



LOWER DUNGENESS RIVER FLOODPLAIN

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Thank you for your interest in restoring the lower Dungeness floodplain

NEWS:

A lot has happened in the last few months to prepare for the field studies that precede the engineering/design phase of the floodplain restoration project:

- After a thorough vetting process, the engineering firm of Shannon & Wilson was selected to lead the engineering/design phase of the restoration and levee realignment. Many thanks to the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, WA State Department of Transportation, WA Department of Fish & Wildlife, North Olympic Lead Entity for Salmon, Clallam County Road Department, and staff at the Seattle District of the Corps for their invaluable guidance and participation during this process.
- **It is field season!** You will notice crews in the area surveying topography, locating utilities, delineating the wetlands, and conducting soils tests. These field explorations will yield valuable information to develop the various phases of the engineered design.
- **In mid-August, some of the soils tests will involve drill rigs that drill near or on Towne Road. We will have signs and traffic controllers on site during that time.** Right now the on-road drilling is scheduled for August 15-16. I plan to send an email with any updates to the schedule.
- The Army Corps of Engineers' study, the Integrated Detailed Project Report and Environmental Assessment, has been reviewed by the Corps' Division Office. Staff at the Seattle District is responding to the Division Office comments.

STATUS:

Clallam County:

- Through the formal proposal, vetting, and selection process, retained Shannon & Wilson to complete engineering design.
- Continued coordination with US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE); Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe (JS’KT); WA Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW); WA State Department of Transportation (WSDOT); North Olympic Lead Entity for Salmon (NOPLS); and local entities.

US Army Corps of Engineers:

- Submitted Integrated Detailed Project Report and Environmental Assessment to, and is responding to comments from, the Corps’ Division office.
- Coordinate with project partners to move project forward.

Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe:

- Contributed to consultant selection process.
- Coordinate with project partners to move project forward.
- Continue restoration maintenance work on floodplain parcels west of Towne Road.

WA Department of Fish & Wildlife:

- Contributed to consultant selection process.
- Coordinate with project partners to move project forward.
- Continue smolt trap surveys on the lower Dungeness River.

WA State Department of Transportation:

- Coordinate with project partners to move project forward.
- Monitoring and adaptively managing the site to meet restoration goals for the area.