



DATE: March 30, 2021

TO: Carol Creasy, Clallam County Public Works

FROM: Kasey Cykler, Department of Ecology, Water Resources Program

SUBJECT: Washington State Governor's Executive Order 05-05
Dungeness Flow Restoration and Aquifer Recharge Off-Channel Reservoir
Streamflow Restoration Implementation Grant WRSRP-2019-CICoCD-00083
DAHP State Archaeologist Project 2020-10-06172

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) proposes to fund the following project to complete a land acquisition of two unaddressed parcels near River Rd, Sequim, WA in Clallam County.

The purpose of this project includes acquisition of two properties totaling 396 acres (APN 043036-210000: 319 acres; APN 043036-130000: 77 acres), detailed design, and permitting for a proposed 88-acre off-channel reservoir to store approximately 1,600 AF. The constructed off-channel reservoir would provide a viable irrigation alternative in late summer, allow for expansion of a permit-exempt well mitigation program, and restore upwards of 30 cfs of late summer flow in the Dungeness River.

Area of Potential Effect and Project Activities

The APE includes 88-acres west of River Road within APN 043036-210000 for the reservoir, and other likely related, but not yet finalized, project activities such as new water pipelines, stormwater tie-ins, irrigation system upgrades, and temporary access roads of unknown acreage amounts across one or both of the unaddressed parcels near River Road, Sequim, WA; Section 36 of Township 30N, Range 04W. Project activities within the APE include ground disturbing activities, including excavation of an 88-acre reservoir. Other areas of potential effects of the not-yet-finalized aspects of the project remain unknown at this time.

Final Determination

Ecology made a Preliminary Determination of a low risk to cultural resources in the 88-acre reservoir site APE. The preliminary determination and request for consultation were sent via email to the following parties on February 25, 2021, and provided an opportunity for comments:

- Rob Whitlam, Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
- Stormy Purser, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe
- Bill White, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe
- David Brownell, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe
- Dennis Lewarch, Suquamish Tribe

We received comments from Rob Whitlam, DAHP, on February 26, 2021 that concurred with our preliminary determination.

We received comments from Bill White, with the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, on February 26, 2021 that deferred to the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe as the principal tribe in the project area and provided updated contact information for use in the IDP. No other comments were received.

The comment period ended on March 27, 2021.

Based on our review and comments received, Ecology is retaining the earlier determination of a low risk of impacting cultural resources.

Ecology based its final determination upon comments received, the Area of Potential Effect (APE) as described, location, type of real or potential impacts, research completed using the Washington Information System for Architectural and Archaeological Records Data (WISAARD), including review of any adjacent cultural resources surveys or documentation of historic properties, and the recent survey completed by Windler *et al.* (Dudek), “Cultural Resources Inventory for the Dungeness Streamflow Restoration Off-Channel Reservoir Project, Clallam County, Washington,” (02/11/2021). Based upon these results, Ecology adopts the comments received, and the stipulations presented in our preliminary determination.

For this project to proceed, the Clallam County must implement the following conditions:

- Once designed, if the proposed project includes potential ground disturbing activities outside of the tested reservoir boundary and within any of the High Probability Areas (HPAs) identified in the survey, further archaeological investigations are recommended to test for buried cultural deposits prior to construction.
- In order to avoid cultural resources impacts, Ecology is requiring an inadvertent discovery plan (IDP). The recipient must follow the IDP protocol in the event that archaeological deposits are inadvertently discovered during construction in any portion of the Project APE, ground-disturbing activities should be halted immediately in an area large enough to maintain integrity of the deposits. The DAHP, affected tribes, and Ecology must be notified. Appropriate treatment of the archaeological resources and/or human remains would be determined among these parties.

Ecology has received an IDP from the project proponent. Please ensure the revised IDP plan with updated contact information for listed contacts provided to you on 2/25/2021 is used (Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe communication).

Send additional comments you receive from tribes or interested parties to me. If the initial plan or project area changes, contact me so we can amend your review and include the changes. Contact me if you have any more questions about the cultural resources review process at 360-255-4386 or kasey.cykler@ecy.wa.gov.