**ESRP APPROVAL OF SCOPE CHANGE**

**20-1461, Livingston Bay Protection and Restoration Planning**

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Hi Kay,

I approve of the scope change amendment for project #20-1461, Livingston Bay Protection and Restoration Planning.

Thanks,

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Thank you Kay! This sounds good to me.

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I am re-sending this same email with a more clear title.

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Hi Tish and Catherine.  In 2020, ESRP funded the Whidbey Camano Island Land Trust to begin to acquire properties on the north end of Livingston Bay (Camano Island) and develop a preliminary (permit-ready) design to restore the site.  The site is currently diked and comprised of 6 properties (see map below).  Because future restoration is dependent upon either property acquisition or participation in the project, ESRP required the sponsor to complete their draft restoration feasibility study report, including conceptual design documents (multiple scenarios based on acquisition outcomes) and alternatives analysis, and meet with project partners and funders to verify concurrence that meaningful restoration is feasible before proceeding with acquisition spending in earnest.  They did this and determined the most cost effective restoration scenario would be if the Nelson, Leque, Roberge, Sherman, and DOT properties are acquired (or otherwise agree to participate).  As a result, **the Land Trust and Tulalip Tribe (now a co-sponsor) propose to rescope the grant to not proceed to preliminary design, but instead use the remaining grant funds towards acquisition**.  They have already acquired the Leque and Roberge properties and have secured funds and a purchase and sale agreement to acquire the Sherman property.  The proposed Sherman property acquisition were identified as an alternate in the project application and mentioned specifically in the project description.

The current project description is below and their full request is attached.  ESRP staff have reviewed the feasibility report, participated in discussions regarding the report and the direction of the project, and have been expecting this request for some time.  I support the amendment request.  Please let me know if you approve the request or have any questions or concerns.  Thanks, Kay

Project Description

The Whidbey Camano Land Trust and project partners will develop a preliminary design to restore 317 acres of critical salmon and wildlife habitat on priority lands 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 multiple species of salmonids, including 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 to restore critical salmon and wildlife habitat.

Map

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