



July 30, 2009

Mr. Eric Erler  
Executive Director  
Capitol Land Trust  
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**Subject: Totten Inlet Project**

Dear Eric:

I am writing to convey our support for the Totten Inlet Project and the efforts to acquire and protect this small, but ecologically significant, pocket estuary.

As you know, Taylor Shellfish is one of the largest producers of shellfish in the country with a large ownership of tidelands in Totten Inlet. This inlet is extraordinarily productive and has a rich shellfish farming history. From our historical observations and recent scientific investigations, it is our belief Totten Inlet is threatened by continued upland development and its associated water quality impacts. As such, we are clearly committed to partnering with the Capitol Land Trust and others to protect remaining intact shoreline.

We look forward to working with you on this project and others and applaud your efforts to protect Puget Sound health. Please feel free to contact us if you need additional information. We hope you are successful with your proposal.

Sincerely,

William Taylor  
Taylor Shellfish Farms