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Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
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Dear Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

The City of North Bonneville fully supports the efforts of the Port of Skamania in their efforts to restore the shoreline of the Columbia River in Stevenson, Washington. This project will not only improve the ecological environment and foster recreational opportunities; it will also provide a boost to the local economy.

The future of our area rests firmly on our ability to diversify our economy and to attract new enterprises. This project is a very important part of our move towards a stable and thriving economy. Recent shifts in the economic structure of Skamania County have made access to the river an important component for economic development. The move from resource extraction to tourism and recreation has been going on for some time and is becoming even more important going forward. An additional river access point for the public will help to grow local businesses including the hotel and lodging industry and will provide educational opportunities not otherwise available.

Restoration of the riverbank with a safe and open launch area and an open, stable path would be a great attraction for everyone who uses the river. Therefore, we fully commend and support the Port of Skamania for taking on this much needed task.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Don Stevens".

Don Stevens, Mayor