



May 27, 2015

Mike Ramsey
Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
Natural Resources Building
PO Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Dear Mr. Ramsey,

The Island Local Integrating Organization (ILIO) supports the Skagit River System Cooperative's project proposal to 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 designs to reintroduce tidal inundation and fish access to the former pocket estuary at Lowell Point in Camano Island State Park in a manner consistent with natural habitat processes as well as the recreational and educational uses of the park envisioned by Washington State Parks staff and citizen user groups (Washington State Parks 2013).

This project will further the goals to protect and restore the marine resources in our Action Area. The ILIO supports this project as it has been identified as an ecosystem recovery priority project in our watershed:

NTA# A6.1.ISL6 – Restore tidal inundation.

Thank you for considering this project for funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Helen Price-Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Helen Price-Johnson, Island County Commissioner
Chair, Island Local Integrating Organization