

Meeting Date: May 19, 2022

Agenda Item No. 5F

Agenda Item: Karnes boat Ramp acquisition – R3

Approved by: JR

Prepared by: Steve Elam for Sal Palazzolo, State Habitat Manager

Background:

This is an acquisition proposal for 0.93 acres in Washington County on the Snake River. The Karnes property already has an established concrete boat ramp with maintained County road access and parking. The landowner has allowed public access since the 1950s and hunters and anglers heavily use the area. This property will provide fishing access as well as hunting access for waterfowl/upland (islands). The acquisition will also include an access easement to the parcel across the remaining Karnes property.

This property was previously presented to the Commission during Executive Session in March 2021.

Acquisition cost of \$57,634 is provided by Sport Fish restoration-Boating access and license funds.

Annual maintenance costs are estimated at \$1,000. Washington County is interested in partnering with the Department on maintenance.

FILT is estimated N/A as the acquisition is less than 10 acres.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy issues:

Land acquisition in accordance with Commission land acquisition policy.

Public Involvement Process:

Washington County commissioners have been notified.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends acquiring the 0.93 acre Karnes property.

Suggested Motion: I move that the Commission approve acquiring the 0.93 acre Karnes property.