

DUNGENESS RIVER MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

February 12, 2024 – **APPROVED** Notes

Hybrid/ Zoom, hosted by Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe/ Dungeness River Nature Center

Meeting Recording and Notes: https://clallamcowa.portal.civicclerk.com/?category_id=55

Dungeness River Flows

RM 0.75, Ecology Gauge (Provisional).....128 cfs (*as of 7:30 AM*)
RM 11.0, USGS #12048000 (Provisional).....157 cfs (*as of 8:15 AM*)
Daily Mean (RM 11.0, USGS #12048000)..... 408 (*based on 94 yrs*)
Median/50% Exceedance (RM 11.0, USGS #12048000).....294 (*based on 94 yrs*)
Dungeness SNOTEL: (Station Elev. 4,100’) **SWE** = 9.2 in, **30-year Median** = 6.1 in, **30-year Ave.** = 6.8 in

Chair: Hansi Hals, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe

February Vice Chair: Robert Beebe- Riverside Property Owners (RM 0-3.25)

In Person

Hansi Hals- Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe (Chair); Shawn Hines- Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe (Alt); Tony Corrado- Protect the Peninsula’s Future (Member); Frank Lowenstein- Dungeness River Audubon Center (Alt); Bruce Emery- Clallam County (Guest); Meggan Uecker- City of Sequim (Member); Bowen Kendrick- Clallam County PUD #1 (Adv. Member); Randy Tierny (Guest); Craig Smith (Guest); David Brent (Guest); Chuck Webber (Guest); Jamie Porter- Protect the Peninsula’s Future (Alt); Tim Havel- Clallam County (Guest); Karen Tagg- NOPL (Guest); Rhianna Barkie- Clallam County (Guest); Paul Moore (Guest); Dan Tierny (Guest); Carol Hull (Guest); Rich Havel (Guest)

Online

Robert Beebe- Riverside Property Owners (Vice Chair); Clarence Glover (Guest); Bob Phreaner- Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society (Member); Phil Martin (Guest); Mark Ozias- Clallam County (Guest); Kim Williams- Clallam Conservation District (Adv. Member); Ann Soule (Guest); Jackson Wilhite- U.S. Forest Service (Adv. Member); Steve Gray- Clallam County (Guest); Mike Auger- North Olympic Land Trust (Member); Patrick Yoon- Washington Water Trust (Guest); Enrique Valenzuela- Clallam County (Guest); Rebecca Mahan- Clallam County (Alt.); Alex Scagliotti- Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe (Guest); Danielle Zitomer- WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (Member)

Introductions / Review Agenda / Approve Draft December 2024 DRMT Meeting Notes

2:08: Meggan Uecker moves to approve the December minutes as presented, Tony Corrado seconds, no objections, **motion is carried.**

Clallam County Comprehensive Plan Update – Tim Havel, Clallam County DCD Chief Deputy Director

2:11: Overview of mandatory elements of the comprehensive plan, new climate element, new housing requirements

2:13: Future housing allocations

2:15: Critical area ordinance update

2:20: What comes next

2:21: **Questions**

2:21: What is the timeline, does the county's plan affect the cities?

2:25: Are the numbers on the future housing allocations slide population, what are the total number of housing units shown on the future housing allocations chart?

2:30: Do you take into consideration the draw down of aquifers in calculating growth?

2:32: How does a large allocation of houses above 120% of the area median income in unincorporated Clallam County coincide with the county's stated goal of preserving farmland, rural areas, and critical areas? Is the plan working to change any of these allocations/ impacts?

2:33: Are there any type of regulatory levers to enforce the growth that is allowed for through zoning?

2:37: Will the State Fish and Wildlife Volume 2 become the best available science which needs to be incorporated into the critical area ordinance update?

2:41: Does the land capacity analysis take into account critical areas?

2:50: Which chapters of the Clallam County Code will be updated along with the comprehensive plan?

PUD Carlsborg Well Mitigation Plan Update- *Bowen Kendrick, PUD#1 of Clallam County*

2:55: Introduction to well mitigation plan

2:57: Existing water rights

2:58: Water quality- Nitrate

2:59: 2025 Water Right Application

3:01: Van Lan Well key stats

3:05: Basis of mitigation concept

Question pause

3:07: Do we know what is causing the nitrate levels to rise in the Van Lan well?

3:10: What are the static level change over time of the aquifers you're looking at?

3:12: Why is the mitigation quantified using the middle aquifer?

Resume

3:13: Mitigation concept- V4 based on Ecology/ Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe feedback

3:15: Mitigation requirement: shift 92 AFY (non-additive)

3:20: Dungeness water rule maximum depletion amounts

3:21: Mitigation plan shallow aquifer recharge component: shift 92 AFY (non-additive)

Questions

3:25: What effort would be required to create a mitigation plan for the fourth aquifer?

3:28: You mentioned that you didn’t have pressure transducers to measure the aquifer level in the Van Lan well, why is that?

3:29: When you did the pump test for the Van Lan well, did you measure aquifer recovery or recharge rate?

3:32: Will the aquifer levels be presented against sea level, are you concerned with saltwater intrusion?

3:37: Is there a timeline of when you’re expected to install the Van Lan pump?

Other Orders of Business/Announcements and Standing Agenda Items

3:48: **Email request for DRMT response**, *Hansi Hals, JST and Cathy Lear, Clallam County*

3:50: Proposed email response from DRMT

3:52: Tony Corrado moves to approve the proposed email response, Frank Lowenstein seconds, no objections, one abstention, the **motion is carried**

3:53: **DRMT Executive Committee Recommendation/Discussion**, *DRMT Executive Committee and DRMT*

4:08: Conclusion and recap of discussion so far

4:11: Is it the DRMT’s mission or duty to disseminate information to the public?

4:20: **Standing Item: Water Resources Planning Topics**

4:20: Tony Corrado: We have submitted an RFP to digitize the Dungeness water level sign, haven’t received a positive response.

4:21: **Standing Item: Project Updates and/or Announcements**

4:21: Rhianna Barkie: Off Channel Reservoir: A project update has been given to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC); a Peninsula Daily News article was written about this update which needs clarification. We are recommending proceeding with option E1 but that has not been

formally approved yet, the \$800,000 remaining grant funds is not the overall funds for the grant but instead the funds designated for the design task, one of eight tasks of the grant. The presentation to the BOCC can be viewed on the County website at the recording of the February 10th work session. WA EMD will be requesting a third request for information (RFI) for the hazard mitigation grant.

4:25: Meggan Uecker: Future Local Drought Preparedness Plan: Nothing specific, with the tight State budget we do not know if Ecology will be able to offer any grants. The city is still preparing for drought through plans such as the comprehensive plan and water resources plan.

4:26: Rebecca Mahan: McDonald Fish Passage Barrier Project: No big updates at the moment, coordination is still ongoing between WDFW, Clallam Conservation District, the irrigators, and the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe. Another grant will be applied for in April.

4:27: Cathy Lear: Thank you sign for lower Dungeness floodplain restoration: Sign has been installed in the parking lot adjacent to the schoolhouse describing the restoration work of river’s edge. It was designed by people who live in the watershed, John Gussman took the photos and Tim McNulty wrote the text, you’ll see DRMT mentioned!

4:29: March agenda

4:30: Public comment: none

4:30: Meeting adjourned