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Share/Exchange Session Re Aberdeen Northside Levee Project
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All -- Thank you for meeting the other day in Montesano to discuss next steps regarding the proposed Aberdeen Northside Levee Project. Below is my summary of the next steps we discussed. Can I ask you to please let me know if this captures your sense of what we discussed or if you have any modifications/revisions. Also, attached are my notes from the meeting we held earlier in the morning with the Flood Authority's Projects Committee. Look forward to hearing from you and thank you again for your input and assistance. It was very valuable!

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Key Next Steps:

1. **12/10/2015 Field Visit To Walk Conceptual Levee Alignment** -- Ecology, WDFW, Aberdeen and KPFF will meet 12/10/2015 on or around high-tide (11:58 a.m.) and jointly walk the conceptual alignment of the expanded, comprehensive Aberdeen-Hoquiam levee in order to (1) all commonly understand the proposal, (2) identify "ordinary high water line" as this is an important jurisdictional boundary, and (3) identify potential wetland areas likely needing further delineation. Participants at a minimum will include Rick Mraz (Ecology), Amy Spoon (WDFW), Rick Sangder (Aberdeen), and Kris Koski (KPFF). Kris will coordinate logistics.
2. **Master Plan** -- Agencies were supportive of taking a step back to look more comprehensively at a master plan (and planning process) to determine a preferred alignment and levee system. Key to this will include:
 - Demonstrating a clear need for (and benefits from) a levee as the most practicable and reasonable of alternatives to protect Aberdeen and Hoquiam.

- Considering and proposing public access points along the course of the levee alignment to ensure the proposed levee does not cut-off or eliminate public access to the shoreline.
 - Staying “out of the water” as much as possible to have as least of an impact as possible and therefore the least amount of regulatory and permitting involvement from the agencies (e.g., Corps of Engineers, Department of Ecology, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Natural Resources, etc.).
 - Conducting an interior drainage analysis to optimize pump placement, pump purchase and utilization, use of existing drainage infrastructure, and opportunity for flow and habitat improvements.
3. **Look to Existing Plans for Side-Boards** – While any required permits and approvals will provide important side-boards pertinent to the design and construction of any future levee project, there are additionally several relevant planning process in the lower basin that may too provide side-boards and as such should be reviewed in advance of any project. These include:
- Grays Harbor Estuary Management Plan -- http://www.co.grays-harbor.wa.us/info/pub_svcs/EstuaryPlan.htm
 - Aberdeen and Hoquiam Shoreline Master Programs (and updates) -- https://www.ezview.wa.gov/site/alias_1789/overview/35001/overview.aspx
 - Current Chehalis Basin Strategy -- <http://chehalisbasinstrategy.com/>