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Matt Menashes, Executive Director
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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 offer an excellent opportunity for a successful coastal 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 particularly appealing aspects of your proposal. This is particularly relevant given the climate change impacts that will potentially affect restoration projects. I would be willing and able to serve as proposal reviewer for the Partnership.

I look forward to hearing about the success of your proposal.

Please feel free to contact me if you are successful and seek my assistance as a proposal reviewer.

Yours sincerely,



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