

DUNGENESS RIVER MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

September 10, 2025 – Draft 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).....57 cfs (as of 7:30 AM)
RM 11.0, USGS #12048000 (Provisional).....96.4 cfs (as of 8:15 AM)
Daily Mean (RM 11.0, USGS #12048000).....172.8 cfs (based on 94 yrs)
Median/50% Exceedance (RM 11.0, USGS #12048000).....147 cfs (based on 94 yrs)
Dungeness SNOTEL: (Station Elev. 4,100’) SWE =0 in, 30-year Median =0 in, 30-year Ave. = in

Chair: Hansi Hals- Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe

September Vice Chair: Meggan Uecker- City of Sequim

In Person

Mark Ozias- Clallam County (Member) Robert Beebe- Riverside property owner (Guest); Ben Smith- Water Users Association (Member); Hansi Hals- Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe (Chair); Shawn Hines- Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe (Alt); Jamie Tippett- Sports Fisheries (Member); Tony Corrado- Protect the Peninsula’s Future (Alternate); Jamie Porter- Protect the Peninsula’s Future (Member); Montana Napier- Dungeness River Nature Center (Member); Meggan Uecker- City of Sequim (Member); Cheryl Baumann- North Olympic Peninsula Lead Entity for Salmon (Guest); Quentin Norcutt- Clallam Conservation District (Alternate); Rhiana Barkie- Clallam County (Guest); Craig Smith (Guest); Lorna Vogt- Resident (Guest); Carol von Borstel (Guest); E. Randy Tierney (Guest); Jan Teirney (Guest); Bruce von Borstel (Guest); Clea Rome – Washington State University Extension (Guest); Laurel Moulton- Washington State University Extension (Guest); John Stedwick (Guest); Tim Havel- Clallam County (Guest)

Online

Joel Green- Clallam County (Alternate), Rebecca Mahan- Clallam County (Alternate), Enrique Valenzuela- Clallam County (Guest); John Worthington- (Guest); Kim Williams- Clallam Conservation District (Advisory Member); Nate White and Gwen Lenten- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (Advisory Alternate); Bob Phreaner- Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society (Member); Bowen Kendrick- PUD #1 of Clallam County (Member)

Introductions / Review Agenda / Approve Draft June 11, 2025 DRMT Meeting Notes

2:07: Ben Smith moves to approve amended notes, seconded, no objection, the motion is passed

2:10: Public Comment: John Worthington

Clallam County Comprehensive Plan Update Status- Tim Havel, Clallam County

2:14: Clallam County Comprehensive Plan Update overview

2:16: Agenda

2:17: Purpose of Comp Plans

2:18: Mandatory elements

2:20 New housing requirements

2:22: Critical Area Ordinance Update

2:25: What has been accomplished currently, what comes next

Questions

2:28: Who compiles the best available science report for the comprehensive plan?

2:28: Was Riparian Ecosystems, Volume II: Management Recommendations incorporated into the best available science report?

2:29: You're probably familiar with the Washington Association of Science's paper that says no net loss doesn't work- is there any effort to reconcile the 'why's' of it doesn't work with that we're still trying to incorporate it into the comprehensive plan?

2:30: You've mentioned many consultants that have helped compile the comprehensive plan, are these consultants mentioned or cited in the plan?

2:32: How finite is the mapping for wetlands?

2:33: Tim, did you know that the ecosystems coordination board is meeting right now?

2025 Drought Impacts/ Drought Response Updates

PUD #1, Bowen Kendrick – water conservation alerts

2:37: Bowen Kendrick: PUD Drought Response Plan update

2:38: Island View water system: stage 4 alert

2:39: Clallam Bay/ Sekiu water system: stage 3 alert, all other water systems under stage 2 drought alert. The Morse Creek surface water treatment plant has been offline for about a month and a half

Questions

2:40: How many trucks of water a day does it take to maintain the Island View Water System during stage 4 drought?

Washington Water Trust, Jason Hatch- dry year leases/ pulse flows

2:44: 2025 Dry Year Leasing Program

2:46: Dry Year Leasing Overview

2:47: Pulse flows- simulated rain event

2:48: August 23rd pulse flow, August 30th pulse flow, September 8-9: 24 hr pulse flow

2:51: 2025 Dry year leasing monitoring

Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Hansi Hals – fish passage/barrier riffle work

2:52: Dry year leases, pulse flows and fish passage/ barrier riffle conversation

WSU Ext, Clea Rome and Laurel Moulton- water conservation technical assistance/outreach

3:06: Small farm irrigation education program

3:09: Details of water conservation technical assistance/outreach

3:13: Clallam County WSU Extension Website

Questions

3:17: Did the outreach of the drought happen this year?

3:19: How do the moisture probes that you're using work?

City of Sequim, Meggan Uecker- Future Local Drought Preparedness Plan

3:23: Water conservation outreach

3:25: Incentivizing water conservation for irrigative users and conversation

3:32: Is there a way to identify which parcels are pulling irrigation water or are connected to the irrigation systems?

3:35: Break

Other Orders of Business, Announcements and *Standing Agenda Items

Water Resources Planning Topics

3:47: Tony Corrado- Protect the Peninsula's Future- Dungeness River Flow Status App

4:10: Clallam County Charter Review Commission water steward position update

4:11: Future Local Drought Preparedness Plan (LDPP), Meggan Uecker, City of Sequim

4:15: Clallam County Off-Channel Reservoir Update- Rhiana Barkie and Steve Gray

4:22: Rebecca Mahan: proposal to change DRMT note taking structure

4:24: Kim Williams, Clallam Conservation District: Thank you to DRMT for your letter of support for our on-site septic repair program

Public Comment

4:25: Question for member Mark Ozias: Can you speak to the status of the water resources recommendations from the charter review commission?

4:26: John Worthington: Jimmycomelately Creek comparisons and recommendations

4:29: Meeting adjourned.