

## ISLAND COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

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November 9, 2010

Mike Ramsey The Recreation and Conservation Office P.O. Box 40917 Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

**Subject:** Request for Time Extension - Ala Spit Restoration (08-1864 R)

Dear Mike,

Island County is requesting a time extension from the RCO for the Ala Spit Restoration project.

This project was originally managed by the Island County Planning Department, Water Quality Monitoring (WQM) program. Programmatic resources to support the management of the Ala Spit Restoration project were significantly reduced in 2009. In an effort to support the WQM program and the project, the Board of County Commissioners elected to relocate the WQM program to the Public Health Department. In January of 2010, the program was relocated to the Environmental Health Division of the Public Health Department. These shrinking budgets and period of transition affected the original timelines and construction is planned to occur during the summer of 2011.

Currently, funding is secure to oversee and manage the Ala Spit Restoration project and Island County does not anticipate further delays. The delay is not a reflection of our commitment to the project.

Island County appreciates your understanding and consideration towards the request. For additional information, we have enclosed an updated Milestone Status Tracking Sheet. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (360) 678-7888.

Sincerely,

Jill Dinehart Wood Environmental Health Specialist