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I wish to comment on the plans to dredge the boat ramp at Skagit Wildlife Area Headquarters. Dredging this boat ramp is a recurring project needing to be done every year or so since silt builds up which makes the ramp even harder to use than when there is no silt. The root problem is the placement and angle of the boat ramp. The present ramp is too far up the channel from Freshwater Slough, and the angle of the ramp is not steep enough. Both conditions, plus the silt build-up, render the ramp unusable at lower tide levels. Additionally the concrete surface of the present ramp is deteriorating with rebar sticking out in places. If the ramp were rebuilt with a steeper angle and placed closer to the Slough, the need for periodic dredging would be largely eliminated. In addition to conducting the dredging proposed here, WDFW should design and build a replacement boat ramp that would be useful at a wider range of tides, and less inclined to silt in.

Thank you,

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