

## **Dungeness River Management Team**

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Department of Ecology Water Quality Program, Financial Management Section PO Box 47600 Olympia, WA 98504-7600

RE: FY2022 Water Quality Combined Fund Application from Clallam Conservation District: Improving and Protecting Water Quality on Horse & Livestock Operations within the Sequim-Dungeness Clean Water District (WQC-2024-ClalCD-00131)

## Dear Project Evaluators:

The Dungeness River Management Team (DRMT) enthusiastically supports Clallam Conservation District's proposal to address water quality problems in the Sequim-Dungeness Clean Water District (CWD) by providing assistance to horse and livestock operations for implementing Best Management Practices (BMPs) that protect water quality.

This project will provide technical assistance and outreach activities to support identification and implementation of BMPs that protect and/or improve surface water quality within WRIA 18. The highest priority will be given to projects located within an active Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) focus area, and project(s) within the Sequim Bay-Dungeness Watershed Clean Water District (CWD).

Clallam Conservation District has provided invaluable support for addressing water quality problems within the CWD for many years. This project will enable the District to continue to provide crucial education and sitespecific recommendations for ensuring that horse and livestock operations are being managed according to BMPs for protecting water quality. This works aligns with the DRMT goal of encourag[ing] cooperation, coordination and effective watershed management within the community... [and] emphasiz[inq] protection of ground and surface water quantity and quality.

We look forward to continuing partnerships with Clallam Conservation District to implement pollution identification and correction projects within the CWD and wholeheartedly support this proposal to resolve persistent nonpoint problems. We strongly urge you to fully fund this request.

Sincerely,

2022 DRMT Membership

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City of Sequim Clallam County

Clallam Conservation District

Clallam PUD #1

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