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### **Dungeness Watershed Action Plan Notes, July 5, 2011**

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De-brief on Public Meeting. Everyone thought that the June 28 public meeting at the Guy Cole convention center in Sequim was a big success. The meeting was very well organized, and the turnout was fabulous: 50 people attended, including several residents who live along the lower Dungeness River. In addition, the Peninsula Daily News ran an excellent story about the event.

Restoration Projects. Susan said that the planning team is still open to suggestions for projects to include in the watershed action plan. There was a lot of interest at the public meeting in projects that combine restoration and recreation opportunities. We may want to set a deadline later this summer for public input to the draft action plan. Susan confirmed that the draft plan would be addressing potential climate change impacts in the watershed.

Cheryl Baumann, who staffs the North Olympic Lead Entity for salmon recovery, said that they are developing an annual list of projects eligible for funding by the Salmon Recovery Funding Board. They accept proposals once a year; the deadline for submission is in the fall. They prefer projects that restore natural ecosystems as well as benefit salmon, since those are more durable. Recreational side-benefit could boost a proposal's ranking if it enhances public involvement.

Field Trip. The group discussed the date, itinerary, and logistics for the public field trip. At the public meeting, slightly more people indicated a preference for Friday, July 29 than for Saturday, July 30. Also, one of the project leads, Scott Haggerty, cannot attend July 30. Ross said he could go either day, but preferred Saturday in order to accommodate more working people. Dean said that we might be able to have an additional field trip on a Saturday later in the year, if there is enough demand. The group decided to have the first field trip on Friday, July 29.

Susan presented two optional areas in the watershed for an itinerary. The first area would include Lost Mountain Road, Slab Camp, and Tyler Creek, where people could see commercial thinning, spur roads, loop trails, and elk forage and salmon passage projects. The second area would include Three O'clock Ridge, lower Dungeness and Tubal Cain trailheads, where people could see a road washout, road stabilization, and road-to-trail conversion. Feedback from the group indicated a preference to include Slab Camp in the tour and a caution not to cover too much ground.

Susan said that the Forest Service would provide vehicles for transportation. She will send a notice to the list asking people for RSVP's so she'll know how many vehicles to bring. The Forest Service will also provide hard hats and ask people to sign a liability waiver form. Participants will bring their own lunches and drinks. She and the team will map out an itinerary and decide where to meet. The time of the tour will likely be from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Next meeting of the collaborative working group will be Monday, July 18 at 10:00 a.m.