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Dear Esteemed Chairpersons and Committee Members,

I appreciate you taking up this item - it is near and dear to my heart, and I strongly support it. Years ago, I used to make use of the ferry service, and enjoyed walking and biking on Swan Island (Perkins Twp), and have many fond memories there of long pleasant afternoons with friends. I now would love to get my 10-year old daughter out there to enjoy it with me as well. We have a lot of fun biking rail trails and gravel roads and I know she would love going for a bike ride out there. What a perfect place for a ride, a little fishing or some birdwatching, and a picnic!

A couple other suggestions for use improvements:

Perhaps IFW could partner with Tribal Historic Preservation Office for some educational display materials about the history of the island.

A pavillion to duck into somewhere on the south end in case of rain showers would be a nice addition as well.

A suggested funding mechanism would be to partner with natural historians or birdwatching tour guides, who could pay a contracted fee for regular service that could subsidize the cost to the public.

Thank you for your time and service to Maine's Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

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