

Dungeness River Management Team

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Alfred Watson Acting Forest Supervisor Olympic National Forest 1835 Black Lk Blvd SW Olympia, WA 98512

RE: Renewed USFS Representation on Dungeness River Management Team

Dear Mr. Watson:

As you may know, the USFS has been a valuable Advisory Member to the Dungeness River Management Team (DRMT) since shortly after the Team was reinstated in 1995 (see attachment). The DRMT and Sequim-Dungeness community have greatly benefited from the knowledge, outreach, and routine updates from USFS via participation at monthly DRMT meetings. Likewise, USFS participation at these meetings, which are open to the public, provides an excellent opportunity for USFS to hear from watershed residents and learn about activities and partnerships occurring or being planned within the watershed.

On behalf of the DRMT, I thank the USFS for its many years of DRMT involvement. Although individual members on the DRMT have changed over the years, the continuous representation from diverse interests, including USFS, has been key in building on and taking the next steps in collaborative projects within the watershed. Therefore, we write today to request **USFS' renewed involvement on the DRMT**. The expertise and input from Dana Butler (as representative) and Marc McHenry (as Dana's alternate), and their predecessors, has been very constructive, and we hope their participation can continue.

DRMT meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month from 2:00-5:00pm at the Dungeness River Nature Center and now include a Hybrid option via Zoom. For more information about the DRMT, its mission and goals, please check out our website (<u>www.dungenessriverteam.org</u>), updated this year in honor of the Team's 35th Anniversary! We look forward to hearing from you or seeing USFS's DRMT representative or alternate at the next DRMT meeting!

Sincerely,

Hansi Hals Chair, Dungeness River Management Team Natural Resources Director, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

cc: Marc McHenry, Dana Butler