

Dosewallips River Collaborative

FINAL Meeting Summary

Friday, August 7, 2020

10:00am -12:30pm

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85780867951>

Welcome and Introductions

Participants:

Alex Gouley, Skokomish Tribe; Paul McCollum, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe; Joe Baisch, Citizen; Scott Katz, NSD; Phil Roni, Cramer Fish Sciences; Joseph Jones, USGS; Torrey Luiting, NSD; Trish Montgomery, Brinnon School; Chris Waldbillig, WDFW; Jac Dufresac, Citizen; John Soden, NSD; Phil Thenstadt, Citizen; Time Abbe, NSD; Alex Papiez, HCSEG; Alicia Olivas, HCCCLE; Tami Pokorny, Jefferson County; Mark McHenry, Olympic National Forest

[Meeting Materials

NSD Scope of Work]

Additions to and Approval of the Agenda

Skipped

Announcements

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Dosewallips River Collaborative Update – Tami Pokorny, Jefferson County Public Health

Background

Open Public Meetings

Meeting frequency and timing

The Dosewallips River Collaborative was formed about two years ago to create a technical and community group focused on the Dosewallips. Now that the Lazy C Powerlines Project is funded, Tami would like to begin meeting monthly for an hour, or longer if needed when project deliverables are being presented. She invited feedback on timing for these meetings. She plans to publicize them as open meetings with everyone welcome to attend. The plan to be developed as part of the Powerlines Reach is non-regulatory. There will be a website, and meeting information will be distributed one week ahead of time whenever possible. Input on meetings, group structure and communications are most welcome.

Lazy C/Powelines Project Launch – Torrey Luiting, Natural System Designs (NSD)

Team member introduction

Communications

Review goals and tasks
Grant deliverables
Project schedule
Additional project elements

Torrey introduced NSD's role in the new project. Their work plan is described in the project scope of work that was distributed with the agenda. They will be evaluating the geomorphology of the reach and connecting with the Collaborative at key junctures. The timeframe for the project is through June 2021, just short of a year away. They plan to gather field data in about a month and have the draft plan ready in the spring. She will be working with Tami to reach out to landowners in the area. Chris Waldbillig reviewed the stocks present in the Dosewallips: near-critical fall Chinook, listed Hood Canal Summer Chum, which is doing pretty well and steelhead, also ESA-listed. Fall chum are fairly abundant. Odd year pink salmon are highly cyclical, the very occasional sockeye stray, and cutthroat trout.

Scott Katz displayed a map of the Lazy C Powerlines Reach and oriented the group. He asked for input on where to access the river for a field assessment by inflatable [kayak]. Joe mentioned a property just below the canyon for access; the canyon reach is clogged with woody debris and too dangerous to float. Joe offered to connect Scott and the landowner and mentioned that he has thousands of feet of (steel?) cable available to projects otherwise he intends to recycle it. Tim Abbe said that along with a resiliency plan for the Lazy C Powerlines Reach, they will be developing three conceptual design alternatives, which may involve widely dispersed and/or concentrated actions in the river channel.

Identifying Abandoned Side Channels with Virtual Geomorphic Mapping using LiDAR and Orthophotography – Joseph L. Jones, USGS Hydrologist

Joseph shared a screen shot of the article he wrote in 2004-5 to identify the locations of former stream channels and explained his methodology. Scott said that this type of analysis is common now, but Joseph's work on the Dosewallips floodplain came first. He selected areas for analysis and color-coded LiDAR data to identify the locations of former side channels and cross checked this information with slope data. The former side channel bottoms are often flat. [His article can be found at [asprs](#). If the link doesn't work, try a different browser.]

John Soden invited information and photos from community members. Tami echoed this and offered to meet with people individually to gather historical information and observations. It could be used in project newsletters or to develop a compelling story to support future phases of the project.

River and Community Updates

Alex P. mentioned that HCSEG will begin knotweed treatments again this fall.

Joe asked that the project connect with a middle school teacher who is an engineer to involve students in the project. Tami mentioned the HCSEG Salmon in the Classroom program to raise salmon fry from eggs in an aquarium and has been discussing this possibility with Trish.

Next Agenda and 2020 Site Visits (recorded/in person options?)

Please let Tami know your preference for meeting dates/times and level of interest in site visits, which could be conducted in small groups potentially. The river is always changing and she suggested visiting the county shoreline property in the Lazy C (look for signs on Appaloosa Dr.). Another option is a longer hike on logging roads from Dosewallips State Park and bushwack to the top of the bluff across from the

Lazy C community. For a less strenuous option, it's possible to view much of the Powerlines subreach, from the south side, beneath the BPA transmission lines, which doesn't involve off-trail hiking.

Meetings will hopefully be every month – perhaps staying with first Fridays. NSD and Cramer will not attend all of the meetings, but there will always be an interesting presentation to support understanding of the river's processes or to share local perspectives.

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