked list of funding sources for 2018 from the PRISM, RCO database.
- PSAR money shown on table is proposed, this money has not passed the Capital Budget, so it's just expected. Further complicating the distribution and allocation is leftover money from previous projects that get allocated to different applicable projects.
- Governor's budget has a lot of extra money from the RCO (SRF Board) – Cheryl asked where and how does money get out the door? They will not be determining until their meeting until March.
- Cathy asked if Cheryl could comment funding source for a project DRMT ranked; the Lower Dungeness Floodplain Project- NOPE allocated PSAR Regular and there's also PSAR Large Cap that is competed for across the whole Puget Sound.
- Cheryl pointed out, the Governor's budget includes combined PSAR regular and large cap.
- Discussion was had about people DRMT members can reach out with letters or emails to regarding supporting funding for the Dungeness Floodplain project, Cheryl recommended reaching out to your Legislators.
- Michele added that because of his position as chair, Rep. Tharinger may be the most in touch with allocating Governor's budget funding.
- Cathy stated she would prepare a draft form letter in support Dungeness projects that individuals could send.
- Matt moved that DRMT sends a letter to support to all three legislators, and cc Laura Blackwell, stating the DRMT's support of funding the final (~) 2.5 million for the Dungeness Floodplain project. Judy seconded.
- Discussion was had regarding separate letter to Puget Sound Partnership and RCO- further discussion to be continued on next month's agenda.

III. Water Users Association 2018 Update, Ben Smith, Sequim-Dungeness Water Users Association

- Snowpack today in the Olympics is 98%, which is great but means very little for next summer's projection because a lot can happen in the next couple of months...
- Purpose of presentation is to provide an update on infiltration and mitigation projects.
- 2 cfs purchase from irrigators to be utilized for mitigation and infiltration
- 2 sites that came on at end of last year, 2018 is the first full year they were able to recharge reserves.
- Couple of new projects that are being developed for further infiltration.
- Water Users worked with State Dept. of Ecology, Mike Gallagher, to get 18 cfs for additional restoration during high flows- minimum flow is 475 cfs in spring and when river is above 600cfs. It is hoped that this further bolsters groundwater reserves.
- The irrigation companies will be taking this water out of the irrigation ditches at their head gates.
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- Very difficult to measure the impact of restoration.
- How do you measure if the infiltration is working? No specific metric at this time, but water is being fed through perforated pipes at the infiltration sites, when the 1 cfs is put through the pipes and it disappears, it is assumed to be working.
- Reservoir project- grant proposal is on the table, did not hear in 2018, hoping to hear in 2019.
- How much commitment do we have from our Legislators for this Reservoir Project? Ben stated lots of outward support, but there this a big dollar project and still sorting out the cost-efficiency details.

IV. 2018 DRMT Attendance (follow up from December meeting)

- This is a follow up from December, as the DRMT is reviewing operating procedures, goals, purpose and has opened up this conversation.
- Policy is DRMT members get 3 excused absences before the group needs to review.
- Materials were provided regarding 2018 attendance.
- Shawn noted that she did not include excused absences in the list of attended meetings she provided.
- Carol, League of Women Voters, inquired about League being an advisory to this group. Hansi responded the interested group submits a letter of intent and a questionnaire. Carol has not brought this to her board at this point, just wanted some information.

V. Other Orders of Business/Standing Agenda Items

- Project updates
 - Hansi noted she listened to Dept. of Ecology talking about the pot of money the Off-Channel Reservoir Project applied for. When the water legislation passed, there was a some additional monies to dole out to projects. This year they received 40 applications representing 76 million for this year. No indications of any decisions to be made.
 - Joe mentioned they have a RFP out for the pilot well metering program, Dungeness and Kittitas are the areas to do the pilot project. Joe expects they will have additional information in a month or two.
- Judy mentioned a possible future agenda item: Clallam County Stormwater Management Plan
- Judy mentioned priority landowners out reach for benefits for the project in the Dungeness River Delta. Hansi noted the project is being completed by The Jamestown Tribe and Ian Miller and agreed it would be a good agenda item.
- Judy also mentioned a project being completed by Tribal entities. Hansi knows of this project and felt it wasn't as pertinent to the DRMTs focus area as other potential agenda items.
- Ann mentioned another project Ian is working on is with Pacific Northwest National Laboratory that is Dungeness specific. Ann wanted an update on this project.
- Matt added that John Gussman got some great drone footage of the recent flooding event. Brief discussion was had about inviting him to show some of his footage.
- Ben would like some additional information on Orca task force and recovery and more information on the cause.
- Shawn requested any additions to next month's agenda.

- Public Comment-
 - Ann mentioned some additional information on snowpack would be helpful to display on the agenda near Dungeness River streamflow. The group agreed.

Meeting adjourned approximately 4:04.

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