



October 24, 2017

Puget Sound Federal Task Force Co-chairs:

Elizabeth Babcock, NOAA Puget Sound Branch Chief

Peter Murchie, EPA Puget Sound

Dear Federal Task Force,

The Snohomish-Stillaguamish Local Integrating Organization (LIO) is pleased to provide this letter in support of the Tulalip Tribes project proposal: Regulatory Harmonization for Salmon Habitat Protection and Restoration - Phase I. The LIO serves as a local forum through which diverse stakeholders can work collaboratively to develop and coordinate actions to improve the health of the Snohomish and Stillaguamish watersheds and contribute to recovering Puget Sound. The Tulalip Tribes have been a member of the LIO since its formation and continues to be a key partner in our efforts to restore and protect natural resources. This project proposal supports the LIO's progress towards the recovery targets of the habitat, stormwater, and shellfish Strategic Initiatives. Importantly, this project also serves to engage across sectors and agencies such that flexible and responsive actions can better meet on-the-ground needs while meeting measurable habitat objectives for salmon.

Better sharing of information and alignment of regulatory authorities (to the extent feasible) has long been recognized as critical to the protection and restoration of salmon habitat as well as closing regulatory gaps and supporting streamlined permitting.

The LIO encourages the Federal Task Force to recognize the importance of this bold initiative and requests the participation of the federal agencies in the development, review and design of the technical and regulatory aspects of the Tulalip Tribes Regulatory Harmonization proposal.

Thank you for your continued support of the Tulalip Tribes and the valuable work they do!

Sincerely,

Snohomish-Stillaguamish LIO Executive Committee

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Will Hall
Co-Chair, Snohomish-Stillaguamish LIO
Executive Committee

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Christie True
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August 3, 2017

Chair Sullivan & Members of the Snohomish County Council
3000 Rockefeller Ave., M/S 609
Everett, WA 98201

Dear Chair Sullivan & Members of the County Council,

The Snohomish-Stillaguamish Local Integrating Organization (LIO) is pleased to provide this letter in support of the Snohomish Conservation District's (SCD) proposed changes to their existing rate structure. The LIO serves as a local forum through which diverse stakeholders can work collaboratively to develop and coordinate actions to improve the health of the Snohomish and Stillaguamish watersheds and contribute to recovering Puget Sound. The SCD has been a member of the LIO since its formation and continues to be a key partner in our efforts to restore and protect natural resources. Last year, the SCD submitted 13 Near Term Actions (NTAs) for inclusion in the 2016 Action Agenda. Two of these NTAs were selected for funding; one regionally and one locally. More NTAs are being considered for funding in 2017. These project proposals support the LIO's progress towards the recovery targets of the habitat, stormwater, and shellfish Strategic Initiatives.

The SCD uses the fees they collect to support a variety of conservation programs that help support improvements in water quality, salmon recovery, and agriculture in both watersheds. They leverage funds from a variety of sources to help ensure that the fees they collect have the greatest impact in supporting rate payers and the watersheds in which they reside.

Given the uncertainty around the long term future of state and federal funding, local revenue sources are critical to advancing conservation in watersheds like the Stillaguamish and Snohomish.

The LIO encourages the Snohomish County Council to approve the rate changes proposed by the district. Thank you for your continued support of the Snohomish Conservation District and the valuable work they do!

Sincerely,

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Snohomish-Stillaguamish LIO Executive Committee Co-Chair