

Salmon Recovery Funding Board

Individual Comment Form



Lead Entity:	Island County
Project Number:	16-1429
Project Name:	Barnum Point Acquisition
Project Sponsor:	Whidbey Camano Land Trust
Grant Manager:	Marc Duboiski

	Date	Status ¹
Post-Application	09/27/2016	Clear
Final	09/27/2016	Clear

PROJECT SUMMARY (for Review Panel reference only)

This project builds on an earlier 27 acre acquisition at Barnum Point, funded by RCO, that is now owned by Island County. The Whidbey Camano Land Trust is working with Island County to protect the remaining 102 acres at Barnum Point that is comprised of 37 acres of tidelands, 65 acres of upland, and 4,400 feet of shoreline. The project area's shoreline includes 1,500 feet along the mouth of Triangle Cove (one of the only non-diked estuaries in Island County), 1,700 feet of high-energy eroding bluffs that feed important sediments to Iverson Spit and Livingston Bay to the northeast, and 1,200 feet of forested bluff. Three phases are proposed:

- Phase 1 (East Tract) will protect 37 acres (1 parcel: 17 acres of forested bluff and upland forested wetlands and 20 acres of associated tidelands), adjacent to the existing County property on the east.
- Phase 2 (West Tract) will protect 30 acres (4 parcels: 13 acres of low bank waterfront and 17 acres of associated tidelands) on the west side of Barnum Point.
- Phase 3 (Core Tract) will permanently protect 35 acres of undeveloped upland with 1,000 feet of feeder bluff and beach, that ties Phase 2 together with the County's existing protected parcel.

Land Trust purchased core tract in December 2015 and has a waiver of retroactivity filed with RCO.

FINAL REVIEW PANEL COMMENTS

Date: September 27, 2016

Final Project Status: Clear

Review Panel Member(s): Full Review Panel

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:

The project is clear with the expectation that the parcels acquired will be conserved and that future uses of the area as a park will not limit conservation and restoration at the site. Specifically reiterating earlier comments, there is a need to restore a wide, vegetated riparian corridor on the West Tract and it is understood that future plans for passive recreation at the site will not limit the restoration of riparian vegetation.

The long term stewardship plan needs to clearly maximize the riparian restoration on the west tract and limit the impact of passive recreation in the buffer area. Submit the draft stewardship plan to RCO staff for review prior to finalizing.

¹ CLEAR: Cleared to proceed; CONDITIONED: Cleared to proceed with a condition; NMI: Needs More Information; POC: Project of Concern; NOTEWORTHY: Exemplary Project

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POST-APPLICATION REVIEW PANEL COMMENTS

Date: September 27, 2016

Project Status: Clear

Review Panel Member(s): Full Review Panel

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, identify the changes that would make this a technically sound project:
3. If the project is Conditioned, the following language will be added to the project agreement:
4. General comments:



SPONSOR RESPONSE INSTRUCTIONS:

If your project is not cleared (i.e. has a status of NMI, Conditioned, or POC) you must update your proposal, PRISM questions, or attachments as necessary to address the review panel's comments. Use track changes when updating your proposal. Fill out the section at the end of your project proposal to document how you responded to comments.

DRAFT APPLICATION / SITE VISIT REVIEW PANEL COMMENTS

Date: April 6, 2016

Project Site Visit?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Review Panel Member(s): Jen O'Neal and Paul Schlenger

1. **Recommended improvements to make this a technically sound project according to the SRFB's criteria:**
The project site is a good opportunity for conservation with future potential for restoration. The proposed funding request and match using other funding sources is equitable given the high percentage of the parcels being upland and distant from the shoreline. The location of the west parcel at the mouth of Triangle Cove make it a particularly significant opportunity. The largely intact condition of the east parcel is also significant. Please clarify the phasing further in the application in association with the priorities of the site to acknowledge that there is a time sensitive element for one of the parcels, but that parcel may not be the highest priority.

Please describe the long-term plans for the site. The west parcel, in particular, has substantial opportunity for restoration, specifically by restoring the marine riparian corridor with native trees. What is the sponsor and County's vision for the site and how consistent is it with site restoration contributing to salmon recovery?

It is imperative that future stewardship of the site include specific language to prevent activities detrimental to the aquatic and riparian habitats and ecological processes of the site. This includes limiting future site uses to passive recreational use and minimized impact on the site conditions. Please clarify the plans for working with the county at the site. What is the expectation with the County for the access road and parking in the east and west areas?

Provide more information on the known juvenile salmon and forage fish use of the site.

2. **Missing Pre-application information.**
3. **General Comments:**

There appeared to be a future restoration opportunity at the east site through the removal of shoreline armor rock in front of the existing house.

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- 4. Staff Comments:** Attach landowner acknowledgement form for the different parcels. To remain eligible for early action PSAR funds, then the landowner acknowledgement form OR the signed letter of intent by Resource Transitions Consultants, LLC needs to be attached immediately. For PSAR large cap and SRFB funds by August 12th.



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Revise your project proposals using “track changes” and update any relevant PRISM questions and attachments. Fill out the section at the end of your project proposal to document how you responded to comments.