

APPROVED Dungeness River Management Team Meeting Notes February 14, 2024

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River flows:

Dungeness River Flows – **on February 13, 2024:**

RM 0.75, Ecology Gauge (Provisional).....Ecology is “scheduling a repair soon; see Shawn’s 2/13 email.
RM 11.0, USGS #12048000.....320 cfs (as of 10:15 AM)
Daily Mean (RM 11.0, USGS #12048000)..... 391 cfs (based on 92 yrs)
Median/50% Exceedance (RM 11.0, USGS #12048000)..... 282 cfs (based on 92 yrs)
Dungeness SNOTEL: (Station Elev. 4,100’) SWE = 0.4 in (6% of Ave), 30-year Median = 6.2 in, 30-year Ave. = 6.8 in

In Person

Hansi Hals-Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe Natural Resources Director, DRMT Chair; Kathleen Smith- PPF, assuming position of Judy Larson; Tony Carrado- Protect Peninsula Future Member; Powell Jones- Member, Dungeness Nature Center; Bob Phreaner- Olympic Audubon Society; Meggan Uecker- City of Sequim; Mike Auger- NOLT Conservation Director; Paul Moore- Guest; Barbara Vanderworth- League of Women Voters; Jamie Tippet- County Resident, Sports Fisheries DRMT Representative

Online

Joel Green- Clallam County Streamkeepers; Bowen Kendrick- Clallam County PUD Manager of Water/Wastewater Systems; Ben Smith- Water Users Association; Rhiana Barkie- Clallam County Public Works Project Coordinator; Solvei- Washington Water Trust; Kim Williams- Clallam Conservation District Manager Lexi Wagor- NOLT Community Relations Manager; Ann Soule- City of Sequim; Enrique Valenzuela- Clallam County Planner

Introductions and Welcome New Representatives!

Review Agenda/ Approve January 2024 Draft Meeting Notes

- 2:11: Corrections to January Meeting Notes
- 2:13: *Tony Carrado moves to approve January notes as amended, Powell Jones seconds, no objection, motion carried.*

Public Comment

- 2:14: None.

Reclaimed Water System – Meggan Uecker, City of Sequim

- 2:16: Water Reclamation Introduction
- 2:17: History of Sequim Wastewater Treatment
- 2:19: NPDES Permit
- 2:20: Sequim’s Reclaimed Water System Overview

- 2:22: Reclaimed Water Distribution System Map & Service Areas
- 2:23: Water Reuse Demonstration Park
- 2:24: 2023 Reclaimed Water Production

Questions:

- 2:28: Tonny Carrado: How are reclamation costs borne by user? Meggan answers: Users pay connection fees and a capital investment fee that are used for further system expansion, as well as rates per amount of water used.
- 2:32: Jamie Tippet: What happens to the bio solids? Meggan answers: Bio solids are land applied locally.
- 2:33 Bowen Kendrick: Is the water you are discharging held to the same standard as reclaimed water? Meggan answers: yes, it is the same water. Does the reclamation process necessitate discharging? Meggan answers: yes, about ten percent of the reclaimed water needs to be discharged.
- 2:35: Discussion of use of extra reclaimed water
- 2:37: Hansi Hals asks: What is the treatment of nitrogen in the class A treatment? Meggan answers: we currently have no denitrification treatment.
- 2:40: Discussion on nitrification of Puget Sound and Strait of Juan de Fuca
- 2:42: Bowen Kendrick: Will the aquifer recharge study near Carrie Blake Park be made publicly available? Meggan answers: yes, I can send you the study.

North Olympic Peninsula Lead Entity for Salmon Update- Cheryl Bauman, NOPLE coordinator

- 2:52: NOPLES Initiating Government Members.
- 2:54: Other Technical Team Partners.
- 2:56: What NOPLES does.
- 2:57: What Lead Entities are and how they were created in WA state.
- 2:59: Lead entity partners
- 3:00: Current NOPLES work summary.
- 3:03: Regional recovery funding partners.
- 3:13: Dungeness Monitoring Project

Questions:

- Powell Jones asks: What type of parameters are being monitored at the Dungeness? Cheryl Bauman answers: I can't give you specifics but things like habitat change, LiDAR and hydraulic monitoring are all being monitored.

Standing Items

- 3:20: Water Resources.
- 3:23: Project Updates: OCR Update, Rhiana Barkie.
- 3:28: Drought Preparedness.
- 3:32: Update from Clallam PUD.
- 3:35: Recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Bolt decision.

- 3:38: Discussion of some community members' opposition to the Sequim Irrigation District's piping project.
- 3:44: Announcement for joint Commissioner's meeting between Clallam County and PUD's Commissioners.
- 3:46: Silberhorn Well Field update

3:47: Meeting Adjourned