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Re: Ref No 2411996 Silverdaisy Commercial Recreation/Multiple Use Tenure Application

The Skagit Environmental Endowment Commission (SEEC) was established by a 1984 Treaty between Canada and the U.S. It is based on an agreement between the City of Seattle and the Province of British Columbia to settle the controversy over the High Ross Dam proposal.

SEEC pursues and maintains relationships with agencies and organizations that enable it to accomplish tasks by financially supporting land and ecosystem management, education and recreation enhancement proposals. One of the long term goals of SEEC is to create protected area status for the “donut hole” lying between Manning and Skagit Provincial Parks. SEEC also supports an international initiative to re-introduce Grizzly Bears in North Cascade National Park.

In regards to this tenure application, SEEC supports the existing objectives within the Manning and Skagit Provincial Park Management Plans and the 1998 Silverdaisy Integrated Management Plan. Due to the current levels of discussion regarding the future of this area SEEC feels that it is not appropriate at this time to award any new tenures in the Silverdaisy area which may or may not be consistent with long term management direction.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,

Shaun Hollingsworth
Canadian Chair
Skagit Environmental Endowment Commission