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Matt Menashes
Executive Director
National Estuarine Research Reserve Association
444 North Capitol St. NW, Suite 322
Washington DC, 20001

Dear Mr. Menashes,

I have learned of your proposal *A Partnership to Restore Fish Habitat associated with the National Estuarine Research Reserve System: Applying a Restoration Science Framework* from Dr. Ed Buskey, Research Coordinator at the Mission Aransas NERR. The National Estuarine Research Reserve system, with its extensive coastal habitats and unique on-site research, stewardship and education staff and infrastructure, including the System Wide Monitoring Program, offer an excellent opportunity for a successful coastal fish habitat restoration partnership. I would be willing and able to serve as a proposal reviewer for the Partnership, particularly for proposals that include consideration of coral reef habitat, one of my areas of research expertise.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Christopher Shank".

Dr. Christopher Shank
Assistant Professor, Department of Marine Science