

## MAY-JUNE-JULY PROGRESS UPDATES

### STEERING COMMITTEE:

During the months of May, June and July, the Committee primarily focused on working with the consultant team (Shannon and Wilson) to complete the scope of work, budget, and timeline for the feasibility study. That work was completed in early July.

Baseline data collection for the study was initiated in June. In consultation with Shannon and Wilson, the type and number of level loggers needed to collect water level, water temperature, and water conductivity baseline data were identified and acquisition was initiated. A traffic counter was purchased and installed at the site in June. The NE property line between Fir Island Road and Dry Slough was surveyed in June. Five survey bench marks were established at the project site in consultation with Shannon and Wilson.

The Steering Committee continued to discuss the alternative analysis phase of the study and pertinent factors including tidal marsh restoration, tidal channel restoration, Chinook salmon smolt production, snow geese management, agriculture production, and public access.

The Steering Committee continued to develop a communication and outreach plan for the feasibility study. Based on the final scope of work, the timeline for the study phases was updated. A public open house for the study is currently planned for February 2011. In order to provide timely study information, the Steering Committee created a page on WDFW's website that can be access via the following link: [Fir Island Farms Reserve Restoration Feasibility Study](#). The study webpage includes a project fact sheet, a list of Steering Committee members, a project timeline, a project site map, draft restoration alternatives, a communication and outreach plan, and progress report. The committee will update the progress report monthly.

WDFW talked with Bob, Susan and Jessie Hayton about the feasibility study. WDFW staff has consulted with Stan Nelson (CDD#22 Commissioner) in preparation to talk with the other neighboring landowners in the vicinity of WDFW's Fir Island Farm. The Steering Committee is also making preparations to discuss the study with other interested groups in the community.

The next meeting has been set for August 20.

**SHANNON AND WILSON:**

During the months of May, June and July, Shannon and Wilson worked with the Steering Committee team to complete the scope of work, budget, and timeline for the feasibility study. As noted above, that work was completed in early July. A contract between WDFW and Shannon and Wilson was also completed in July. A baseline data collection plan was developed by the consultant, with review and input provided by the Steering Committee. Data collection will begin in August and extend into September.