

AGENDA

CLALLAM COUNTY TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Clallam County Courthouse, Room 160
223 East 4th St Port Angeles, WA
March 4, 2025 - 1:30 p.m.

****ATTENTION****

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A. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

C. REQUEST OF MODIFICATIONS/ADDTIONS TO AGENDA

D. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: February 4, 2026

E. ANNOUCEMENTS/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.*

F. 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)

G. DISCUSSION AND BUSINESS ITEMS

1. TRAIL COUNTER DISCUSSION & PRESENTATION
2. PUBLIC WORKS LODGING TAX FUNDING UPDATES

H. PUBLIC COMMENT

I. 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) February 4, 2026, Meeting Minutes

A. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS:

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

- *Members Present:* Charlie Commeree (Chair), Wendy Clark-Getzin (Vice Chair), Gordon Taylor, Jim Mraz, Justin Zarzeczny, Grant Herman, Jennifer Reandeau, Erik Rohrer, Judy Sarles, Liz Cusanelli

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

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: There was 1 request for modifications of the December 3rd, 2025 meeting minutes. It was pointed out that Ann Livingston's name was misspelled. With that change noted, the minutes were approved.

C. MODIFICATIONS/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

- There were no modifications to the agenda.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Glenn Chipman from Forks came to thank the Committee for all of the work they do to promote and maintain equal access to those who are disabled, or in a wheelchair. He noted that he and his son average around 500 miles per year of trail travel.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MEMBER UPDATES:

- Member Reandeau inquired about the status of the equestrian adventure trail bypass near Joyce/Piedmont, and whether a decision had been made to either maintain, or discontinue the alternative route. Member Gray replied that Jeff Fitzwater and the volunteer crew had spent a work party fixing up the equestrian bypass, and confirmed that the county would continue to maintain the segment, rather than retiring existing trail segments.
- Chair Commeree inquired about timber sales along the trail, and if there were any currently closed sections. Member Zarzeczny replied that the Gossett Rd segment of the ODT was still closed, with active logging. A discussion ensued concerning the logging on the Gossett segment, ending with Member Zarzeczny proposing he would look into a solution for keeping the trail partially open during the logging operations.
- Member Taylor welcomed recommendations for new placements of trail counters.

F. TRAIL PROJECTS AND MAINTENANCE REPORTS:

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

Will informed the group that the negotiations with EFM for the westernmost section of needed right of way was nearly complete. He also informed the group that the company had also given the thumbs up to proceed with appraising the properties that the company had purchased from Rayonier, which would constitute over 90% of the needed right of way for the Forks to La Push segment.

Will then gave a quick update on the Calawah River Park and Bridge Segment. He told the group that a field trip out to the site with consultants was scheduled for the 5th, in order to start geotechnical work.

Chair Commeree inquired about the two DNR properties along the Forks to La Push route that were causing some difficulties. Will replied that negotiations with DNR and WSDOT were ongoing, and some preliminary solutions had been drafted.

- **ODT- RAISE Grant Update**

Will shared that there were no substantial updates relating to the RAISE grant difficulties around the multijurisdictional agreement. See recording for full discussion.

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

The volunteers spent 4 total days on the OAT, including the restoration of the equestrian bypass near MP20. December 18th through January 8th were cancelled, for holidays. During the last two work parties of January, the crew went to the ODT, near FS2918, doing general brushing, tree trimming and chipping.

G. DISCUSSION AND BUSINESS ITEMS

- **Banana Way to Carlsborg Crossing Project Update**

Member Commeree inquired about the status of the Carlsborg Crossing project. Member Clark-Getzin replied that the plans were at 90%, and were waiting for comments back from the County. Wendy was hoping for a spring-summer start of construction.

- **ODT- Elwha River Bridge to Freshwater Bay Rd Route Alternatives**

Will presented two possible routes to reach Freshwater Bay Rd from the Elwha River. Benefits and potential shortcomings were reviewed for both routes, followed by an intensive discussion. Please review meeting recording for full presentation and discussion.

- **ODT- Lodging Tax Updates/Proposal**

Will gave a brief update on the 2025 & 2026 Clallam County Lodging Tax projects. The root bump repairs from Barker Rd to Sequim Bay State Park, and the trail and base repair at the Dungeness River Nature Center. Will informed the group that the County was going out to bid soon, and hoped for construction in the spring.

Will then presented the County's planned application for the second round of 2026 Lodging Tax funding. The second round of funding is typically a smaller pot of money, so a smaller project is more suitable. A revitalization of the Deer Park Rest Area was the project the County settled on. Improvements will include repairs, repainting, greater integration with the ODT, adding a bike rack, lighting improvements and partial coverage of annual maintenance costs.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Rich James, board president of the Peninsula Trails Coalition, spoke about one of the two potential Elwha to Freshwater Bay Rd routes discussed earlier in the meeting. He emphasized that the PTC recommended the exploration of the southern route simply to get discussions going with the landholders, and that all routes should still be on the table.

I. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00 p.m.

Meeting recording available here: <https://clallamcowa.portal.civicclerk.com/event/3623/media>

PTC has received a shipment of 11 EcoNano counters we plan using to improve our information on Olympic Discovery Trail user patterns. We plan to share the data collected from these counters with our partners along the trail. If you know of others that would be interested in the data collected, please forward this message or let me know.

Below is a listing of where counters are installed along the ODT/OAT system (the registered domain) and where we are planning to install the new units. The 10th/Milwaukee location was suggested at the most recent CCTAC meeting. Also, trying to get information on use of the more isolated sections with this effort, Please comment if you have suggestions to improve the information we receive from these efforts.

The Nano counters have about 3 meter effective range, so I've chosen bridges or other places where the trail narrows for placement for the Clallam County installations. I will be working with Jefferson County folks to determine the best locations to install the counters.

Jefferson County - 3 new Nano + 1 ZELT from storage

Mile 0 - Install the PTC ZELT unit we have in storage at the revised location of mile "0" as the park is improved.

Access point near the Port Townsend Marina - new Nano (PTC).

Milo Curry trailhead - new Nano (PTC).

ODT entry to Anderson Lake State Park - new Nano (PTC).

Clallam County - 8 new Nano + existing

Heron Hall, Jamestown S'Klallam Library - existing ZELT (Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe)

Discovery Creek trestle - new Nano ((PTC). Installed 24Feb

Dungeness River Nature Center - existing ZELT (Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe)

Robin Hill Clallam County Park - existing Nano (PTC).

Morse Homestead Road - existing Nano (PTC).

Port Angeles City Pier - Hollywood Beach - existing ZELT (Washington State Department of Transportation).

10th St & Milwaukee - new Nano ((PTC).

Dry Creek Bridge/Lower Elwha Way - new Nano (PTC).

Elwha Bridge - existing ZELT (Clallam County)

Onella Road - separated trail section - new Nano (PTC).

Adventure Trail - between mile 1 and 2 - existing Nano (PTC).

Adventure Trail - Mile 7 - existing Nano (PTC).

Adventure Trail, west of Joyce-Piedmont Road - new Nano (PTC).

Adventure Trail, intersection with Waterline Road - new Nano (PTC).

Gossett Road section, intersection with Waterline Road - new Nano (PTC)

Lyre River Trailhead - existing ZELT (Clallam County)

Fairholme "T" - existing Nano (PTC).

Camp Creek Trailhead (Cooper Ranch Road) - existing ZELT (Clallam County)

Quiliute section (somewhere near the school?) - new Nano ((PTC).

Ann and I installed the counter at Discovery Creek (East Central, between Sequim and Blyn) on 24Feb. I will be working to get as many of the installations completed and active before the end of March. This should give us some additional information on trail use patterns when we collect data and produce our first quarter report in April 2026. Almost all of these installations require manual data collection. If you would like to help, let me know and we can arrange some training. Data collection requires a smart phone, an EcoVision app, and something magnetic to trigger data transmission, the older ZELT units app seems to be Android only.

Please send me suggestions to improve these efforts, or other thoughts?