



WRIA 6 Salmon Recovery Technical & Citizen Committee

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Dear Ms. Caromile

The WRIA 6 Salmon Recovery Technical and Citizen Committee (SRTCC) has been requested by the Whidbey Camano Land Trust (WCLT) to approve an amendment to the Livingston Bay Protection and Restoration grant 20-1461 to add the Tulalip Tribes as a co-sponsor. The full project description is below:

The Whidbey Camano Land Trust and partners will develop a preliminary design to restore 317 acres of critical salmon and wildlife habitat in Livingston Bay on Camano Island and seize upon current acquisition opportunities if restoration is deemed feasible. The Land Trust will investigate the feasibility of restoring former tidal estuary and wetland habitat that is currently managed as diked farmland, and protect those lands and adjacent nearshore habitat to benefit coho, chum, pink, and Endangered Species Act-listed Puget Sound Chinook salmon and Puget Sound steelhead. The 317 acres targeted for restoration planning includes over three quarters of a mile of Livingston Bay shoreline and 25 acres of tidelands directly adjacent to over 7,500 acres of protected habitat within Port Susan Bay and the Stillaguamish River Delta. At present, at least two properties and up to 200 acres are available for acquisition. The Livingston Bay Protection and Restoration Planning project will advance process-based restoration efforts prioritized by the Puget Sound Nearshore Ecosystem Restoration Project (PSNERP) by building off of the conceptual design work already completed and securing a portion of that project footprint.

This project received funding from SRFB, PSAR, and ESRP. The SRFB/PSAR scope of work is to acquire the Leque and Livingston Bay Community Association properties. The ESRP scope of work is the same, but also includes acquiring the Roberge and/or Sherman properties and completing a preliminary design.

The purpose of adding the Tulalip Tribes as co-sponsors to the grant is to allow the Tulalip Tribes to hold the title (ownership) of the properties. As co-sponsors and holders of the properties' titles the Tulalip Tribes will be bound by the contract and responsible for long-term compliance regarding the properties.

The WRIA 6 SRTCC has reviewed and discussed the requested amendment change to the Livingston Bay Protection and Restoration grant 20-1461 and has approved the proposed amendment by consensus.

Sincerely,

Barbara Brock
Co-Chair WRIA 6 SRTCC