

Amendment to Project Agreement

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4/20/2016

Project Sponsor: Skagit Land Trust
Project Title: Lake Creek Wetland Complex Protection

Project Number: 15-1172A
Amendment Number: 2

Amendment Type:

Cost Change

Amendment Description:

17-16

Adding \$50,000 of Ecology 319 funds to the scope of work to acquire the adjacent Doty parcels. See the PRISM attachment section for a copy of the Ecology agreement (OTGP-VER1-WaReCo-00012).

Project Funding:

The total cost of the project for the purpose of this Agreement changes as follows:

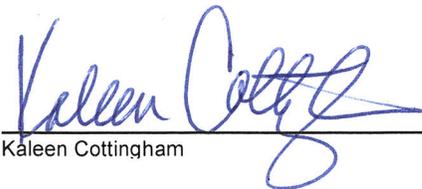
	Old Amount		New Amount	
	Amount	%	Amount	%
RCO - PSAR	\$164,755.00	85.00%	\$164,755.00	67.57%
RCO - OFFICE FED PROJ	\$0.00	0.00%	\$50,000.00	20.51%
Project Sponsor	\$29,075.00	15.00%	\$29,075.00	11.92%
Total Project Cost	\$193,830.00	100%	\$243,830.00	100%
Admin Limit	\$9,230.00	5.00%	\$11,610.95	5.00%
A&E Limit	\$0.00	0.00%	\$0.00	0.00%

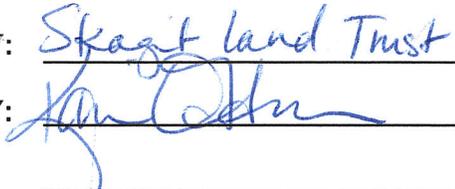
Agreement Terms

In all other respects the Agreement, to which this is an Amendment, and attachments thereto, shall remain in full force and effect. In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Amendment.

**State Of Washington
Recreation and Conservation Office**

Skagit Land Trust

BY: 
Káleen Cottingham

AGENCY: Skagit land Trust
BY: 

TITLE: Director

TITLE: Conservation Planner

DATE: 4-7-16

DATE: 4-15-16

Pre-approved as to form:

BY: /S/
Assistant Attorney General

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Amendment Agreement Description

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Agreement Description

This acquisition project will permanently protect high quality steelhead habitat on the West Fork of Nookachamps Creek. It encompasses 50.3 acres, including 46 acres identified in the National Wetland Inventory and a small wooded upland area. It encompasses 3,900 feet of Lake Creek, which moves freely across the property in deep braided channels, and 1,000 feet of Big Lake shoreline. Through fee simple purchase, this project would extinguish residential development rights, prevent commercial timber harvest and prevent other potentially damaging private recreational uses of the site, ensuring permanent protection of the property and its ecosystem functions. The project site is one of the largest intact functioning wetlands in this section of the Nookachamps, and it is potentially significant juvenile rearing habitat for multiple salmonid species. The West Fork of the Nookachamps and Lake Creek are identified as a "Tier Two - Steelhead Target Area" in Skagit Watershed Council's 2015 Interim Steelhead Strategy. WDFW WIFD data identifies Lake Creek, within the project area, as having documented presence of summer steelhead and documented rearing for winter steelhead. This data also identifies a steelhead spawning area just upstream of the project area. There are two WDFW recorded Off Channel Habitat sites within the project area, and several more nearby. Based on historic photos, the wetlands appear to have been undisturbed over-time. It has high quality vegetative cover, numerous channels, pools, and ground water inputs.

Amendment Eligible Scope Activities

Project Sponsor: Skagit Land Trust
Project Title: Lake Creek Wetland Complex Protection
Program: Puget Sound Acq. & Restoration

Project Number: 15-1172
Project Type: Acquisition
Amendment #: 2

Acquisition Metrics

Property: Doty (Worksite #1, Lake Creek Wetlands, W Fork Nookachamps, Skagit R.)

Real Property Acquisition

Land

Acres by Acreage Type (fee simple):
Riparian 18.55
Existing structures on site: No structures on site

Incidentals

Appraisal
Appraisal Review
Closing, Recording, Taxes, Title
Stewardship plan

Administrative Costs (Acq)

Administrative costs (Acq)

Property: Schorr (Worksite #1, Lake Creek Wetlands, W Fork Nookachamps, Skagit R.)

Real Property Acquisition

Land

Acres by Acreage Type (fee simple):
Uplands 4.00
Wetlands 46.30
Existing structures on site: Structures to be demolished

Incidentals

Appraisal

includes timber cruiser

Appraisal Review
Closing, Recording, Taxes, Title
Cultural resources (Acq)
Demolition

Buildings / structures to be demolished: A boardwalk extends across the property to a dock on the lake. The boardwalk is 135 m long. Age is 55 plus years? The dock is 22 m. Demolition will require accessing the structure from the lake. Removal of short, rustic driveway into upland area.

Environmental Audits Noxious weed control

Acres treated for noxious weeds by method:
Mechanical 0.50

Yellow flag iris is primarily limited to channel closest to Big Lake Boulevard. There are a few additional patchy areas in project area, including along the boardwalk, that are more difficult to access.

Signs (Acq)

Number of permanent signs that identify site and funding partners: 3

Stewardship plan

Amendment Eligible Scope Activities

Survey (Acq)

The east line of the property would be difficult to survey due to wetlands and thick brush. If this line is surveyed, the cost could increase.

Administrative Costs (Acq)

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Worksite #1, Lake Creek Wetlands, W Fork Nookachamps, Skagit R.

Targeted salmonid ESU/DPS (A.23):

Steelhead-Puget Sound DPS

Targeted species (non-ESU species):

Bull Trout

Miles Of Stream Treated/Protected (C.0.b):

0.74

This measurement given based on a single channel for Lake Creek. Actual stream length is greater due to stream braiding, likely doubling or tripling this length.

Project Identified In a Plan or Watershed Assessment (C.0.c):

Skagit Watershed Council 2015 Interim Steelhead Strategy

Type Of Monitoring (C.0.d.1):

Implementation Monitoring

Monitoring for Yellow Flag Iris before and after removal.

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STATE OF WASHINGTON

RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE

April 1, 2016

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RE: Lake Creek Wetland Complex Protection, RCO #15-1172A
Amendment # 2

Dear Ms. Odden:

In response to your request to amend the above-referenced Project Agreement, we have reviewed the circumstances and pertinent RCWs, WACs, and program policies relating to your request. As a result, I am approving an amendment to the Lake Creek Wetland Complex Protection project.

Enclosed are two original amendments to the Project Agreement. Please sign both amendments, retain one for your records, and return one original. If you have any questions, please call Marc Duboiski at (360) 902-3137, or send an e-mail to marc.duboiski@rco.wa.gov.

Sincerely,


Kaleen Cottingham
Director

Enclosures

