



April 10, 2019

Transmitted Via Email Only to Dawn Pucci

RE: RCO #17-1062A, Dugualla Bay Tidelands

Dear SRTCC,

The Whidbey Camano Land Trust is requesting a \$20,000 addition to our Dugualla Bay grant. The grant is funded at \$62,130.00 with \$51,500.00 from salmon funds and \$10,630.00 as our match (17.11%).

The grant is for the fee acquisition of four Dugualla Bay properties. See attached map. We have closed on two properties (Lang and Dunlap) and are closing on one more next week (Lang and Lang). We have only the Ducken tideland parcel remaining. The Ducken tideland piece connects our tidelands to the west to what are literally miles of State of Washington tidelands to the east and then south.

When we close on the Lang and Lang property next week, our direct costs will be nearly \$3,000 more than the total grant (just over \$65,000). We are requesting an additional \$20,000.00 be added to the total project cost, which is an increase of \$16,578.00 of salmon funds \$3,422.00 of our funds. This will allow us to acquire the Ducken tideland (which is complicated by some estate issues), including due diligence, invasive weed control, installation of a gate with side fencing on the old dike for safety purposes, and development and installation of interpretive signs.

The Lang and Lang property provides the perfect location for interpretative signage about the importance of salmon restoration and related conservation benefits. This property is located on the east side of the newly paved Dike Road pull-off which is used by people for birding, sight-seeing, parking for walking, etc. It is highly visible and directly overlooks the successful SRFB project that allowed us to acquire the Dugualla Bay Preserve property that was restored by WSDOT to an estuary. It is an excellent outreach and educational opportunity.

Out of the requested \$20,000 addition (\$16,578 being salmon funds), we can complete the project. Our estimated budget is:

\$3,000	for existing cost overage
\$2,500	staff time to project
\$1,500	invasive weed control
\$1,500	gate and fencing
\$6,000	interpretive signs
\$5,000	Ducken acquisition, including appraisal, EHA, closing costs, purchase price
<u>\$ 500</u>	contingencies
\$20,000	

Thank you for your consideration of this cost increase request.

Sincerely,

Patricia Powell, Executive Director



