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Duckabush & Dosewallips
Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan (CFHMP)
Second Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

November 13, 2008

5:30 – 7:00 pm

Brinnon Fire Hall

Advisory Committee Members Present: Ron Figlar Barnes (Skokomish Tribe), Bob Burkle (WDFW), Bob Herbst (Brinnon Fire Chief), Tami Pokorny (JeffCo. Dept. Env. Health/WRIA 16), Dennis Splett (Lazy C Homeowners), Bob Shadbolt (Olympic Canal Tracts), Jim Watson (Local Citizen), Hal Beattie (Local Citizen), Micah Wait (Wild Fish Conservancy), Carl Ward (WDOT),

Staff: Ryan Hunter, Jerry Louthain (HDR), Rona Spellecacy (HDR)

Public: Bill Miller, Mike and Ellen Matthews, R. Foster, Dick and Cherla Coone, Bob Crowell, Dale Walker, Jackie Corey.

Notes:

Following introductions and review of the agenda, County staff and Jerry Louthain introduced and received the following comments on the draft existing conditions report:

Bob Herbst – Pg.1: Lower elevations receive significant amount of snow, especially south of the Duckabush River, need to clarify that we are referring to significant accumulations of snow.

Tami Pokorny – Pg. 6: Estimating people per acre is not useful data as it does not give indication of concentrations. Also, with reference to the land cover along the lower six miles, what area is encompassed by this “lower six miles?” The riparian area? Or watershed?

Bob Herbst – Pg. 6: Population data is too low, need more current data. Perhaps use electrical metering count.

Bob Burkle – Pgs. 7 & 8: Add Bull Trout to list of fish, and note that Puget Sound Chinook, Bull Trout, and Steelhead are all listed as threatened.

Ron Figlar Barnes – Pg. 8: Port Gamble, S’Klallam, and Skokomish co-manage estuary and can assist with missing paragraph.

Bob Herbst – Pg. 8: Where are the bacteria monitoring stations? He knows of only one at the Duckabush River. Dept. of Health is best source for this data.

Pg. 9: There are no livestock on the Dosewallips (others present expressed disagreement)

Hal Beattie – Hwy 101 acts as a dike and effects flooding and fish. Seals pick off fish at the narrow channel.

Bob Burkle – Seals eat mostly herring and hake and are not a major cause of salmon mortality.

Tami Pokorny – Would like to see more discussion of the benefits of the watershed e.g. stream shading, aquifer recharge, flood storage, etc. and how these watersheds compare to other watersheds in Puget Sound.

Bob Shadbolt – Pg. 18: Clarify that road density data is referring to both paved and unpaved roads.

Bob Burkle – Note that the Forest Service is not maintaining or closing roads properly because they do not have the funds to do so.

General Comment – The Dosewallips Road has a new washout, due to a plugged culvert, and is located downstream of the old washout..

Bob Burkle – Need a description of what FEMA does and that the floodplain mapping is out of date. FEMA is not keeping up with climate change data and they are always 3-4 years behind the curve.

Micah Wait – Pg. 25: Add “From Hwy. 101 to East end” for Reach B description. Asked why we didn’t use Ecology’s gage on the Duckabush that has been in place for 3-4 years.

Jerry Louthain – Not aware of gage. We need a real time gage on the river.

Micah Wait – Ecology gage in the Dosewallips is in the tidal influence area.

Comment – Pg. 38: Need to mention a timeline as to when FEMA FIRMS might be updated.

Tami Pokorny – Pg. 38: Has specific language for changes in property purchase effort, incl. that they purchased two properties for the purpose of protecting fish habitat, not to mitigate flood damages. Also need to add 2003 Apaloosa Rd. repair costs and repair costs for 2007 work.

Pg. 39: Erosion is occurring at both ends of the rip rap.

Carl Ward – Pg. 38: DoT is having more problems with wood piling up with new bridge than they had with the old bridge.

Micah Wait – Pgs. 41 & 42: We need a map of the location of the different revetments mentioned.

Bob Shadbolt – Can we stabilize banks to prevent sedimentation of river?

Bob Burkle – No, discussed benefits of engineered log jams and integrated stream bank protection guidelines.

Micah Wait – Wild Fish Conservancy plans to do engineered log jams on the river. Also mentioned that the Dosewallips is growing in length and height so that the river is becoming higher than the estuary, which will cause problems.

Carl Ward – Hwy 101 bridges are not to be replaced within the next 20 years.

Ryan Hunter asked the advisory committee to submit any written comments on the draft existing conditions report before the Thanksgiving holiday.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:00pm