

Directions for Elwha Council Members

You have been chosen to be on the council that will decide the fate of the Elwha dams! Your job is very important since you will be listening and trying to decide the best course of action. Your job is much like a juror in a court trial except that you WILL interact with the presenters. Here is what you need to do:

1. **LISTEN** carefully to all of the people who will be presenting at the council meeting.
2. **ASK QUESTIONS** to clarify statements you hear. It is important that you gather as much information as possible. You may ask questions at ANY TIME, such as during a characters presentation, or later. You will be graded on how you interact with the presenters so make sure you ask questions.
3. **TAKE NOTES** to help you decide what should happen. An easy way to do this is to assign each member of the council a specific topic to jot down notes on. Some topics may be: Costs, technical aspects of dam removal, arguments for removal, arguments against removal, historic considerations etc... Each council member will have to submit their notes when finished.
4. Let characters ask each other questions and debate between each other. This will help you gather more information.
5. After all views have been expressed, the council will take a break while the characters come up with some ideas based on what they heard in the council.
6. The council will rejoin and you will need to listen to the new proposals that are described by the characters. Again, feel free to ask questions about these proposals.
7. Add any new info to your notes.
8. The council will break again to make a decision

Deliberations:

1. You will be given time with your council members to discuss what you have heard and what you think should happen. Try to carefully weigh everything you have heard. You should consider how well certain arguments were delivered. Refer to your notes to assist you in making your decision. Try to reach a unanimous agreement in your group. Do not worry about offending the characters. Do what you think is best. If you cannot reach a unanimous agreement, boil it down to two options and vote.
2. Write down the details of your decision on a piece of paper.
3. We will then rejoin the meeting and you will present your decision. Your members must take time to outline how your decision will be implemented.

When we are done turn in your notes and council decision. You must also complete the decision-making model described at the bottom of the Elwha directions handout.