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RE: President Channel Shoreline 11-1577 Proposal

Dear Review Panel Members,

In addition to the Lead Entity response memo submitted October 11, please consider this additional information in reference to the San Juan County Land Bank's President Channel Shoreline proposal.

It may be helpful for the Review Panel to have insight into the discussions by the local Technical Advisory Group and the Citizens Advisory Group (Marine Resources Committee) in regards to the President Channel Shoreline proposal. This additional information provides context and clarifies the value the TAG and the CAG believe is provided by the project.

Attached to this memo are brief notes from the TAG and the CAG (MRC) review meetings for the President Channel Shoreline proposal. The review notes outline support for the value of the project, and as the previous memo noted, the proposal strongly fits the interim strategy for this grant round and is located in a high priority reach as determined by the results of recent assessments. But the review notes also indicate concerns regarding the high cost for this acquisition. The review notes are brief and do not document the extent of the conversations that occurred regarding this proposal so a summary is also provided here in this memo.

In their review meeting, the CAG considered the final TAG scoring and comments and also the CAG scoring results. Based on the final scoring results for this proposal the CAG then discussed in some detail how they wanted to support this proposal. The CAG agreed that the project has value for salmon but may not be worth the full acquisition price. Overall the CAG was more comfortable with providing funding for an amount which is more representative of the cost of a conservation easement for this project rather than support the full acquisition price. The CAG decided to partially fund this proposal via PSAR funding up to \$250,000. The CAG is aware that this particular landowner is unwilling to consider a conservation easement so it has requested that the Land Bank pursue additional fundraising for this project to address the funding gap for the acquisition. The CAG determined not to fund this proposal immediately but instead will "reserve" the San Juan PSAR funding allocation for this project so that the Land Bank will have time to pursue additional funding. The CAG wishes to then release the "reserved" funding for the proposal once the Land Bank has been able to successfully raise the additional funds. Additionally, the CAG also discussed that if the Land Bank needs a bit more than the "reserved" amount the CAG would consider that request if/when it should be necessary but at this point has approved partial funding up to \$250,000 for the President Channel Shoreline proposal.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide additional information regarding how this proposal is being supported by the local Lead Entity. Again, the local process determined that there is salmon benefit for this project and has provided a mechanism for supporting partial funding for the proposal. Please contact me if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

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Appendix - Notes from CAG and TAG Review Meetings re: President Channel Shoreline Proposal

(Note: The notes for the other proposals considered during this grant round were removed from the notes included below.)

San Juan County (WRIA 2) SRF Board Round 12

MRC/CAG Scoring and Comments

Notes from MRC meeting on August 17, 2011

Barbara Rosenkotter reviewed the overall process for the salmon recovery grant round and indicated that there is a little over \$800,000 available from the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) and Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR) funding sources for the San Juans. She reminded the committee that PSAR funding does not have to be allocated in this grant round and can be reserved for the next grant round but the SRFB portion of the allocation must be allocated during this grant round.

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Socioeconomic Impacts: Avg Weighted Socioeconomic Score (15% of total score): 0.98

Preservation works better than restoration.

Additional benefit in joining with other reserve.

Not sure what public access will be available on this site.

Not sure how project will benefit people.

Potential to connect with Turtleback Trail system in future.

Very expensive.

Is there funding from other options?

May be community support to obtain additional funding.

Good partnerships.

Partial funding of this project could provide match to leverage other funding.

Can the equivalent of funding for a conservation easement be provided instead of full acquisition funding?

San Juan County (WRIA 2) 2011 (12th Round) Final Scoring & Ranking

Order	Project Title	Avg Weighted Benefit (55%) Score (5.5)	Avg Weighted Fit (30%) Score (3.0)	Avg Weighted SocioEcon (15%) Score (1.5)	Total Avg Weighted Score (10)	Grant Request	Sponsor Match	Total Project Cost
1	Neighborhood Salmon Conservation Easement Program	3.988	2.475	1.260	7.723	\$49,850.00	\$8,800.00	\$58,650.00
2	Blakely Island Forage Fish Habitat Restoration	3.630	2.160	0.975	6.765	\$99,985.00	\$17,730.00	\$117,715.00
3	Derelict Fishing Gear Removal	2.640	1.560	1.065	5.265	\$255,995.00	\$45,699.00	\$301,694.00
4	President Channel Shoreline	2.063	2.175	0.975	5.213	\$750,000.00	\$165,000.00	\$915,000.00

5	Garrison Creek Restoration (Phase 1- Final Design)	1.980	1.380	1.005	4.365	\$86,620.00	\$0.00	\$86,620.00
6	Fisherman Bay Tidal Flux Restoration	1.540	1.140	0.855	3.535	\$241,000.00	\$63,262.00	\$304,262.00
Totals =						\$1,483,450	\$300,491	\$1,479,679

The committee reviewed the combined results of the TAG and their MRC scoring and determined to fully fund the top 3 ranked projects:

- Neighborhood Salmon Conservation Easement (\$49,850),
- Blakely Island Forage Fish Habitat Restoration (\$99,985), and
- Derelict Fishing Gear Removal (\$255,995).

The MRC agreed to partially fund the President Channel Shoreline project up to \$250,000, i.e. what the committee felt was representative of the value of a conservation easement rather than the full acquisition price. Should the Land Bank need additional funding beyond the reserved \$250,000, the CAG would be willing to consider that request if needed.

The remaining PSAR funds were reserved for the next grant round.

San Juan County (WRIA 2) SRF Board Round 12

TAG Reviewer's Scoring and Comments

Notes from meeting on July 22, 2011

Facilitator (and comment compiler):

Barbara Rosenkotter

TAG Participants:

Alan Chapman
 Bob Warinner
 Kimbal Sundberg
 Kit Rawson
 Ray Glaze

Conflict of Interest

Kim Sundberg has a conflict where the San Juan Preservation Trust (SJPT) is partnering on proposals as his wife works for the SJPT. The group agreed to have Kim recuse himself from reviewing each of the proposals he is affiliated with and to not participate in the discussion of those proposals.

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President Channel Shoreline Acquisition

1 reviewer recused.

Certainty of success: 4 green, 1 recusal

Benefit to Salmon: Avg Weighted Benefit Score (55% of total score): 2.06

Fit to Strategy: Avg Weighted Fit Score (30% of total score): 2.18

Highly important salmon habitat, based on Beamer and Fresh analysis. Proposal indicates what aspects of the habitat that are important for juvenile salmon are benefitting from the protection.

There are kelp assemblages along the bank that would seem to provide fish benefit.

Note: Per email from Gene Helfman and his photos, the school of fish seen during the site visit are believed to have been juvenile salmon.

The project focuses on one of the priority areas but there is a question of value for money.

Would site be protected by existing regulations?

“Pocket beaches” at site are pretty minimal.

A road along the shoreline from the south would encounter significant technical and permitting issues.

It does fit the strategy and would be a nice public area.

The vision of establishing a corridor to the Turtleback holding is a plus.

Preservation is priority one in local plan.

Fits plan well, important salmon habitat and protection.

The cost is quite high in light of the funds available.

Purchase price not set so ultimately the funding is uncertain.

Is there enough money for this project? Expensive acquisition for potential benefit.

Is acquisition necessary here, i.e. does current land use regulation protect it adequately? Or could this be done through a conservation easement for less money?

While not a benefit to salmon the rare oaks that exist on the property are interesting and should be protected.

Would partial funds be enough? Can the equivalent of funding for a conservation easement be provided via salmon recovery funding and the remainder of the cost of acquisition funded via other sources?