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RE: South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve (SSNERR) Management Plan

Mr. Bragg;

Thank you for sharing your management plan with me. The South Slough portion of the Coos County Comprehensive Plan (CCCP) Volume II was developed for the protection of the reserve and ecological resources while enhancing the education and research components of SSNERR.

The South Slough portion of the CCCP is divided into three different types of management units: Natural; Conservation; and Development, with most of the aquatic and island areas are designated as natural to allow for protection of the all resources. The natural management unit allows for: Low intensity, water dependent recreation; Research and educational observations; Navigational aids; Restoration measures; Protection of habitat, nutrient, fish, wildlife and aesthetics; Preservation of cultural, historical and archaeological resources; and research and education observation structures.

The enforceable policies depends on the type of review; however, after extensive review of the plan and review of the South Slough Estuary Zones I was able to determine that the management plan is consistent with Volume II of the Coos County Comprehensive Plan and the enforceable policies. The enforceable policies have been adopted into Chapter III of the Coos County Zoning and Land Development Ordinances, Chapter III Coos Bay Estuary management Plan and are attached to this letter.

During our meeting we also talked about the effort of the Coos Bay Estuary group to update the Coos Bay Estuary portion of the CCCP as well as seeking help from South Slough with the updates to the Coquille River Estuary Management Plan updates. The Planning Department has been working on compiling data for the Coquille River Estuary Management Plan and I can see the benefits of have South Slough help out with the project.

Thank you very much and let me know if you need any more information regarding your management plan.

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