

March 24, 2021

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

To Whom It May Concern,

The Dungeness Agricultural Water Users Association (DWUA) supports the Dungeness Streamflow Restoration Off-Channel Reservoir project and funding.

The seven irrigation companies and districts who form DWUA, have provided irrigation water throughout the valley for more than 120 years. We have a rich history of both agriculture and conservation in this basin. For over two decades we have worked with Clallam Conservation District to improve our conveyance system through piping projects. We sold a portion of our senior water rights to seed the Dungeness Water Exchange mitigation program, and have participated in the dry year leasing program, managed aquifer recharge sites, worked collaboratively with Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Ecology, Clallam County, Clallam Conservation District, City of Sequim and Washington Water Trust to develop other sustainable water management solutions, including the Dungeness Off-Channel Reservoir Project.

We support the project as a balanced solution, which stores high flow waters, reducing flood impacts on city of Sequim and allowing irrigators to reduce diversions from the river (drawing upon the reservoir) during the low flow fish critical period in August and September. Further the Off-Channel Reservoir Project could expand the capacity for aquifer recharge by using high flow water to infiltrate additional water into aquifer recharge sites.

Dungeness Water Users Association supports the Dungeness Streamflow Restoration Off-Channel Reservoir Project. We would appreciate your support for this important project to our Dungeness area community.

Sincerely,

*Bennett L. Smith*

Ben Smith, President  
Dungeness Agricultural Water Users Association