



**Dungeness River Management Team**  
**Cooperative Management of Our Watershed's Resources**  
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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:  
Onsite Septic System (OSS) Cost Share Project for Improving Water Quality (WQC-2024-ClalCD-00158)

Dear Project Evaluators:

The Dungeness River Management Team extends its strong support for Clallam Conservation District's proposal to expand their successful Onsite Septic System Cost Share Program to *high priority projects* impacting water quality *throughout Clallam County*.

The goal of this project is to help low-income homeowners repair or replace failing Onsite Septic Systems impacting impaired waterways throughout Clallam County. Clallam Conservation District has already assisted landowners with repair and replacement of 18 onsite septic systems since 2014 within the Sequim-Dungeness Clean Water District. These accomplishments demonstrate the District's ability to implement high priority water quality projects. Expanding the program to include a larger geographic focus area will allow their successes to reach farther.

Clallam Conservation District has been an important and active partner in identifying and correcting water quality problems throughout the county, and it has a reputation of fulfilling conservation goals through voluntary efforts. Implementing this project will enable the District to continue providing essential assistance to low-income homeowners to fix known water quality impacts from failing onsite septic systems. We have high confidence in Clallam Conservation District's capacity to lead this effort, and we are eager for this expanded phase of water quality improvement projects to initiate.

We look forward to continuing to work with Clallam Conservation District to implement pollution identification and correction projects throughout Clallam County, and wholeheartedly support this proposal to resolve pollution from failing onsite septic systems. We strongly urge you to fully fund this request.

Sincerely,

Hansi Hals, Chair, DRMT  
On behalf of the DRMT

**2022 DRMT Membership**

<i>City of Sequim</i>	<i>North Olympic Land Trust</i>
<i>Clallam County</i>	<i>Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society</i>
<i>Clallam Conservation District</i>	<i>Protect the Peninsula's Future</i>
<i>Clallam PUD #1</i>	<i>Riverside Property Owners</i>
<i>Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge</i>	<i>Sports Fisheries</i>
<i>Dungeness River Nature Center</i>	<i>US Forest Service</i>
<i>Estuary/Tidelands Property Owners</i>	<i>WA Department of Ecology</i>
<i>Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe</i>	<i>Water Users Association</i>