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Dear Mr. Menashes,

Thank you for sharing your proposal *A Partnership to Restore Fish Habitat associated with the National Estuarine Research Reserve System: Applying a Restoration Science Framework*. The NERR system, with its extensive coastal habitats and unique on-site science, stewardship and education staff and infrastructure, offers an excellent opportunity for a successful coastal fish habitat restoration partnership. The emphasis on scientific rigor in the review, implementation and assessment of proposed projects, and the site-specific consideration of the consequences of sea level change in project selection are especially notable.

I would be willing and able to serve as proposal reviewer for the Partnership. I have extensive experience over almost 20 years on a number of coastal restoration projects in the New England area all of which have fish habitat restoration as one of their major goals. These include projects in salt marshes and eelgrass habitats. I am also very interested in the effects of climate change on coastal habitats and how these affect the ways we manage our coast.

Sincerely yours,

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