

AGENDA
CLALLAM COUNTY TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Clallam County Courthouse, Room 160
223 East 4th St Port Angeles, WA
April 2, 2025 - 1:30 p.m.

****ATTENTION****

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A. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

B. REQUEST OF MODIFICATIONS/ADDTIONS TO AGENDA

C. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: March 5, 2025

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS/MEMBER UPDATES: Information sharing among members on topics of general interest related to the Olympic Discovery Trail (ODT), Olympic Adventure Trail (OAT), other County trails, or about trails.

E. TRAIL PROJECT AND MAINTENANCE REPORTS

1. ODT improvement/expansion project updates.
 - a. ODT-Forks to La Push Project Update
 - b. Raise Grant Update
2. County Volunteer ODT/OAT Trail Crew Maintenance Project Reports
3. County ODT/OAT Maintenance Project Reports
4. Other ODT/OAT Reports (All)

F. DISCUSSION AND BUSINESS ITEMS

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

H. ADJOURNMENT

Members: Charlie Commeree (City of Port Angeles Rep., Chair), Wendy Clark-Getzin (Tribal Gov. Rep., Vice Chair), Andy Stevenson (Straits Area Citizen-at-Large Rep.), Gordon Taylor (Western Area Citizen-at-Large Rep.), Jennifer Reandeau (Backcountry Horsemen Rep.), Judy Sarles (Backcountry Horsemen-Alt Rep.), Justin Zarzeczny (Dept. of Natural Resources), Erik Rohrer (City of Forks), Jim Mraz (Peninsula Trails Coalition Rep.), Lorrie Mittmann (Trails Event Coordinator Rep.), Grant Herman (Olympic Peninsula Bicycle Alliance Rep.), and Liz Cusanelli (U.S. Forest Service). Ex-officio Members: Steve Gray (Clallam County Public Works Department), and Mike French (Clallam County Commissioner)

Clallam County Trails Advisory Committee (TAC)

March 5, 2025, Meeting Minutes

A. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting was called to order and conducted via video/phone conferencing.

- *Members Present:* Charlie Commeree (Chair), Andy Stevenson, Gordon Taylor, Judy Sarles, Lorrie Mittmann, Jim Mraz, Wendy Clark-Getzin, Erik Rohrer, Jennifer Reandeau, Justin Zarzeczny

County Representatives: Steve Gray, County Public Works Dept. (Ex-officio TAC member)
William Habel, Regional Trails & Active Transportation Coordinator
Mike French, County Commissioner

Guests/Public: Lauren Bromely- Washington State Parks, Jeff Bohman- Peninsula Trails Coalition

- ### B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
- There were no requested changes to the meeting minutes during the meeting. The February meeting minutes were approved.

C. MODIFICATIONS/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

- A request was made to add a discussion on the condition of the road surface on Towne Road.

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MEMBER UPDATES:

- **Member Updates-**

- Member Mittman gave the group an update on upcoming ODT and OAT events. In April, the OAT run, the Dungeness Bridge Run and the Marathon will occur.
- Member Zarzeczny informed the group that another unit will be logged around MP 10 of the OAT, resulting in a full trail closure. The unit will likely be logged during late summer.
- Member Reandeau told the group that the City of Port Angeles police informed her that they could not find any bylaws banning horseback riding within City limits. Chair Commeree said he would do some follow-up research.

E. TRAIL PROJECTS AND MAINTENANCE REPORTS:

- **ODT – Forks to La Push Project Update**

William Habel updated the group on the Forks to La Push segment of the ODT. Clallam County and Western Federal Lands (WFL) are now meeting weekly to keep the project moving forward quickly, and to increase the ease and speed of communication between the County and WFL. Will told the group that there was still some uncertainty with timelines due to the change in Federal Administration, but that progress was being made. WFL told the county that they were looking to start environmental field work soon.

- **RAISE Grant Update**

William Habel informed the group of an upcoming meeting with the Puget Sound to Pacific (PS2P) group to hopefully receive some updates regarding the uncertainty in funding due to the change in Federal Administration. Member Gray reassured the group that despite not being able to bill time to the RAISE fund, the County was still moving forward with the RAISE segments, including meeting with the largest private landowners in the Camp Creek to Sappho gap. The County was also proceeding with finalizing the funding agreements with the State, despite the uncertainty.

- **County Volunteer ODT/OAT Trail Crew Maintenance Project Reports**

The Volunteers spent Thursday the 13th trimming and trail brushing on the ODT. The remaining two days on the 20th and 27th were spent working on the recently logged section of the OAT around MO 17.25. The 27th was also Jeff's last day with the county. Will thanked the volunteers for their excellent work and delicious food.

- **County ODT/OAT Maintenance Project Reports**

I For February, Jeff spent 5 days on the ODT and 6 days on the OAT. For the ODT side of work, Jeff worked on Gasman to Bagley, Blyn, McDonnel, and W Sequim Bay Rd. Lots of trimming trees and blackberries, as well as brushing. For the OAT, most of the time was spent around MP17.25 with the volunteers, and on his own widening, regrading, ditching and putting down fresh material. Jeff also spent one day on the OAT from MP 0-11 surveying the trail for needed work. Member Gray informed the group that since Jeff had retired, the County would temporarily not have a maintenance person. Any maintenance reports should be sent to Will or Steve.

Jeff Bohman informed the group that Jeff Spaulding would be stepping away from his maintenance position with the PTC.

- **Other ODT/OAT Reports**

Will informed the group that he had gone and surveyed the degraded section of ODT near the Dungeness Nature Center. The section will need approximately 800 feet of new pavement, with a good possibility of needing some of the trail base rebuilt. He will inform the group when he knows a bit more about funding possibilities.

F. DISCUSSION AND BUSINESS ITEMS

- **DNR Waterline Gate Bypass**

- Lauren Bromley of Washington State Parks gave the group a broad presentation on future plans for the Miller Peninsula State Park. For more information, a copy of the presentation was sent to TAC members. Discussion about proposed connections to the ODT from the new park were briefly discussed. See: <https://clallamcowa.portal.civicclerk.com/event/836/media> for a recording of the presentation and discussion.

- **Towne Road**

- Member Sarles raised some concerns with the newly completed Towne Road pavement surface, but that the walking and biking path was holding up well.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Jeff Bohman inquired about the status of the no parking signs near Sieberts Creek along Tributary Lane, and Old Olympic Highway. Will responded that no signs had been ordered, but that the warning signs descending to the creek were being installed soon. Member Stevenson said he would like to continue the discussion of exactly what sort of signage or marking should occur on the site. Member Gray responded that the probable near term solution would likely be simple indicators not to park on the trail pavement, and wayfinding signage to inform the public that parking was available on Wild Currant Way. Long term solutions may include expanding the shoulder to allow for parking in the area.

H. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:50 p.m.