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To : The Washington State Salmon Recovery Funding Board Technical Panel
C/O Kim Bredensteiner, WRIA 6 Salmon Recovery Lead Entity Coordinator
From: Steve Hinton, Skagit River System Cooperative Director of Restoration
Date: August 15, 2007
Re: Whidbey Camano Land Trust's Shorecrest Proposal & SRSC Shorecrest feasibility work

Dear Technical Panel Members:

The Skagit River System Cooperative (SRSC) is honored to be writing on behalf of the Whidbey Camano Land Trust are their Round 8 funding request for the Shorecrest land acquisition. We are eager to see this project funded because of its synergy with our feasibility work being conducted for this particular location. What more, this project represents an exciting opportunity for a collaborative restoration effort between the Whidbey Camano Land Trust and SRSC at the Shorecrest Site

In 2005, SRSC was awarded SRFB funds (via Round 6 funding) to complete site assessments at ten pocket estuaries in Skagit Bay and to complete a full feasibility assessment and 30% design at one of these sites. The Shorecrest site is one of the ten locations identified in the study proposal. In the course of conducting the assessment project the Shorecrest site has risen to the top of our list as a priority site for full feasibility assessment and 30% design. SRSC intends to work in partnership with the Land Trust to complete its feasibility work for this location by the spring of 2008.

SRSC believes the Shorecrest site will have a high likelihood of successful restoration under Land Trust easement/ownership. SRSC intends to collaborate with Whidbey Camano Land Trust in developing a project timeline that will best further our mutual objective of successful restoration at Shorecrest. The synergy between these two SRFB projects, should the Land Trust's Shorecrest proposal be funded, will optimize the use of public funds and address challenges that each project faced as a stand alone effort. We are enthusiastic about the opportunity to proceed on a collaborative path with the Whidbey Camano Land Trust to achieve restoration at Shorecrest Lagoon.

Please contact me if you have questions about SRSC's Feasibility Assessment project or our collaboration with Whidbey Camano Land Trust.

Sincerely,

Steve Hinton
Director of Restoration

cc: Pat Powell, Executive Director, Whidbey Camano Land Trust

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