

# Salmon Recovery Funding Board Individual Comment Form



<b>Lead Entity:</b>	WRIA 6
<b>Project Number:</b>	14-1152
<b>Project Name:</b>	Camano Island State Park Lagoon Reconnection
<b>Project Sponsor:</b>	SRSC
<b>Grant Manager:</b>	Mike Ramsey

		Date	Status
Draft Application Review/Site Visit		4-8-14	<b>Reviewed</b>
Post Application		9-25-14	<b>Clear</b>
Final			
<b>Early Application Status Option</b>			
<b>REVIEWED</b>	SRFB Review Panel has reviewed and provided comments.		
<b>Post-Application &amp; Final Status Options</b>			
<b>NMI</b>	Need More Information		
<b>POC</b>	Project of Concern		
<b>CONDITIONED</b>	SRFB Review Panel has applied conditions		
<b>CLEAR</b>	Project has been reviewed by SRFB Review Panel and is okay to continue in funding process		

## PROJECT SUMMARY

This project will complete various engineering evaluation, preliminary design, permitting and public outreach tasks to support plans to construct juvenile Chinook rearing habitat in a historic marsh area that is now occupied by Camano Island State Park.

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## DRAFT APPLICATION REVIEW AND SITE VISIT – REVIEW PANEL COMMENTS

**Date:** 4/10/14

**Panel Member(s) Name:** Slocum and Powers

**Early Project Status:**  Reviewed

**Project Site Visit?**  Yes  No

### 1. Recommended improvements to make this a technically sound project according to the SRFB's criteria.

The proposed scope of work is appropriate for this level of planning and the budget appears to be in line with SRFB-funded preliminary design studies of similar scope. The proposal would be strengthened by providing key conclusions from the previous feasibility studies and engineering modeling work that has been done, particularly the tidal channel sizing evaluation that was reportedly completed by Battelle. Copies of these should eventually be included in the proposal's PRISM file. Please also provide documentation of the reported utilization of the nearshore area at the park by juvenile Chinook. Is it feasible to estimate how the proposed new habitat at the park might translate into a quantifiable increase in carrying capacity for Chinook, based on the available biological modeling?

The coastal hydraulic evaluation must focus on sediment transport in the vicinity of the boat ramp, and how the proposed new channel will affect boat ramp operations (and vice versa). In order to allow for fish access into the interior of the site during the majority of the tidal range, it appears that the channel will need to be fairly deep as it crosses the existing beach berm. This suggests that a relatively steep walled, armored channel will be necessary to transport sediment through this area. Please elaborate on the specific ecological objectives for the project, such as whether tidal connection is expected only at high tide or at a larger range of the tidal cycle, and how these may drive decisions related to the scope of work of the hydraulic engineering design process.

The sponsor and park management should be aware that at least some of the land where the new tidal channels are planned appears to be jurisdictional freshwater wetland regulated under the Clean Water Act. It is likely that conversion of this wetland to open tidal channels would not be covered under a Nationwide Permit No. 27, and that the Corps of Engineers will require an individual Section 404 permit and mitigation for the loss of wetland area. The review panel recommends that the sponsor include delineation of onsite wetlands and initial consultation with Ecology and the Corps of Engineers before completing the preliminary project design.

Previous presentations of the proposed plans by the sponsor generated strong opposition by some members of the public. Accordingly, the review panel recommends that the sponsor take a low profile role in the proposed public consultation activities and instead hire a consultant with a successful track record of managing public outreach for contentious land use projects. Similarly, attention must be paid to generating support for specific project designs within State Parks management: the support for "habitat improvement" that is cited in the Camano Island State Park "CAMP" management plan is a general policy goal that does not necessarily commit State Parks management to any particular project plan.

### 2. Missing Pre-application information.

### 3. Comments/Questions:

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#### 4. Staff Comments:

The application is complete and ready to be submitted. All SRFB requirements for funding eligibility have been met. Regardless, the applicant can make refinements to the project prior to the August 15, application deadline.

### EARLY APPLICATION REVIEW AND SITE VISIT – LEAD ENTITY AND PROJECT SPONSOR RESPONSES

**Directions:** By the final application due date, applicants must revise their project proposals using “track changes” and update their PRISM applications and attachments, as needed, to respond to the review panel comments. In addition, please fill out the section at the end of the project proposal which asks how you responded to the review panel’s comments.



**Special Note:** To help speed the local and SRFB Review Panel evaluation process, if for any reason throughout the application review process you update your project proposal based on SRFB Review Panel comments please update your project proposal using WORD “track changes” and re-attach your proposal in PRISM. This step will save time and focus the reviewer on the changes.

### POST APPLICATION – REVIEW PANEL COMMENTS

**Date:** 9/25/14

**Review Panel Member(s) Name:** Review Panel

**Application Project Status:** Clear

1. If the project is a POC, identify the SRFB criteria used to determine the status of the project:
2. If the project is a POC, what changes would make this a technically sound project according to the SRFB’s criteria?
3. If the project is Conditioned, the following language will be added to the project agreement:
4. How could this project be further improved?
5. Other comments:

Ther revised proposal adequately addresses the intial review comments.

### POST APPLICATION – LEAD ENTITY AND PROJECT SPONSOR RESPONSES

**Directions:** All projects will be reviewed at the September 22-25 review panel meeting. A status will be assigned to each project by October 4, 2014. By October 15, applicants of projects assigned a status of Project of Concern, Conditioned, or Need More Information, must update their project proposals. Please “accept” all current track changes in the project proposal so you are starting with a clean proposal. Then please turn track changes back on when you make new changes. This step will save time and focus the reviewers on the changes.

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In addition, please fill out the section at the end of the project proposal which asks how you responded to the review panel's comments.

## FINAL REVIEW PANEL COMMENTS

**Date:**

**Panel Member(s) Name:**

**Final Project Status:** Choose an item.

- 1. If the project is a POC, please identify the SRFB criteria used to determine the status of the project:**
- 2. If the project is Conditioned, the following language will be added to the project agreement:**
- 3. Other comments:**