



Dungeness River Management Team
Cooperative Management of Our Watershed's Resources
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Washington Department of Ecology
Water Quality Program, Financial Management Section
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RE: Letter of support for Clallam Conservation District's grant application:
Onsite Septic System Cost Share Project for Improving Water Quality (WQC-2027-ClalCD-00547)

Dear Project Evaluators:

The Dungeness River Management Team, watershed council for East WRIA 18, greatly values the Clallam Conservation District's (District) programs and efforts to improve our area's water quality. We are pleased the District proposes to extend its cost-share program via the above grant application to address an additional 15 failing onsite septic systems impacting impaired waterways in Clallam County. We offer our continued strong support for this work.

The Clallam Conservation District has assisted landowners with repair and replacement of 32 onsite septic systems within the Sequim-Dungeness Clean Water District since 2014, and three more projects are currently in progress. These accomplishments demonstrate the District's ability to implement high priority water quality improvement projects; and yet, there is more to be done. The current proposal will enable the District to continue providing essential assistance to low-income homeowners to fix known water quality impacts from failing onsite septic systems. We have high confidence in Clallam Conservation District's capacity to lead this effort, and we are eager for this work to continue.

We look forward to continuing to work with Clallam Conservation District to implement pollution identification and correction projects throughout Clallam County and readily support this proposal to address pollution from failing onsite septic systems. We urge you to fully fund this request.

Sincerely,

Hansi Hals, Chair, DRMT
On behalf of the DRMT

2025 DRMT Membership

<i>City of Sequim</i>	<i>North Olympic Land Trust</i>
<i>Clallam County</i>	<i>Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society</i>
<i>Clallam Conservation District</i>	<i>Protect the Peninsula's Future</i>
<i>Clallam PUD #1</i>	<i>Riverside Property Owners</i>
<i>Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge</i>	<i>Sports Fisheries</i>
<i>Dungeness River Nature Center</i>	<i>US Forest Service</i>
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<i>Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe</i>	<i>Water Users Association</i>