

# Salmon Recovery Funding Board

## Individual Comment Form



<b>Lead Entity:</b>	San Juan County / WRIA 2
<b>Project Number:</b>	14-1933
<b>Project Name:</b>	Fishery Point Neighborhood Shoreline CE Acquisition
<b>Project Sponsor:</b>	San Juan Preservation Trust
<b>Grant Manager:</b>	Mike Ramsey

Date		Status
Draft Application Review/Site Visit	6/5/14	Reviewed
Post Application		
Final	7/14/14	Clear
Early Application Status Option		
REVIEWED	SRFB Review Panel has reviewed and provided comments.	
Post-Application & Final Status Options		
NMI	Need More Information	
POC	Project of Concern	
CONDITIONED	SRFB Review Panel has applied conditions	
CLEAR	Project has been reviewed by SRFB Review Panel and is okay to continue in funding process	

### PROJECT SUMMARY

This acquisition project would purchase two conservation easements and include the donation of two additional conservation easements with up to three development rights over 40 acres and 2,900 feet of intact shoreline on Waldron Island. It is located in the highest priority fish use region and highest priority salmon recovery region in the San Juan Islands. This property extends along the north shore of Waldron Island both east and west of Fishery Point. This project would add to existing conservation easement and preserve protection on Waldron Island. The project targets outmigrating juvenile Chinook salmon; juvenile chum and pink salmon; surf smelt; Pacific sand lance; and Pacific herring. The total project cost is \$446,000, with a SRFB ask of \$371,000.

### DRAFT APPLICATION REVIEW AND SITE VISIT – REVIEW PANEL COMMENTS

**Date:** June 5, 2014

**Panel Member(s) Name:** Paul Schlenger and Marnie Tyler

**Early Project Status:** ☒ Reviewed

**Project Site Visit?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### 1. Recommended improvements to make this a technically sound project according to the SRFB's criteria.

To further strengthen the proposal, please clarify the following:

- The threat to development in the project area given existing shoreline management regulations.
- The actions that will be prohibited under the conservation easement and the actions that will continue to be allowed on the property. At the site visit the sponsor explained that nearly all activities would be extinguished under the easement, except for passive recreation, however this is not clearly stated in the

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proposal. Per the field visit, the review panel understands that the existing structures are currently used seasonally, but could be razed and new structures could be built in the same footprint.

- Describe anticipated future plans for working with landowners to the south on remaining low-lying habitats.

The proposed conservation easement area is a low lying sand flat that will have natural resiliency to sea level rise. If development were to occur in this area (i.e., in the absence of the conservation easement), then additional structural modification may become necessary to protect the development. Given this, the sponsor is encouraged to explore including protection of the forest corridor currently inland of the proposed easement area.

### 2. Missing Pre-application information.

Please provide a finer-scale map to show the location of existing structures within the easement area. Since the site visit only included offshore viewing, it is difficult to understand the elevation and condition of the site. Please provide on-the-ground photos of the site and adjacent areas to show vegetation conditions, elevations relative to high tide, buildings, other infrastructure, and other natural features.

### 3. Comments/Questions:

The sponsor is commended for developing and implementing an innovative approach to habitat protection. The strategic, community-scale approach to protection appears very promising for identifying larger shoreline protection opportunities, while also fostering a greater sense of community involvement and enhancing residents' understanding of connected, cumulative impacts of human actions. The project makes excellent use of leverage of the donated easements to secure other parcels and the use of easements for this purchase rather than fee title makes for efficient use of resources.

### 4. Staff Comments:

## EARLY APPLICATION REVIEW AND SITE VISIT – LEAD ENTITY AND PROJECT SPONSOR RESPONSES

**Directions:** By the final application due date, applicants must revise their project proposals using “track changes” and update their PRISM applications and attachments, as needed, to respond to the review panel comments. In addition, please fill out the section at the end of the project proposal which asks how you responded to the review panel’s comments.



**Special Note:** To help speed the local and SRFB Review Panel evaluation process, if for any reason throughout the application review process you update your project proposal based on SRFB Review Panel comments please update your project proposal using WORD “track changes” and re-attach your proposal in PRISM. This step will save time and focus the reviewer on the changes.

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### POST APPLICATION – REVIEW PANEL COMMENTS

**Date:**

**Review Panel Member(s) Name:**

**Application Project Status:**           None

1. If the project is a POC, identify the SRFB criteria used to determine the status of the project:
2. If the project is a POC, what changes would make this a technically sound project according to the SRFB's criteria?
3. If the project is Conditioned, the following language will be added to the project agreement:
4. How could this project be further improved?
5. Other comments:

### POST APPLICATION – LEAD ENTITY AND PROJECT SPONSOR RESPONSES

**Directions:** All projects will be reviewed at the September 22-25 review panel meeting. A status will be assigned to each project by October 4, 2014. **By October 15**, applicants of projects assigned a status of Project of Concern, Conditioned, or Need More Information, must update their project proposals. Please "accept" all current track changes in the project proposal so you are starting with a clean proposal. Then please turn track changes back on when you make new changes. This step will save time and focus the reviewers on the changes.

In addition, please fill out the section at the end of the project proposal which asks how you responded to the review panel's comments.

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### FINAL REVIEW PANEL COMMENTS

**Date:** July 14, 2014

**Panel Member(s) Name:** Full Review Panel

**Final Project Status:** Clear

1. If the project is a POC, please identify the SRFB criteria used to determine the status of the project:
2. If the project is Conditioned, the following language will be added to the project agreement:
3. Other comments: