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Subject: RE: Comment on SEPA No. 18064
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Hi Keith –

Thank you for your contributions to the Leque Island project design through your participation on the stakeholder advisory committee and also the recreation committee.

I agree that it makes sense to allow people to access the water from the new parking lot along the Stillaguamish River. As we further develop the design, we will consider whether or not a specific feature will be needed to facilitate access or if the slope that will leads from the parking area to river in the current design will be adequate for informal access.

We will leave the informal hand-carry launch in the northwestern corner of the project area in the design. Although water flows and debris jams are more unpredictable in this area, some stakeholders have expressed interest in being able to access the site from that location when it is navigable.

Also worth noting, there are two new launches planned in the lower Stillaguamish River on other nearby properties. WDFW has partnered with the City of Stanwood to secure funding for a motorized launch on the Hamilton Landing property, and the City has included a hand-carry launch in the conceptual design the future Ovenell Park property that is directly across from Leque Island. More information on those project is available here:

<http://www.ci.stanwood.wa.us/parksrec/page/ovenell-farm-park>

Thank you again, and please be in touch if you have any other comments or questions about the project.

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In the "Description of Proposal" for the Leque Island restoration project, the last bullet item is:

- Construction of a new access to an informal hand-carry boat launch in the northwestern corner of the project area.

I think it makes more sense to have an informal hand-carry boat launch site at the new parking lot in the northeastern corner of the project area. This northeastern location has a more reliable and navigable water flow (i.e., the Stillaquamish river) than the northwestern corner location (i.e., Davis Slough). As I photographer and kayaker who frequents this area, I always find that there is sufficient water flow in the Stillaquamish river. That is frequently not true for Davis Slough. Please consider putting this launch site where it would be most useful.

Thanks for your time and consideration of this issue.

Sincerely, Keith Williamson
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