



RESOLUTION N° 47, 2005

APPROVAL OF ELWHA-DUNGENESS WATERSHED (WRIA 18) PLAN

THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS finds as follows:

1. The Watershed Management Act, RCW 90.82, provides a process for locally-based watershed planning and resource management within state-defined Water Resource Inventory Areas (WRIA), to be conducted by "Planning Units" which are to include prescribed "Initiating Governments."
2. The Elwha-Dungeness Watershed Plan (January 2004) covers the Elwha River Basin to the eastern Clallam County boundary line, which includes WRIA 18 and the westernmost portion of WRIA 17 (which fall within Clallam County).
3. The Initiating Governments (IGs) include: Clallam County, City of Port Angeles, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, and the Agnew Irrigation District (largest water purveyor).
4. A December 1998 Intergovernmental Agreement among the IGs initiated the watershed planning process and divided the planning area into two geographic areas, recognizing a history of focused planning in the Dungeness and Elwha watersheds within Clallam County over several decades.
5. Two planning teams prepared the Elwha-Dungeness Watershed Plan: the Dungeness River Management Team (DRMT) and the Elwha-Morse Management Team (EMMT).
6. In January 2004, the DRMT and EMMT approved the Elwha-Dungeness Watershed Plan, after working independently as two teams, collaboratively together, and with input from the public for five years through the process identified in RCW 90.82.
7. RCW 90.82.130 requires the County to conduct at least one public hearing on proposed watershed plans prior to Board decision for approval or remand; three hearings were held in September and October 2004.
8. In May 2005 the DRMT and EMMT approved a list of amendments to plan recommendations for the Board's consideration prior to making its decision.
9. A final public hearing on the Elwha-Dungeness Watershed Plan was held on June 7, 2005.
10. RCW 90.82.130 requires the Board of Clallam County Commissioner to consider the Elwha-Dungeness Watershed Plan after the public hearing and to decide to approve or reject the Plan.

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

1. That the Elwha-Dungeness (WRIA 18) Watershed Plan as presented on 7 June 2005 is approved.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of June 2005

BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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