

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

CONSENT AGENDA REQUEST

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Heidi Eisenhour, Commissioner, District 2

DATE: April 22, 2024

SUBJECT: Letter of Support: Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) Grant Application to Acquire 19 Acres in the Dabob Bay Natural Area

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

DNR has submitted RCO Grant Application #24-1548A in which they propose to acquire 19 acres of shoreline and mature upper forest property located within the Dabob Bay Natural Area for conservation purposes. The attached letter supports DNR's application as it is consistent with Jefferson County's conservation priorities.

ANALYSIS:

The Dabob Bay Natural Area is located in Jefferson County, within the Hood Canal region of Puget Sound. This project adds 0.15 acres of riparian land, including 96 feet of shoreline, 2.55 acres of natural feeder bluff, including 792 feet of shoreline, and 16.25 acres of developable uplands to the Dabob Bay Natural Area. Two of the three priority properties are adjacent to existing DNR-owned parcels that are managed for conservation in perpetuity. The third priority property is adjacent to the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife's 150-acre North Olympic Wildlife Area-Tarboo Unit, which is also managed for conservation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

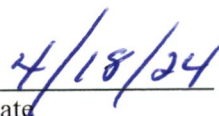
None.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve and sign the letter of support.

REVIEWED BY:


Mark McCauley, County Administrator


Date



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April 22, 2024

Recreation and Conservation Office
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Dear Recreation and Conservation colleagues,

We are writing in support of RCO Grant Application #24-1548A in which Department of Natural Resources (DNR) proposes to acquire 19 acres of shoreline and mature upper forest property located within the Dabob Bay Natural Area.

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Hundreds of members of our community have been supportive of conservation in the Dabob Bay area for decades. By acquiring these priority properties, DNR will further strengthen the long-term protection of the Dabob Bay Natural Area, support future education and research opportunities, and provide potential opportunities for appropriate low-impact public use in Jefferson County.

We appreciate your work on these additions.

Sincerely,

Kate Dean, Chair, Dist. No. 1

Heidi Eisenhour, Dist. No. 2

Greg Brotherton, Dist. No. 3