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Ms. Beemon – I wanted to provide feedback on one aspect of your letter and that is the comment related to the desired public land being encumbered under the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). The Director, as well as other DNR staff involved, have been informed that the parcel is encumbered in a 6(f)3 LWCF boundary. The initial information provided to the Director was based on a quick review to determine how the desired parcel was obtained and as you are aware it was not obtained using LWCF funding. The entire park became encumbered in 1975 when DNR's Parks and Recreation Division received a LWCF grant (26-00590) to acquire 1,521 acres in another portion of the park. As stated in the LWCF manual, when funding is provided for acquisition in a park, the entire park becomes encumbered regardless of how it was acquired.

As you are aware, we have not received a request for a land exchange or to convert any land in Fisherman's Island State Park and, therefore, have not initiated a formal review of such an exchange. I am confident if we would have received a request, our formal review process would have quickly revealed the 6(f)3 encumbrance.

Thank you -

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