



ISLAND COUNTY MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
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Mike Ramsey
Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
Natural Resources Building
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

Dear Mr. Ramsey:

The Island County Marine Resources Committee (MRC) is a broad-based citizen's advisory group appointed by the Island County Board of Commissioners. Our purpose is to investigate, research, and identify local marine resources, and marine resource and habitat issues; recommend remedial actions to Island County agencies and authorities; carry out such recommendations where so approved; and build local awareness of the issues and broad-based community support for the remedies.

The Island County MRC supports the Skagit River System Cooperative's proposal to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office for the Camano Island State Park Lagoon Reconnection: Feasibility and Preliminary Design. This project is intended to assess feasibility and produce preliminary design to restore tidal inundation and fish access to the historic pocket estuary in Camano Island State Park. The restoration of the pocket estuary would restore natural process to the park while maintaining recreation. Because of the high visitation at the Park, restoration of the historic pocket estuary would provide an outstanding educational opportunity for the citizens of Island County on nearshore habitat, shoreline processes, and habitat restoration.

We strongly support this project and hope you will consider funding this proposal.

Sincerely,

Frances Wood, Chair
Island County Marine Resources Committee