

Dosewallips River Collaborative

FINAL Meeting Notes
Wednesday, February 17, 2021
10:30 am - noon
Remote Access Only

Welcome and Introductions

Attending: Keith Beck (Land and Business Owner), Lisa Belleveau (Skokomish Indian Tribe), Greg Brotherton (Jefferson County Commissioner), Carrie Cook-Tabor (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service), Michael Dawson (Jefferson County Public Health), Owen French (Washington Conservation Corps), Alex Gouley (Skokomish Tribe), Nick Jarvis (Olympic National Forest), Randy Johnson (Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe), Joseph Jones (US Geographical Survey), Lisa Lantz (State Parks), Paul McCollum (Port Gamble Tribe), Mark McHenry (Olympic National Forest), Alicia Olivas (Hood Canal Coordinating Council), Alex Papiez (Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group), Tami Pokorny (Coordinator/Facilitator, Jefferson County)

Additions to and Approval of the Agenda

None

Approval of the November 18, 2020 and January 20, 2021 Meeting Summaries

Accepted as written

Announcements

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Invasive Plants of the Olympic National Forest

Nick Jarvis, Invasive Plant Program Coordinator with the Olympic National Forest presented on the Invasive Plant Program on the Olympic National Forest. He gave an overview of the program and on common invasive plant identification. Invasive weeds damage the ecosystem by outcompeting native plants and changing the surrounding environment. The Invasive Plant Program manages invasive weeds by hand and the selective application of herbicides, which are much more effective than hand treatments. Utility corridors, roads, and gravel pits are major sources for spreading invasive weeds through contaminated gravel sources. Early detection and rapid response is the preferred strategy for weed management. Nick went over some invasive plant species of concern, including herb Robert, wild basil, tansy ragwort, Scotch broom, Canada thistle, bull thistle, meadow knapweed, spotted knapweed, Japanese knotweed, giant knotweed, Bohemian knotweed, Himalayan blackberry, cutleaf blackberry, orange hawkweed, meadow hawkweed, reed canarygrass, yellow archangel, spotted jewelweed, and shiny geranium. Nick requested a photo and GPS point if any of these plants are identified so that the program can treat it. He valued a watershed approach, expanding collaborators and working together. Questions for Nick focused on: herbicides used, one of the most common of which is Oust, all of which have been analyzed and labeled by the Environmental Protection Agency; how the active flood zone affects the use the herbicides: they only treat with herbicides to the water's edge; how to better identify

native thistles with pictures; the reporting method used by the ONF: it is not yet cross-platform, but Nick would love to get to a more uniform data collection process that is cross-platform; that there are certified clean rock sources, and to use those whenever possible; that federal lands are not subject to State weed laws, but herbicide use is; and that the ONF reseeds and replants with native vegetation to the extent that it is possible.

Panel: Do We Need a Watershed Approach to Invasive Species Management?

Alex Papiez, Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group Stewardship Coordinator, Owen French, North Olympic Salmon Coalition Crew Supervisor, and Lisa Lantz, WA State Parks Stewardship Manager led a panel discussion on how to cultivate a watershed approach to invasive species control. Alex hoped to work together to develop a plan and increase native resilience. Owen went over his experience with butterfly bush and buddleia management on the Dungeness River. The group discussed erosion control and concerns, the importance of replanting native vegetation, and future partnerships and collaboration. *Alex volunteered to make some maps of planting sites to start a planting plan. Tami Pokorny suggested forming an outdoor plant identification event for locals who live along the Dosewallips River.

Project, River and Community Updates

Next month's meeting will feature a presentation from Natural Systems Design to give an update on the Dosewallips project. Tami Pokorny asked anyone to be in touch with her with additional thoughts or follow up from this meeting.

Next Agenda: WE March 17, 2021 10:30 – noon (timeframe tentative):

Adjourn at 12:00 PM

Summary by Rebekah Brooks, Rebekah Brooks Contracting

Action Items:

****Alex Papiez volunteered to make some maps of planting sites to start developing a planting plan.***