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Dear Mr. Cook:

The purpose of this letter is to document the availability of local funds and Clallam County commitment in support of the County's FEMA HMPG subapplication entitled the Dungeness Reservoir: Building Climate Resilience in the Dungeness Community. The Clallam County Board of Commissioners strongly supports the Dungeness Off-Channel Reservoir project. Climate change projections for the Dungeness watershed indicate decreased snowpack with increased rain events and flooding. The Off-Channel Reservoir will deliver a climate change resilient solution that will benefit the whole community through lifelines of food, water, and agriculture by storing early season, high flow Dungeness River water as an alternative to river diversions when flows are critically low. This source switch will improve flows from August to September when agriculture demand is highest and ESA-listed Chinook salmon and steelhead are returning to spawn in the Dungeness River. It is projected that total spring and summer season streamflow in the Puget Sound region in WA will decrease by 24–31% on average by the end of the century. Drought in the Dungeness has already made its impact felt in 4 of the past 7 years. The Off-Channel Reservoir will expand capacity for aquifer recharge mitigation and restoration programs to offset permit exempt well impacts and restore flows in the independent streams.

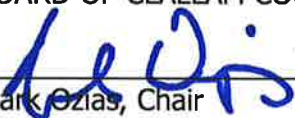
Clallam County has recognized the Reservoir as its top water resources priority because of its benefits to the Dungeness River, community/agriculture water supply and development, and salmon recovery. The Reservoir is the greatest and most cost effective remaining water storage and flow restoration opportunity in the Dungeness basin to enable reliable and vital water supplies in the Dungeness basin for people, fish, and farms. Attached is a Resolution 92 passed by the Board of County Commissioners in 2018 that underscores our commitment.

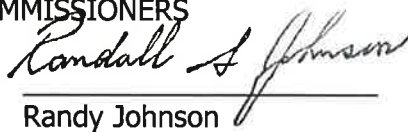
This letter serves as notice that Clallam County has sufficient funding for the match component associated with our HMGP subapplication for funding the Dungeness Off-Channel Reservoir. The County has secured grant funding from the WA Department of Ecology's Streamflow Restoration Competitive Grant program that will be used as match to cover our local share of \$1,499,334.40.

Thank you for considering our subapplication for the Dungeness Reservoir: Building Climate Resilience in the Dungeness Community.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


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RESOLUTION 92, 2018

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IN SUPPORT OF THE DUNGENESS FLOW RESTORATION AND
AQUIFER RECHARGE OFF-CHANNEL RESERVOIR

THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS finds as follows:

1. The Dungeness River watershed is water-short most years during the critical period in late summer when both agricultural irrigators and ESA-listed salmonids rely on adequate streamflow.
2. Reservoirs of water held in annual snowpack and ancient glaciers are decreasing over time, and extreme low-flow conditions on the River are becoming more frequent and exacerbated during drought years.
3. Clallam County is highly supportive of the reservoir project proposal and has prioritized it over all other flow restoration proposals as providing substantial and significant flow benefit.
4. Clallam County has been a party to discussions and has supported proposals for water storage via reservoirs and aquifer recharge for well over a decade.
5. Finding funding to implement the Dungeness Flow Restoration and Aquifer Recharge Off-Channel Reservoir is Clallam County's highest flow restoration priority because the project addresses all top recommendations for River Restoration and has multiple additional benefits.
6. Clallam County is a willing landowner, local stakeholders are mobilized, the reservoir has a great deal of popular support in the community, and the planning group is actively identifying models for local cost-share for the reservoir and future operations.
7. State funding for streamflow restoration projects will be made available to certain basins in Washington state including the Dungeness as allowed in ESSB 6091 (January 2018) and documentation of support from stakeholders and initiating governments is requested.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Clallam County Commissioners in consideration of the above findings of fact:

1. Supports the Dungeness Flow Restoration and Aquifer Recharge Off-Channel Reservoir as its highest priority to implement flow restoration, water storage and aquifer recharge because of its scale, location, cost/benefit and feasibility.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this thirtieth day of October, 2018.

BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


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ATTEST:


Loni Gores, Clerk of the Board