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I am commenting on the plan to dredge the boat ramp at Skagit Wildlife Area Headquarters. This boat ramp has a recurring silt build up problem that requires dredging every year to two years. This is a hard ramp to use because of the angle of the ramp. It is not steep enough at any tide and with the silt build-up the ramp is practically impossible to use at low tide levels. The fundamental problem with the ramp is that it is to far up the channel from Freshwater Slough. Another problem with the ramp itself is that the concrete is rotting and rebar is starting to poke out in places. If the ramp could be moved closer to Deepwater Slough and built at a steeper angle the need for constant dredging would be almost completely eliminated. A long term solution for the problem would be for WDFW to design and build a boat ramp that would be useful to a larger range of boats at the different tides. Paying attention to the silting problem and how to mitigate it. Thank you to reviewing my comment.

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