

DUNGENESS RIVER MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

June 10, 2026

Hosted by Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe/Dungeness River Nature Center (in person and via Zoom)

Dungeness River Flows

RM 0.75, Ecology Gauge (Provisional).....**184 cfs** (as of 4:30 AM)

RM 11.0, USGS #12048000 (Provisional).....**225 cfs** (as of 8:15 AM)

Daily Mean (RM 11.0, USGS #12048000).....**715 cfs** (based on 97yrs)

Median/50% Exceedance (RM 11.0, USGS #12048000).....**667 cfs** (based on 97 yrs)

Dungeness SNOTEL: (Elev. 4,100’) SWE = 0 in, 30-year Median = 0 in, 30-year Ave = 0.1 in

Chair: Hansi Hals, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe

June Vice Chair: Meggan Uecker, City of Sequim

DRAFT AGENDA

1. 2:00 Introductions / Review Agenda

2:05 PUBLIC COMMENT (10 minutes)

2. 2:15 Dungeness Ground Water (GW) Model – Panel Discussion (with Q/A between each)

2:15	Dungeness GW Model Overview • Background for why/how the model was developed • Basics on how model works • Q/A	<i>Peter Schwartzman, Licensed Hydrogeologist (LHG)</i>
	Dungeness GW Model (input data) • Reference data (1995/96) • Changes in watershed conditions since last calibration • Recommendations/pros/cons for updating the model • Q/A	<i>and Ann Soule, Retired County/City LHG</i>
3:30	BREAK (10 minutes)	
3:40	Dungeness Water Exchange (DWE) • How the DWE uses the GW Model to determine impacts of and mitigation for new Dungeness water use • Current DWE packages and status of mitigation bank • Q/A	<i>Solvei Metcalf, Project Associate, Washington Water Trust</i>
4:00	WA Department of Ecology Perspectives • Steps/process for potential GW Model update, if needed • How to address the need for updated water resources data; and for updating the Dungeness Watershed Plan • Washington’s Water Future Update • Q/A	<i>Saboor Jawad, SW Regional Section Manager Water Resources Program, WA Dept. of Ecology</i>

3. 4:40 Other Orders of Business, Announcements and *Standing Agenda Items

- **Standing Item:** Water Resources Planning Topics
(Updates, discussion, or presentations on any WRTG topic listed on page 2 of agenda)
 - 2026 Drought Planning, Group
 - Water Management Data Planning/Needs, Lance Vail, OPAS
 - Other?
- **Standing Item:** Project Updates and/or Announcements

- OCR Update, *Rhiana Barkie/Clallam County*
- McDonald Fish Passage Barrier Project, *Rebecca Mahan, Clallam County*
- Other?
- **Standing Item:** Persistent issues and other suggestions for future agendas

4:50 PUBLIC COMMENT (10 minutes)

4. 5:00 Adjourn

*Standing Items are routinely requested items and appear on monthly agendas based on DRMT input.

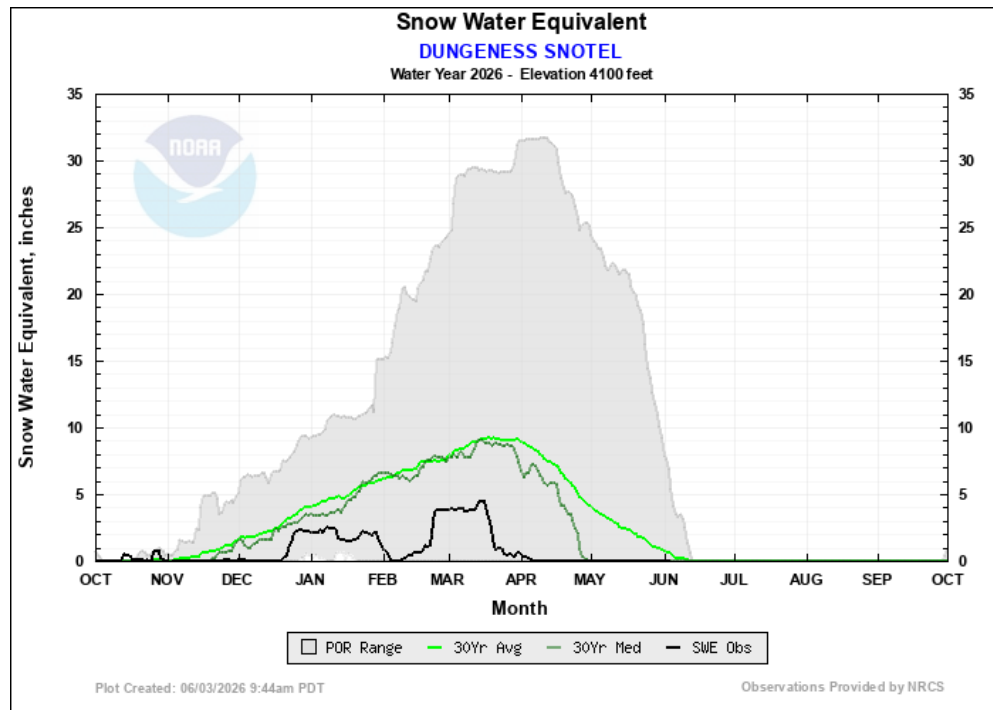
RESOURCES:

DRMT Meeting Recordings: https://clallamcowa.portal.civicclerk.com/?category_id=55

SNOW/FLOW/WATER RESOURCES/DROUGHT HYPERLINKS:

NOAA Northwest River Forecast Center for Dungeness SNO-TEL:

https://www.nwrfc.noaa.gov/snow_comp/snow/snowplot.cgi?DGSW1 for this Dungeness SWE graph:



Dungeness SWE and Snow Depth daily statistics: Go to USDA/NRCS webpage for [Air and Water Database Report Generator](#), and scroll down to Dungeness.

USGS Dungeness River Continuous Flow Gage (RM 11.0):

<https://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/uv?12048000>

Ecology Dungeness River Continuous Flow Gage (RM 0.75):

<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/continuousflowandwq/StationDetails?sta=18A050>

Ecology Statewide Conditions:

<https://ecology.wa.gov/water-shorelines/water-supply/water-availability/statewide-conditions>

Drought Monitor:

<https://www.drought.gov/states/washington>

Water Resources Planning Topics from 2022 WRTG Recommendations Summary

(DRMT members are asked to share as they become aware of updates on any relevant topics)

6.1	Updated Ground Water Characterization	6.8	Comprehensive, Integrated Forecasting Model
6.2	Expanded Monitoring Programs	6.9	Saltwater Intrusion Studies
6.3	Characterization of 4 th Aquifer	6.10	Expanded Snowpack Study
6.4	Updated Water Demand Projections	6.11	Mitigating Potential Use of 4 th Aquifer
6.5	Climate Research on Impacts to Fish	6.12	Shallow Aquifer Recharge Effectiveness
6.6	Community Support through Public Outreach	6.13	Future Water Sourcing Studies
6.7	Interactive Hydrologic Map		



Date: June 9, 2026
To: Dungeness River Management Team (DRMT)
From: The League of Women Voters of Clallam County (LWVCLA)
Subject: Request for Support and Action on Regional Water Sustainability

Dear Members of the Dungeness River Management Team,

The League of Women Voters of Clallam County wishes to express its deep concern regarding the future of our regional water supply and to request the DRMT's active support in addressing this critical issue.

Our precious water resources are facing unprecedented, climate-change-induced stresses. Compounding this challenge is a severe lack of recent hydrogeologic testing data, which leaves us unable to make reasonable, reliable predictions about our sustainable water resources for the near term. As we navigate these challenges, it is vital to recognize that legal, "paper water" rights do not automatically equate to actual, "wet water" availability on or in the ground.

DRMT brings together a long-running, diverse, and apolitical membership that includes water purveyors (irrigators, the City and the PUD) and government agencies, the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, environmental organizations, and several advisory entities. Furthermore, your regular collaboration with essential State and County organizations, such as the Clallam Conservation District, the state Department of Ecology, and WSU Extension, makes you the ideal leader for this effort.

Our Request

Consequently, the LWVCLA requests that the DRMT consider establishing a Water Resources Task Force focused on the East WRIA 18 area of concern. This task force could:

- **Prioritize near-term actions** that will positively enhance regional water sustainability as drought years occur more and more often.
- **Analyze the current status** of relevant hydrogeologic and environmental data.
- **Determine the resources needed** to ensure an effective, coordinated response.
- **Identify the agencies** best-suited to execute necessary actions.
- **Develop a unified water conservation plan** for the region in coordination with outreach organizations.

Protecting our shared water supply requires proactive, data-driven collaboration before shortages become critical.

Thank you for your enduring commitment to our community and its natural resources and for considering this partnership to secure a sustainable water future for everyone. We look forward to your response and to discussing how we can help move this vital initiative forward together.

Sincerely,

The League of Women Voters of Clallam County

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