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Dear Mr. Halverson:

Thank you for your testimony to the Fish and Wildlife Commission on Saturday, August 9, 2008, concerning the amendment to the boundary description for the Johnson/Debay's Slough Game Reserve. As we discussed at the Commission meeting, our decision relative to the boundary change for the reserve is a one-year interim measure. Based on our discussions, it is evident that there are several issues that still need to be resolved regarding the accuracy of the boundary description, posting of the boundary, and potential land exchanges.

The Commission is directing the Department to schedule an initial meeting with you to review the above issues before the end of September. Following that meeting, the Department will involve other stakeholders, including the Skagit Wildlife Area's Citizen's Advisory Group, in reviewing those proposed changes.

Our intent is to maintain the function of the reserve for wintering swans and consider your needs as a property owner. However, please understand that the outcome of the process to resolve and balance the issues may result in a different outcome than the interim measure adopted by the commission, including reverting back to the boundary originally proposed by Department staff.

We appreciate your willingness to assist us in developing solutions to these issues, and look forward to working with you to develop a more permanent resolution over the next year.

Sincerely,

Jerry Gutzwiler, Chair  
Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission

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