



# FRIENDS OF CAMANO ISLAND PARKS

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Steve Hinton  
Director of Habitat Restoration Skagit Rivers System Cooperative  
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RE: Letter of Support for the Camano Island State Park Lagoon Reconnection Planning Proposal

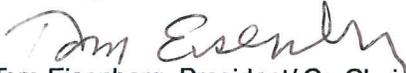
Dear Mr. Hinton,

Friends of Camano Island Parks (FOCIP) Board of Directors is pleased to provide this Letter of Support for the proposed Camano Island State Park Lagoon Reconnection Planning Proposal. It is our understanding the Skagit River System Cooperative (SRSC) has submitted a grant proposal to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) to obtain funding that will be used to evaluate potential actions and develop preliminary designs for restoring access for juvenile Chinook and other salmonids to pocket estuary habitat at Camano Island State Park in a manner consistent with natural habitat processes and the recreational and educational uses of the park envisioned by Washington State Parks staff and citizen user groups. This current Proposal builds on earlier reports, including the Washington State Parks 2014 Camano Island Land Classification and Management Plan (CAMP), and earlier studies by SRSC.

FOCIP has provided significant community volunteer support at CISP for 20 years. This project aligns well with the mission of FOCIP by promoting the preservation and protection of both wildlife and the scenic and recreational resources available at the site. FOCIP annually presents Nature Discovery Days (formerly Education Days) which reaches 6 classes of second graders from the Stanwood/Camano School District. Nature Discovery Days already includes a presentation of "Estuary Soup" utilizing the historic pocket estuary area. The information obtained from the proposed project study of historical, archeological and cultural resources will be incorporated into this presentation.

If you have further questions or require additional information about FOCIPs support, please contact Barbara Brock, FOCIP Board of Directors, at 360-387-7903 or via email at [wbbrock@wavecable.com](mailto:wbbrock@wavecable.com); or FOCIP Co-Chair Tom Eisenberg at 360-387-4000 or via email at [tveis@juno.com](mailto:tveis@juno.com).

Sincerely,

  
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Friends of Camano Island Parks