

From: [Steve Hampton](#)
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Thank you for involving the public in your planning process.

The flooded pastures of Short Farm are currently one of the largest seasonal freshwater wetlands in eastern Jefferson County. The peat soil attests to the historic seasonal wetland that has existed there for millenia. Each winter (October thru May), the flooded areas host several thousand waterfowl, making it one of the largest concentrations of ducks, geese, and swans on the Olympic Peninsula. Over a hundred Trumpeter Swans typically winter there as well, which is one of the largest local concentrations of that species.

Duck hunters, bird watchers, and nature photographers greatly enjoy and appreciate public access to portions of the property. Over a hundred bird species have been documented there in recent years:

<https://ebird.org/barchart?r=L21974906&yr=all&m=>

Admiralty Audubon strongly supports maintaining the waterfowl habitat and public access.

Thank you,

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Steve Hampton, Conservation Chair, Admiralty Audubon Society