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The Honorable Ken Salazar
Secretary of the Interior
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Salazar:

I am writing to express my ardent support for permanent protection of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands in Washington State's San Juan Islands.

As you know, the BLM manages about 1,000 acres in the San Juan Islands, which includes important lighthouses and other historic sites, habitat for wildlife, and areas that contain rare plant life. Providing permanent protection for these lands is unanimously supported by the San Juan County Council.

I understand that a Presidential Proclamation to place these lands in conservation status is also being considered, if Congressional action for designation as a National Conservation Area looks uncertain. As it is an important legacy for current and future Washington citizens, I want to add my voice of support for this dual track approach to protect these lands.

Thank you for your strong interest and efforts on our behalf.

Sincerely,

Christine O. Gregoire
Governor

cc: Senator Patty Murray
Senator Maria Cantwell
Congressman Rick Larsen

Thank you!

