



July 15, 2021

Jamie Stevens, Ecosystem Coordination Board Chairman
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Jillian Reitz, Boards Policy Specialist
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Dear Mr. Stevens, Staff and Members of the Ecosystem Coordination Board for the Puget Sound Partnership:

The Snohomish-Stillaguamish Local Integrating Organization (LIO) has endorsed and Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers has agreed to serve as our Ecosystem Coordination Board Ex-Officio Representative. Executive Somers has been a long-time supporter of Puget Sound Recovery, and previously served on the ECB. The Executive was a long-time fisheries biologist for the Tulalip Tribes and played an instrumental role in the initial formation of the Snohomish-Stillaguamish LIO. In fact, he was the first co-chair of this LIO's Executive Committee in 2014. He has also worked throughout his career in elected office to champion many successful environmental policy improvements in Snohomish County. These include the Puget Sound Initiative, the commitment to reduce carbon emissions from County facilities and vehicles, the support of salmon and Orca recovery, the creation of the County's new Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the designation of Paine Field Airport as Salmon Safe, and many more meaningful changes. The Executive wants to make even more progress on this important work by helping shape the County's role in regional environmental policy, attract more funding, and accelerate the restoration of Puget Sound.

The Sno/Stilly LIO is honored to have Executive Somers represent our local interests on this committee and look forward to furthering our combined efforts to implement effective change on the local level. Gregg Farris, Snohomish County Surface Water Management Director, will serve as his alternate on the committee when the Executive is unavailable.

Thank you for the opportunity to elevate and support the work of our LIO.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gregg Farris".

Gregg Farris

Co-Chair, Snohomish-Stillaguamish LIO
Executive Committee

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joan Lee".

Joan Lee

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