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Dear Jeff:

I wanted to thank you for your help this year working on both the Smokehouse Floodplain SRT and McGlinn Island projects. Both these projects have tremendous potential to help salmon populations by increasing the availability of rearing habitat. Nonetheless, both projects are tremendously complex having considerable hurdles to master as we wrestle with present land use constraints.

While SRSC has proposed and advanced these projects using our in house capabilities we have appreciated the added expertise you have brought to the team. When we have been confronted with problems requiring the trained eye of an engineer you have been ready and available to provide the needed support. Moreover, we have appreciated your willingness to apply critical and creative thinking to any given problem. We are certainly happy to have found an engineer that is willing to test new ideas, and are proud to have created the opportunity to implement some of your innovations.

SRSC looks forward to working with Juel Tidegates as we tackle other areas that will require an engineered solution in a constrained environment. As ecologists SRSC will always prefer pursuing restoration actions that place natural process over engineered solutions. However, in those situations where infrastructure and social constraints dictate we will certainly call upon you to help us find a new way of looking at the problem.

Thanks for your continuing support. We look forward to working with you on new projects in 2009.

Sincerely,

Steve R Hinton,
Director of Habitat Restoration