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Natural Resources Building
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RE: Request for Extension #09-1277

Dear Elizabeth,

Thank you for providing direction and assistance in managing Salmon Recovery Funding Board grants for the multi-faceted and complex Qwuloolt Estuary Restoration Project.

We would like to request an extension of Tulalip Tribes Qwuloolt Estuary Restoration project. This grant agreement expires on 9/30/2012. We would like to request a year extension with a proposed expiration date of 9/30/2013.

We are writing you to provide the rationale for our time extension request for SRFB Grant # 09-1277 for the construction of the Qwuloolt Estuary Restoration Project. We have been working diligently along with our project partners to meet the demands of this regionally important and multi-faceted project. The main reasons for our time extension request include the following:

- 1) There have been delays during design development and during the technical review process, which have included multiple iterations. These delays in design stem from some inherent (albeit necessary) as well as unexpected USACE development and review process steps. In addition, there have been increasing expectations placed upon the project by the City of Marysville with reference to the stormwater treatment elements, assurances for advanced mitigation, easements, and language used by the USACE in their technical reports.
- 2) The levee design also requires that the levee be constructed over several months in or order to allow for settlement. The levee will be constructed in 3 lifts that will be approximately 5' each in elevation. Each lift will be allowed to settle before the next lift is added. Eventually, after settlement the levee will be graded to its final elevation of 14.5 ft. In addition, the project will not be at full completion as of June 30, 2013. We expect



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that all of the internal site elements (inside the setback levee) will have been constructed as well as the majority of the setback levee. However, putting the finishing touches on the setback levee, as well as completing the breach along the north Ebey Slough levee will remain after June 30, 2013. We plan to complete these elements by Fall of 2013.

We are in daily contact with project team members and are working hard to see this project through to fruition. As you know, we look forward to completion of this project in as efficient, effective, and timely manner as possible. We sincerely thank you for your support and guidance in this project.

Warm Regards,

Kurt Nelson
Environmental Division Manager

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Restoration Ecologist