

**APPROVED** Dungeness River Management Team Meeting Notes January 10, 2024

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**Introductions, River flows:** RM 0.75 Ecology: 448 cfs; RM 11.0 USGS 355 cfs; RM 11.0 USGS Daily Mean: 365 cfs.

**In Person**

**DRMT Members:** Hansi Hals-Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe Rep, DRMT Chair; Robert Beebe-Riverside Property Owner Rep; Ben Smith- Water Users Association Rep; Stephanie Robinson-Estuary/Tidelands Owner Rep; Steve Akerman- NOP/PS Angler; Rashal Mark- Guest, County Resident; Tom Lank- County Resident; Rhiana Barkie- County Public Works Project Coordinator; Neil Harrington- Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe, Biologist; Katie Kowal- Clallam County Environmental Health Water Quality Specialist; Sandra White- Clallam County Environmental Health Specialist; Shawn Hines- Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe Alt; Powell Jones- Dungeness River Nature Center Rep; Josh Rose USFS NR, DRMT USFS Advisory Rep; Montana Napier- Dungeness River Nature Center Alt; Chris Burns- Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe; Aaron Brooks-Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe; Scott Chitwood- County Resident; Jamie Tippett- Sports Fisheries Rep;

**Online**

Mike Auger- NOLT Rep; Phillip Martin- Property Owner; Aaron Oman- NRCS Soil Conservationist; Ann Soule- City of Sequim Alt; Lexi Wagor- NOLT Alt; Bob Phreaner- Olympic Audubon Society Rep; Marguerite Glover- Sequim Association of Realtors; Solvei- Washinton Water Trust; Gabriella Dunn- Washington Water Trust Project Manager; Phil Martin; Rebecca Mahan- Clallam County Habitat Biologist, MRC Coordinator; Enrique Valenzuela- Clallam County Planner; Steve Gray- Clallam County Public Works; Bowen Kendrick- Clallam County PUD Rep.

**Introductions and Welcome New Representatives!**

**Review Agenda/ Approve December 2023 Draft Meeting Notes**

- 2:07: Corrections to December meeting notes
- 2:08: *Powell Jones moves to amend December notes as presented, Robert Bebee seconds, no opposition, motion is carried.*

**Public Comment**

- 2:09: None

**North Olympic Peninsula Chapter of Puget Sound Anglers Presentation and Q/A**

- 2:12: Introduction to NOP/ PS Anglers and mission statement
- 2:15: Kids Fishing Day
- 2:18: Scholarship Program
- 2:19: Support for NOSC and Fiero Marine Life Center

- 2:20: Derelict gear recovery program
- 2:35: Dungeness Hatchery Complex
- 2:41: Other Chapter Activities

### **Questions**

- 2:46: Powell affirms: Thank you to NOP/ PS Anglers for fixing gear and classroom donations.
- 2:47: Other than direct donations, how do you fund your organization? Answer: Events, trip donations, yard sales.
- 2:50 Hansi affirms: Thank you for our work in derelict gear recovery and ramp gear monitoring, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe would be interested in partnering for these activities.

### **Carlsborg Water System Expansion Update and Deep Well Water Right Update**

- 2:56: Existing PUD water rights, additive water right application
- 2:58: Basis of Mitigation Concept
- 2:59: Mitigation Concept v1
- 3:04: Mitigation Concept v2
- 3:10: Mitigation concept v3
- 3:15 Expansion of Carlsborg water system: Primary goals are the continuation of PUD’s mission, Perfect the PUD’s water rights within Carlsborg region.
- 3:18: Phase 1: Connecting Van Lan well site to existing Carlsborg water system, Phase 2: Install pump infrastructure at Van Lan well site.
- 3:20: Carlsborg Water System growth overview

### **Questions:**

- 3:23: Average depth of the 4 aquifers. Bowen answers: existing wells are 200’
- 3:25: Where is the non-point source nitrate pollution that is affecting the area west of the Dungeness River? Who is the lead agency in finding and solving the water pollution problem? Bowen answers: This problem affects all agencies involved in DRMT
- 3:33 Is there leak detection equipment that you are using or can borrow? Bowen answers: We do have leak detection equipment, but there is water loss in other areas that is not from leaks.
- 3:36 Hansi asks: Is the state Dept. of Health trying to find the sources of nitrate pollution that is affecting the Dungeness region?

### **Other Orders of Business, Standing Agenda Items, Announcements**

- 3:48: Tony: Streamkeepers volunteer opportunity announcements
- 3:49: Rhiana Barkie: Water Users: Revised framework, currently in the RFI process of the hazard mitigation FEMA grant that would fund the majority of the proposed Dungeness Off-Channel Reservoir

### **Questions:**

- 3:50: Why can’t Dungeness HOA become a member of OCR Workgroup? Why can’t I attend as a guest? Are there recordings of the meetings? How far along is the FEMA grant?

- 3:52: Answers: Rhiana Barkie: The FEMA grant is in the RFI process of setting a timeline and working out details. Steve Gray: The OCR Workgroup meetings are staff level meetings without too much new information for the public. All new information is publicized, for example in a recent meeting with the Dungeness Home Owners Association, and meetings are recorded.

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- 3:56 Cathy Lear: Update on Dungeness Floodplain Restoration site, there will be a person monitoring the site for native bees.
- 3:58: Shawn Hines: February agenda includes two presenters: Cheryl Baumann for NOBLE update, Meggan from the City for a reclaimed water projects, 2024 DRMT calendar: Groundwater status, nitrates, county comprehensive plan update, watershed drought preparedness.
- 3:59: Project update for NOAA Climate Resilience Drought Preparedness Grant Application.
- 4:01: DRMT field trip discussion

#### **Public Comment**

- 4:03: Note change to summary
- 4:06: Meeting adjourned