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Public Notice

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Scoping Dungeness Off-Channel Reservoir Project

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS's) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is proposing to provide financial assistance to Clallam County, through the Washington State Emergency Management Division (EMD), for the proposed construction of an off-channel reservoir within the Dungeness Basin near Sequim, Washington in eastern Clallam County. Clallam County applied for a grant under FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), authorized under Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

FEMA intends to conduct an environmental planning and historic preservation review for the Project, in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA); Executive Order (EO) 11988, Floodplain Management; EO 11990, Wetlands Protection; EO 12898, Environmental Justice; and EO 14008, Climate Change.

The purpose of the proposed project is to address the long-term impacts of drought – including snow drought – which is expected to result in reduced spring and summer season streamflow in the Dungeness River, which serves as an important local water supply and provides habitat for four federally listed fish species. The proposed project would involve the construction of the following components: reservoir; inlet pipeline; flow control structure; inlet structure; outlet works; outlet pipeline; bypass pipeline; spillway facilities; intake facility improvements; and settling basin. The design for the proposed project is undergoing refinement in response to a Fault Hazard Analysis and other existing land use constraints (e.g., existing utility easements and physical infrastructure).

FEMA will be accepting comments from the public, local, state, and federal agencies, Native American tribes, and other interested parties regarding the proposed project, alternatives construction configurations and/or approach to addressing the long-term impacts of drought, and environmental issues. FEMA will use these comments to define the scope of the NEPA analysis and inform its decision-making. Please provide comments in writing and send to the FEMA contact listed below by November 21, 2024.

The County and FEMA are hosting a public open house scheduled for October 22, 2024, from 6pm to 8pm at the Guy Cole Convention Center, 202 N Blake Avenue. Key updates to be provided during this public open house include: Fault Hazard Analysis results, revised preliminary design options, status of the land acquisition, cleanup of the Old Sequim Dump, and overview of the environmental review. Please visit the project website for more information about the proposed project and other opportunities to participate: <https://www.clallamcountywa.gov/188/Dungeness-Off-Channel-Reservoir>.



Future opportunities to comment on the environmental review process are expected in 2025.

FEMA Responsible Official	County Contact
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If you need to request an accommodation (e.g., sign language interpreters, Braille, CART/captioning, etc.), please make your request by October 11, 2024. Last minute requests will be accepted but may not be possible to fill. Send an e-mail to Ms. Rhiana Barkie at rhiana.barkie@clallamcountywa.gov or call (360) 417-2424.