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August 2, 2016

The Honorable Leonard Forsman, Chair  
 Suquamish Tribe  
 PO Box 498  
 Suquamish, WA 98392-0498



Dear Chair Forsman,

As the Chair of the Salmon Recovery Council (SRC) for the Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed Water Resource Inventory Area 8 (WRIA 8), I am writing on behalf of the SRC to thank the Suquamish Tribe (Tribe) for their strong support and leadership in salmon recovery. We want to make you aware of the current effort to update of the WRIA 8 Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan (Plan) and convey our sincere interest in the Tribe's involvement in the update. The SRC is marking its first ten years of Plan implementation, and periodic updates to the Plan help us to refine the path to restore sustainable and harvestable Chinook salmon populations. The SRC would be grateful to learn how the Tribe would like to be involved in the Plan update.

The WRIA 8 SRC understands the Tribe's federally-reserved treaty rights in the watershed and the serious impact on the tribal community caused by low salmon abundance and the continued lack of significant salmon harvest opportunity. The SRC, which is comprised of 28 local governments and representatives from businesses, community groups, citizens, and state and federal agencies, is responsible for the implementation and adaptive management of the Plan with a clear goal to "preserve, protect and restore habitat with the intent to recover listed species...." We welcome the Tribe's involvement and input in the Plan update either through the existing WRIA 8 committee process or other appropriate venue(s).

As we update the Plan over the next year, we intend to build on monitoring and adaptive management work currently underway in WRIA 8 and on experience gained through more than a decade of implementing salmon habitat protection and restoration actions. We also will address the challenges to salmon recovery presented by climate change and the impacts of increased urbanization. The SRC believes that we must put in place stronger habitat protection and larger scale restoration efforts to generate the water quality and habitat conditions to recover and sustain salmon populations. In this regard, the Tribe's knowledge of the watershed, resource management expertise, and harvest management experience is very important.

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The WRIA 8 SRC looks forward to hearing whether the Tribe is interested in participating in the update process or in reviewing Plan update products. Please feel free to contact Jason Mulvihill-Kuntz, the WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Manager at 206-477-4780 or [jason.mulvihill-kuntz@kingcounty.gov](mailto:jason.mulvihill-kuntz@kingcounty.gov) if you have any questions or for further information.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andy Rheaume', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Andy Rheaume  
Chair, WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council  
Mayor, City of Bothell

cc: Rob Purser, Jr., Fisheries Director, Suquamish Tribe  
Rich Brooks, Environmental Programs Manager, Suquamish Tribe  
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