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We wish to be very clear that we believe subject renewal must be denied. We have submitted copious evidence as to why. This can be summarized by stating that great harm to ecological functions would continue to be done were spraying to go forward. This can also be summarized by reiterating that it is not legal to cause net loss of ecological function. DOE must deny this renewal and the state of Willapa bay must be inventoried and restored to conditions as they existed prior to the spartina removal. The bill turning spartina removal over to WA Department of Agriculture required that, post spraying, a group be formed to oversee restoration of Willapa Bay. This never happened. Now is the time.

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