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Duckabush & Dosewallips
Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan
Public Meeting Notes

June 30, 2008

5:00 – 8:00 pm

Brinnon Community Center

Attendees: Dennis Splett, Hal Beattie, Dennis Schultz, Dan & Kathy Ackerman, Alec Pollek, Bob Crowell, Bill Miller, Andrea Mitchell, Bud Schindler, Ian McFall, Ellie Sather (3 others attended for whom we do not have names)

Staff: Stacie Hoskins, Ryan Hunter, Jerry Louthain, Kevin Farrell, Marc Horton, Christina Pivarnik

5:00 – 6:30pm: Open House

Approximately 14 people visited the open house, most stayed for the public testimony at 7pm. During the open house people reviewed maps of the Duckabush and Dosewallips floodplains and channel migration zones, as well as a map of properties acquired by the County for flood management purposes. Photos of last fall's flooding on the Duckabush River were also on display. People spoke informally with County, Ecology, and HDR staff, asking clarifying questions and sharing personal experiences and perspectives.

6:30 – 6:45pm: Introductions and formal presentation

County staff, with assistance from Ecology and HDR staff, gave a brief presentation on what is a comprehensive flood hazard management plan, the purpose of flood planning, and the general goals and expected process of the Duckabush and Dosewallips comprehensive flood hazard management plan.

6:45 - 7:40pm: Public Testimony

Bud Schindler ([REDACTED]):

- Difficult to comment on something which we know very little about. Would like to see example of other flood plans
- How many past management projects have been tried and failed and caused more damage than they prevented? There was a project above the Lazy C 7-10 years ago that failed
- River Rd. near Duckabush fire station floods annually.

Dennis Splett ([REDACTED]):

- His lot has flooded several times

- Large log jam about a mile up from Lazy C that formed in 1993 would take out Hwy. 101 if it came down, but since the Dosewallips is a wild river we can't touch it. Log jam wasn't there 15 years ago and there weren't log jams in the rivers for hundreds of years when fish were thriving, so fish don't need log jams
- Another log jam forming resulting from last winter's storm
- Need to replant clearcuts on slopes and end clear-cutting on steep slopes
- Plantings on county acquired property will be destroyed by a flood before it is large enough to stabilize the bank
- There is a cliff of mud upriver (across from Lazy C clubhouse?) that could come down into the river

Bob Crowell ([REDACTED]):

- In 1950s the river was within 5 feet of the gas station in town...combination of high tide, snow melt, and heavy rain together with clear-cut logging will cause major flooding
- Never should have built houses on the river and bay, has seen the river feet deep where there are currently houses...doesn't understand why they ever built the fire station and houses on the Duckabush where it floods every year
- River channel has eroded the bank at the Lazy C
- Log dam by Rocky brook used to move logs never hurt fish
- Dosewallips road destroyed by logging that removed stability
- As a kid, was able to divert the river by piling rocks, so it shouldn't be difficult to take a cat and dig a trench to reroute the river
- Logging is causing the log jams on the river
- Used to fish the river, but now there aren't many fish
- Little Creek that drains into the Dose at Lazy C was rechannelized and have since lost the fish run

Dennis Schultz ([REDACTED]):

- Can't do this plan in a year
- Doing out of stream work means new regulations
- Community is so over stretched, only those who get paid will be on the advisory committee

Ellie Sather:

- When was the rip rap at the Lazy C put in?

Dennis Splett:

- Rip rap put in to extend lot...DoT rip rap alright, but just below it a cedar tree fell into the river as result of a significantly eroding bank

Hal Beattie ([REDACTED]):

- Floodplain is called that because it floods
- Hwy. 101 is a big dike for Duck and Dose
- DF&W approach is a wild river, you can control a river through rip rap, but it would no longer be a wild river, if you want a wild river you have to take a different approach