

**Memo to WRAC**  
Regarding 2012 request of returned 2007-09 PSAR funds

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To: Members of the Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC)

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**Purpose: Request for additional Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR) funds in support of the Skagit Bay Nearshore acquisition project (SRFB #07-1592A)**

This memo supports the Whidbey Camano Land Trust (WCLT) request for additional 2007-09 biennium PSAR funds to complete the above referenced project. The Skagit Bay Acquisition project was originally funded with 2007-09 PSAR funds during the 2007 SRFB/PSAR grant round. WCLT recently made a request to the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) for returned 2007-09 PSAR to complete acquisitions necessary to fulfill intended scope of this proposal. Puget Sound wide, there were a number of projects funded with 2007-09 PSAR funds which did not fully utilize their allocated funds, and these returned funds are now available to be reallocated to previously funded projects in need.

The Puget Sound Partnership (PSP) and RCO oversee use of these funds and are working to identify projects to reallocate. Criteria includes that the projects 1) must have been originally funded with 07-09 PSAR funds, and 2) the request is consistent with the originally funded projects scope of work. **RCO and PSP have already indicated that the request appears to be consistent with reallocation objectives, and they have requested documentation of the WRAC's support. On June 20, 2012, the WRIA 6 Salmon TAG reviewed the request and approved a motion recommending that the WRAC support the request. This request is not related to this year's SRFB round and does not impact our current funding allocation for the 2012 grant round.**

The original proposal's primary purpose was to protect existing and degraded nearshore habitat from development with the goal to restore habitat at the site. Two images are attached to help illustrate how this request helps accomplish acquisition of the originally targeted site. The items listed below have been identified as necessary to complete the proposals original intent. Protection actions would be completed through fee acquisition or conservation easements.

- 1) Total amount requested is \$136,500 with administrative cost of 5% (\$6,500).
- 2) Acquire three small properties in fee just east of Dike Road and adjacent to the Land Trust property that was purchased with the SRFB funding. Total acreage of the three parcels is approximately two acres for an estimated total value of \$65,000.
- 3) Acquire a construction and maintenance road access on the east side of the Land Trust property to improve restoration options. The road is an existing road and connects to access on site. Estimated cost \$20,000.
- 4) Acquire private tideland ownership in front of the Land Trust property for an estimated cost of approximately \$23,000 to facilitate restoration options that provide the most benefit for salmon recovery efforts. Up to 76 acres.
- 5) Incidental costs of acquisitions will include appraisals, survey costs, closing and escrow, and other costs directly related to the acquisition of Items 2, 3 and 4 above (does not include administrative costs as these are included in Item 1 above).

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Skagit Bay Nearshore Habitat Protection. This image is from the 2007 proposal and illustrates intended acquisition site.



LEGEND:

- Duguala State Park Boundary
- Project Boundary
- Shoreline Area of Project

Below image illustrated sites that have been acquired. Properties in red are target of these additional PSAR funds.

