



February 8, 2015

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)
Attn: Kaleen Cottingham, Director
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

Re: Conversion of property purchased with Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) funds at Dugualla Bay Preserve, Island County, WA.

Dear Ms. Cottingham,

I am writing to request RCO approval for the conversion of approximately 0.45 acres on the Dugualla Bay Preserve property acquired by the Whidbey Camano Land Trust (Land Trust) with SRFB funds. The purpose of this conversion is to allow construction of a setback dike that will enable implementation of estuarine salmon habitat restoration on the Dugualla Bay Preserve property.

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is partnering with the Land Trust to implement this restoration project. After construction, the converted property will be encumbered with a permanent slope easement that will subsequently be held by Island County (Public Works). Additionally, WSDOT will require a temporary construction easement (1.5 years) over the whole of the Dugualla Bay Preserve property to construct the restoration project.

Enclosed please find the following documentation in support of this request:

- 1) Proposal Description
- 2) Sundry Site Plan developed by WSDOT showing the disposition of properties at the site
- 3) Site Restoration Plans
- 4) Appraisals for the properties proposed for exchange

Please let me know if I can provide additional information in support of this request. I am available, as are representatives from WSDOT, to clarify or expand on details of the proposal as needed.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Patricia Powell, written in a cursive style.

Patricia Powell
Executive Director

cc: Alan Soicher, WSDOT
Ryan Elting, Land Trust
Tara Galuska, RCO