

Subject: WDFW Converting Olson's Resort to Public Ownership-

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant (for \$984,000) to buy Olson's Resort in Clallam County, the oldest continuously operating salmon fishing resort in the state. Chinook salmon feed here from late winter through mid-summer along the rocks and kelp-lined shorelines from the Hoko River eastward to Pillar Point. Rockfish, lingcod, halibut, and other species also call this area home. The resort has the most publicly accessible boat launch between Port Angeles and Neah Bay, and has been an important anchor site for saltwater fishing and recreational boating along the Strait of Juan de Fuca. The department will work closely with the landowners, Cascade Land Conservancy, Clallam County, and businesses to transition the waterfront access, including the boat launch and parking areas, into public ownership. This project was the top ranked project of 18 competing for funding in the state agency category of the Boating Facilities Program. Grants in the state agency category are pending legislative approval of the state budget and will not be awarded until July 2009. (08-1458)