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Patricia Powell
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Whidbey Camano Land Trust
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Dear Patricia and Christine,

The Tulalip Tribes Natural Resources Department has reviewed the Whidbey Camano Land Trust 2007 Salmon Recovery Funding Board proposal titled "*South Camano Salmon Recovery Protection Planning*" and would like to express our support of the proposal. South Camano Island is an important usual and accustomed fishing and shellfish area for the Tulalip Tribes, and over 30 acres of the project area are in Tribal ownership. Protection of the nearshore habitat and coastal processes is necessary for sustainable fish and shellfish populations for the Tribes.

At a minimum, the Tulalip Natural Resources Department offers our services in an advisory capacity for the project. In addition, we may be able to provide specific technical expertise and analysis to guide the implementation plan and prioritization matrix.

Sincerely,

Danny L. Simpson Sr., Natural Resources Executive Director