

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of State Lands South Slough National Estuarian Research Reserve Renovations

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Taylor

On February 10th, the Natural Resources Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of State Lands to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in the amount of \$500,000 for renovations at the South Slough National Estuarian Research Reserve.

The Land Acquisition and Construction Program of the National Estuarian Research Reserve System provides a perennial funding opportunity to local reserves for a variety of facility related projects. Previous years' funding has been used to expand and replace decking, provide updates to equipment storage, and to purchase adjacent land. The current request will allow the reserve to update restrooms and entrances to ensure ongoing compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and address issues of equity, relevance, and accessibility of the reserve's exhibits.

The funding opportunity requires a non-federal match of \$214,286. That requirement will be fulfilled by in-kind credits for existing budgeted expenditures. The agency does not expect to receive funding until after July 1, 2021, therefore, no additional expenditure authority is required for the current biennium.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval.