

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 34: Department of State Lands Climate Ready Coasts - Triangle and Deal

To: Emergency Board
From: General Government Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Gomberg

The General Government Subcommittee heard a request from the Department of State Lands for approval to submit a federal grant application for acquisition of 113 acres of wetland and upland habitat from Coos County.

If awarded, the grant would allow the Department to add 54 acres of wetland and 59 acres of upland forest to the South Slough Reserve. The land is currently owned by Coos County but has not been profitable for timber harvest due to lowland terrain and waterflows. The County would remove all buildings and structures from the land prior to transfer of the property. The Department plans to restore the land to improve the health of the Winchester Creek drainage area, which is one of the last salmonid spawning grounds in the Reserve.

The grant application is due January 9th, requires no state match, and would cover due diligence, appraisal fees, closing costs, and the purchase price.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board approve the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of State Lands to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, in the

amount of \$1,168,000, for acquisition of 113 acres of wetland and upland habitat from Coos County.