

APPROVED DRMT Zoom Meeting Notes December 8, 2021

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DRMT Members Present: Hansi Hals/Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Ben Smith/Dungeness Water Users Association, Shawn Hines/JST (alt), Judy Larson/ Protect the Peninsula's Future, Tony Corrado/Protect the Peninsula's Future (alt), Tom Martin/Clallam PUD, Lorenz Sollmann/USFWS, Jenna Ziogas/Dungeness River Nature Center (alt), Cathy Lear/Clallam County, Rebecca Paradis/Clallam County (alt) Chris Waldbillig/WDFW (alt), Powel Jones/Dungeness River Nature Center, Robert Beebe/Riverside Property Owners, Ann Soule/City of Sequim
Others Present: Chris Burnes/JST, Phil Martin/resident, Alex Scagliotti/Graysmarsh, Randy Johnson/JST, Joel Green/Streamkeepers, Robert Knapp/JST, Neil Harrington/JST, Gayle Baker/resident, Carol Creasy/Clallam County, Joe Holtrop/Jefferson Conservation District

I. Introductions

Hansi called meeting to order, introductions were made, and November 2021 DRMT meeting notes were reviewed. Ben Smith made a motion and Cathy Lear seconded the motion to approve the notes. Ann Soule abstained, as she was not present at November meeting. Notes were approved accordingly.

Public Comment

- The Team took some moments to reflect on the life and contributions of Les Jones, who passed away November 27. Les was a key figure in the organization of the Nature Center, volunteered his time to many conservation efforts, and was a long-time DRMT member from very early on. DRMT members voiced memories about Les, and how he will be sorely missed.
- Judy suggested to contact PDN's Drew Herman if interested in being included in PDN's future "Giving Tuesday" announcements.
- Cathy introduced Rebecca Paradis as Clallam County's new planner, and alternate on DRMT. Shawn to check with MaryEllen to see if she is replacing MaryEllen or if there will be two County alternates.

II. Sporseen Project Update (Overland runoff capture and infiltration)

Ann Soule, City of Sequim

- The overland runoff area for this project is from Burnt Hill from the south, and some via Highland Canal. Idea is to direct the runoff into the ground through infiltration, or else into the new reservoir.
- Would benefit an area of Sequim where runoff water would normally end up in a field within city limits; sometimes ponds up, eventually flows to north and gets into open ditches, and can potentially overwhelm storm drains.
- Status: Received FEMA grant; proposing 2 phases: 1) design/permitting; 2) construction. We are in the design stage now, have contractor, working on cultural resources survey. After that, will look for construction contractor.
- Judy had some technical questions. Ann Soule to send her a map.
- Ben recommended that Anchor, the contractor working on reservoir project, be involved since the Sporseen project will tie into reservoir.

III. RiverScape Survey Project/Results

Kathryn Sutton, WDFW

- Kathryn presented a PowerPoint (attached) on the Dungeness RiverScape project, which is a snorkel survey project on the Dungeness River, and part of a larger RiverScape Atlas including several other streams on Olympic Peninsula.
- Continuous snorkel and habitat surveys from headwaters or anadromous barriers to the mouth • Georeferenced river units by channel type • Pool, riffle, glide • Types of data collected: • Adult salmonid counts by size class • Juvenile presence/absence • Channel type, width, depth • Substrate composition • LWD area and frequency.
- Focus species is ESA-threatened Bull Trout, objectives include determining relative abundance, spatial distribution, density hotspots
- Survey was conducted August 30 – September 3. Partners include WDFW, NPS, JST, USFWS, Shreffler Environmental.
- Results: see attached pdf.

- Next steps: GIS/linear referencing, refine spatial distribution; ID bull trout density hot spots, relate fish counts to habitat variables; manuscript expected 2022. Possibly conduct snorkel counts next year, as next year is a non-Pink year.

IV. Other Orders of Business, Announcements & Standing Agenda Items

- DRMT Chair and Executive Committee 2022 Elections:
Shawn announced the nominees from open nomination period in November. Both current Chair (Hansi Hals) and current Executive Committee (Ann Soule, Robert Beebe, Ben Smith – in addition to already appointed JST and County reps) were nominated again for 2022 seats. Another call for nominations was announced and no other nominations were received. Nominees accepted, and Judy Larson therefor made a motion to elect the nominees. Powell Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Standing Item: Project Updates and/or Announcements:
 - Hansi updated group on outcomes of recent Executive Committee meeting, in which the idea was raised to form a subcommittee to identify and discuss current water resource management questions for our area (such as what management tools might need updating in light of decreasing snowpacks/climate change), and then also determining what and who would be needed to help answer the questions. The group would meet for up to 4 to 6 months to eventually have a list of questions or goals, and then would seek assistance to fulfill goal(s). The group would likely need outside experts to also help guide discussions.
 - Tony Corrado expressed interest in being on subcommittee.
 - Judy made a motion to go forward with creating subcommittee. Ann seconded the motion. Motion carried. Concept will be on January agenda for more discussion about subcommittee tasks.
 - Robert Beebe announced that USGS is conducting dike study near Ward Bridge for one year.
- Standing Item: Team additions to next agenda, or suggestions for future agendas. The following suggestions for future agendas were proposed:
 - Annie Raymond to present results of heat dome effects on Puget Sound shellfish when available.
 - Ben to provide info on reservoir's soil survey data, how it will effect reservoir costs, etc.
 - Cathy to provide update on lower levee setback project.

VI. "The Path Home, Pink Salmon of the Dungeness" – Viewing of Video Story

DRMT received permission to view this short video/story as told by Elaine Grinnell, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Storyteller, and produced by Cinematographer/Editor John Gussman, of Doubleclick Productions

Link to video: <https://vimeo.com/638481891>

Public Comment

- None

Meeting Adjourned