



CLALLAM COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

November 3, 2021

Re: Support for the Dungeness Streamflow Restoration Off-Channel Reservoir

To Whom It May Concern,

We write to share our strong support of the Dungeness Streamflow Restoration Off-Channel Reservoir funding application. The Clallam County Economic Development Council's goal is to make Clallam County a great place for businesses to thrive and people to live. We believe the Off- Channel Reservoir project is a significant leap forward towards developing a sustainable watershed and community while restoring instream flows.

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 by storing early-season, high- flow water for use by irrigators during the late season as an alternative to river diversions when flows are already low. This source switch will improve flows up to 50 percent in drought years from August to September when irrigation demand is highest and ESA-listed Chinook and steelhead are returning to spawn in the Dungeness River. Additionally, the Off-Channel Reservoir will expand capacity for the existing aquifer recharge mitigation and restoration programs to offset permit exempt well impacts and restore independent streams.

Please accept this letter indicating Clallam County Economic Development Council's strong support of the Off-Channel Reservoir Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Colleen McAleer', is positioned above the typed name.

Colleen McAleer
Executive Director
Clallam County Economic Development Council