



8/12/26 DRMT Summer Field Trip Itinerary

- 1:00 Meet in Dungeness River Nature Center Parking lot.
Look for the large van and mini-van. If needed, Jamie Tippet and Jesse Greer each have a few open seats, too.
- 1:15 Depart Nature Center and drive to Site 1 (Barrier Riffle/Drought Response/Acoustic Tracking Sites) (15 min drive plus walking/driving short distances)
From Nature Center, drive to Game Farm intersection (1423 Ward Rd), but DO NOT ENTER GAME FARM. Instead, turn R (toward river) on restricted road and drive through gate. Follow the JST carpool vehicles to Site 1.
- 1:35 Site 1, Example Barrier Riffle 1: Acoustic Chinook Tracking Project (Chris Burns/JST)**
Acoustic tracking overview and status (what we've learned so far) and acoustic equipment show and tell.
- Drive to Site 2.
Follow JST carpool vehicles.
- Site 2, Example Barrier Riffle 2: Drought Response Activities (Chris Burns/JST and Ben Smith/WUA)**
2026 stream condition/issues and drought response activities on river (barrier riffle modifications and WWT/WUA pulse flow/DYL). View example barrier riffle modification (rock dam site).
- Site 3, Example Barrier Riffle 3: Drought Response Activities - continued (Chris Burns/JST)**
View example barrier riffle modification (aqua-dam site). Shout out to WCC!
- 3:35 Drive to Site 4 (Example ELJ Site and Feasibility Study) (15 min drive plus ~ 15 min walk)
From Site 3, drive to Nature Center parking lot (1943 W. Hendrickson Rd) and park vehicles. Hike to river (follow Hilton). Be prepared to walk on uneven terrain. Sturdy sandals or walking shoes okay.
- 4:05 Site 4, Example ELJ and Feasibility Study (Hilton Turnbull/JST)**
Example ELJ, ELJs as treatment for barrier riffles, current ELJ strategy/status, and Feasibility Study.
- 4:30 Walk back to cars (15 min walk)
- 4:45 Adjourn/Thank you!

Stop 1:

Chris Burnes describing the acoustic monitoring equipment. Transmitters were placed on salmon (hope to tag 50), receivers were installed in the river, and once retrieved, the data will show where the tagged fish have been and how they moved during low flows.



Stop 1:
Q/A with Chris.



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The acoustic tracking
project hopes to track
50 Chinook during the
low flow season.



Stop 2:

Chris describes work done in river with WCC to help improve fish passage during low flows.



Stop 3:
Ben Smith describes the
water conservation
programs managed by
Washington Water Trust.
There were 4 pulse flows
(2 in July and 2 in
August), where irrigators
stopped diversions for
three 24-hr events and
one 12-hr event. Some
farmers are also
participating in dry year
leases, starting 8/8 and
ending 8/15.



Stop 3:

Hilton describes how large wood or ELJ's can help create pools, provide refugia, and aid with fish passage when placed in close proximity.



Stop 3:
Aquadams were placed in critical areas for better
fish passage.



Donkeys came to a few stops to say hi.







Hilton reviewed some existing ELJ spots via posters before we headed out to existing ELJs on the river upstream of the Nature Center.



Stop 4: Chris noted that the large log laying across the river was under water at this time last year.







Stop 4: Example of an ELJ (placed several years ago) creating pool.

