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RE: Letter of Support to allocate returned PSAR funds to the Dugualla Bay Tidelands Acquisition (#17-1062A)

As the appointed citizen's advisory board for the WRIA 6 Island Lead Entity, the Salmon Recovery Technical and Citizens Committee (SRTCC) supports the Whidbey Camano Land Trust's (WCLT) request for a cost increase for the Dugualla Bay Tidelands Acquisition of \$16,578 using funds from the Lead Entity's 2017-2019 PSAR funds.

Recently, the Lead Entity received a return of \$80,000 of 2017 – 2019 PSAR funds from the Maylor Point Shoreline Armor Removal project (#16-1307). These are the funds that SRTCC approved be utilized for this request.

The WCLT requires the funds to allow them to finish the acquisition of the Ducken tideland parcel and provide for weed control, safety fencing and interpretive signage. During the development of this project, additional opportunities for neighboring acquisitions of multiple parcels became available. Taking advantage of these opportunities, while necessitating adjustments throughout the life of this grant, has resulted in more acreage of nearshore habitat to be protected just outside the Dugualla lagoon, in the highest priority area for Chinook recovery in WRIA 6.

We, as the lead entity's citizen committee supports this request. We encourage the Puget Sound Partnership to do the same.

Sincerely,

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