

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

**Department of State Lands**

**South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve Facilities Improvement**

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On February 7th, the Natural Resources Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of State Lands to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in the amount of \$154,000 for facilities improvements at the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve.

The proposed use of funding includes the expansion of a fenced maintenance yard compound and the building of a new pole barn within the fenced area to store watercraft, including newly donated canoes and kayaks. The funding will also be used to repair or replace siding on the existing maintenance building and for the construction of a concrete RV pad for use by onsite volunteers. A 30% local matching funds requirement will be fulfilled using in-kind budgeted expenditures, donations, and volunteer labor.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval.