

## **APPENDIX G: Public Hearing Process**

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

Dungeness River Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan Update

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Clallam County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at 10:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Clallam County Courthouse, 223 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 160, Port Angeles, Washington. The purpose of the public hearing is to review the updated Dungeness River Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan (CFHMP). The text of which is being published in summary. (*NOTE: The full text will be mailed without charge upon request – see "Proponent" below for the address and/or telephone number.*) The proposed plan is available on the County website [www.clallam.net/environment/html/DRFP.htm](http://www.clallam.net/environment/html/DRFP.htm).

Comments for or against the proposed management plan from property owners adjacent to the Dungeness River are encouraged. Interested persons may either submit their written comments before the hearing is commenced (see address below) or present written and/or oral comments in person during the public hearing.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), appropriate aids and/or reasonable accommodations will be made available upon request. Requests must be received at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing – see below. The facility is considered "barrier free" and accessible to those with physical disabilities.

**COMMENTS:**

Clallam County Board of Commissioners  
223 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 4  
Port Angeles, WA 98362-3015  
Telephone: 360.417.2233

**FORMAL IDENTIFICATION:** Review of Dungeness River Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan

**DESCRIPTION:** This Plan incorporates WAC 173-145-040 plan elements and integrates Growth Management Act requirements including inventories/GIS mapping of critical areas and resource lands as required under 36.70A.060 RCW and Chapter 365.190 WAC. Amendments made to the Dungeness River CFHMP in 2003 were never adopted by the Board of County Commissioners. Many changes have occurred since that original plan was adopted in 1990. This amended plan describes restoration and flood hazard reduction activities that meet habitat improvement and hazard reductions goals. This comprehensive approach to flood hazard management planning provides a better understanding of the Dungeness River system and ensures that flooding problems are not simply transferred to another location within the watershed, but are addressed in a comprehensive, watershed-based approach.

Publish: May 29, 2009

Bill: Department of Community Development

Trish Holden, CMC, Clerk of the Board



**ACTION MINUTES  
BOARD of CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
June 9, 2009**

**CONSENT AGENDA – Approved**

- Vouchers for the week of June 1
- Minutes for the week of June 1
- Proclamation recognizing June 15-21 as Wings of Freedom week

**CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS – Approved**

- Amendment 4 to contract with Enso modifying terms and conditions for services to individuals with developmental disabilities
- Amendment 7 to contract with Pierce, Jones & Associates modifying terms and conditions for services to individuals with developmental disabilities
- Amendment 3 with the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services increasing funding
- Amendment 2 with the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services moving money within existing contract
- Contract with Aldergrove Construction, Inc. for the Old Courthouse Boiler Replacement Phase II project
- Amendment 1 with the Washington State Department of Transportation adding funding for the Lower Dungeness River Flood Plain Acquisition project
- Agreement with Built Green Clallam County to implement coordinated prevention grant for the Department of Ecology to reduce construction waste
- Narcotics Task Force Program contract face sheet

**BIDS AND AWARDS – See text**

- Bid opening – 2009 Countywide Hot Mix Asphalt Overlay contract – **Bid from Lakeside Industries for \$653,214 referred to Public Works for analysis and recommendation to the Board for an award**
- Notice of bids to be received no later than 10 a.m., June 30 for the Mount Pleasant Road project – **Notice issued**

**ADMINISTRATION – Approved**

- Call for hearing to be held at 10:30 a.m. on July 7 regarding the proposed sale of surplus buildings purchased in conjunction with dike removal on the Dungeness River

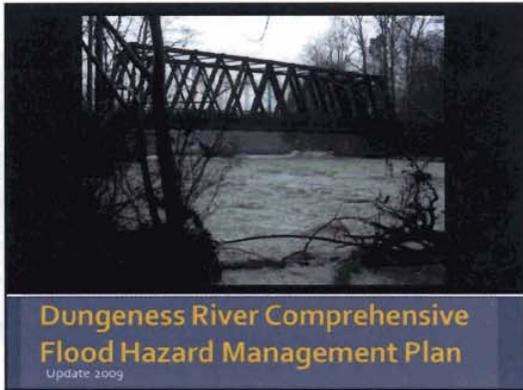
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Approved**

- Notice of hearing to be held at 10:30 a.m., June 23, regarding a proposed ordinance amending portions of Title 31; Chapter 33.15, Commercial Zones; and the official comprehensive land use and zoning map to bring them into compliance with the Growth Management Hearings Board final order and decision (Futurewise & Dry Creek Coalition v Clallam County, Case No. 07-2-0018c)

**HEARINGS/APPEALS – Hearing held, written comment accepted until 4:30 p.m.,  
June 12**

- Dungeness River Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan Update

# Public Hearing Presentation:



### Purpose of the Flood Plan Update

- Informational document for property owners, realtors, and area residents.
- Guidance for land use.
- Recommended actions are eligible for grant funding under the Washington State Flood Control Assistance Account Program (FCAAP)

### Goal 1. Prevent loss of life and property from flooding.

A newspaper clipping with the headline "Rampaging river devours owner's land". The article includes a photograph of a person standing on a narrow wooden plank over a turbulent, fast-moving river. The text describes the damage caused by the river's flow.

### Goal 2. Integrate flood hazard reduction with habitat restoration.

Two photographs are shown side-by-side. The left photo shows a large pile of logs and debris in a river, likely a log jam. The right photo shows a concrete-lined channel or culvert in a wooded area, illustrating habitat restoration efforts.

### Goal 3. Maintain the river's varied uses.

A photograph showing a wooden structure, possibly a dam or bridge, in a river. The water is calm and reflects the surrounding trees and sky.

### Goal 4. Improve river management.

An aerial photograph of the Dungeness River. A red outline on the riverbank indicates the "Former Dike Location". The text "Dungeness River" and "Lower Main Stem, April 1997" is visible at the top of the image.

### General Recommendations



### 5.1.1. Use best available science to update maps and data.

Update maps of the channel migration zone and 100-year flood plain.



### 5.1.2. Update and amend land use and related regulations.



Kinkade Island



Kaiser Road

### Direct development away from the Channel Migration Zone.



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### Measure setbacks from the Channel Migration Zone, not the Ordinary High Water Mark



**Structural fixes are generally not recommended for the long term.**



**Conduct an inventory of levees and review applicable standards.**



**5.1.3. Improve education and outreach to existing and prospective landowners.**



**5.1.4. Provide education about flood hazard and emergency preparedness.**



**Emergency preparedness also applies to tsunami and coastal flooding areas.**



**5.1.5. Continue land purchase and conservation easement**



**5.1.6. Continue monitoring and code compliance programs.**



**Things the committee wanted to include, but couldn't.**

Prevent new houses on the river.



**Things the committee wanted to do, but couldn't.**

Put a notice to title on all riparian properties about flood risk. Flood hazards are not easy to see until floods occur.



**Remaining steps**

- Public review
  - Department of Ecology review
  - Adoption



**Thank you**

**Flood Hazard Advisory Committee**



## Public Comment:

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Jones, Jim  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2009 9:53 AM  
**To:** 'Ed Sumpter'  
**Cc:** Holden, Trish  
**Subject:** RE: Dungeness River Flood Plan

Mr. Sumpter,

Thank you for taking the time to comment on the Draft Dungeness River Plan during the extended comment period after the public hearing on June 9, 2009. Your comments will be included in the public record and will be considered by the Commissioners prior to their making any decision.

Jim Jones, Jr.  
Clallam county Administrator

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Ed Sumpter [mailto:edseds@olympen.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2009 9:17 AM  
**To:** Jones, Jim  
**Subject:** Dungeness River Flood Plan

Dear Commissioners,

Once again property owners are facing more proposed regulation and restrictions on use of our land. During the terms of the existing Commissioners we have seen a seemingly endless barrage of land use laws that have steadily taken away allowed uses from a minority of property owners. All for the public good. Why does a minority carry the burden for everyone else. I have had my property downzoned twice, critical areas redefined and expanded, wells restricted and controlled, and some property rendered useless all because our commissioners seem intent on throwing property owners aside to satisfy the agenda of environmental extremists. I continue to suffer economic loss, and yet you want more. The tribe wants to control the River, yet all **their work has done nothing to improve the Salmon population.** The Railroad Bridge site is in violation of all the rules you are forcing on us. Where are the setbacks from the River? the stormwater plans? Why do they get away with it? Instead a handful of property owners are made to carry the burden so they can have our land to experiment on. Your latest restrictions will make two of my Riverfront parcels unbuildable, which is what you want, but why should I lose all that value for everyone else's supposed benefit? In recent flooding years (see dramatic picture of House floating down river) the areas mapped for protection on my property did not even get wet. I urge you to reject this attempt to take away my land by useless restrictions proposed by a small but vocal group of environmental extremists. Please remember you represent us landowners and do something to help protect us from our biggest threat, over regulation.

Edward Sumpter  
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