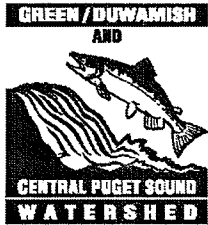
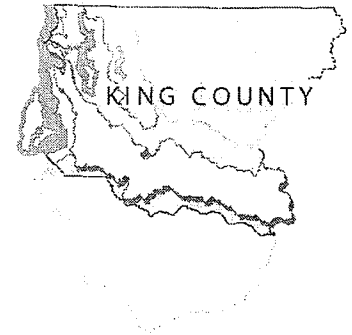


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The Honorable Zach Hudgins
Washington State House of Representatives
P.O. Box 40600
Olympia, WA 98504-0600

Dear Representative Hudgins:

On behalf of the diverse membership of the WRIA 9 Watershed Ecosystem Forum, we are writing to thank you for your co-sponsorship of House Bill 2199, which provides regulatory relief for properties impacted by shifts in shoreline location due to habitat restoration projects.

This regulatory relief is recommended in our 2005 WRIA 9 Salmon Habitat Plan for the Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound Watershed. Its passage will make possible or expedite implementation of several high-priority estuarine restoration projects in Tukwila and Seattle. As such, the bill contributes to progress in restoring both our watershed and Puget Sound overall.

As you know, the bill language was developed through a consensus process that included representatives of the Department of Ecology, the Boeing Company, the City of Tukwila, and People For Puget Sound. This collaborative approach created carefully-drafted language that was truly deserving of the bipartisan support the bill enjoyed throughout its progress through the Legislature.

We appreciate not only that you co-sponsored the bill but that you tended to the final concurrence step, ensuring its successful passage as amended in the Senate.

Thank you for your contribution to our efforts to improve our watershed for people and fish.

Sincerely,

Dow Constantine, Co-Chair
Councilmember, King County

Bill Peloza, Co-Chair
Councilmember, City of Auburn

Cc: WEF Members
Mayor Jim Haggerton, City of Tukwila

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Dan Newhouse
Director, Washington State Department of Agriculture
P.O. Box 42560
Olympia, WA 98504-2560

Dear Director Newhouse:

On behalf of the diverse membership of the WRIA 9 Watershed Ecosystem Forum, we are writing to thank you for your co-sponsorship of House Bill 2199, which provides regulatory relief for properties impacted by shifts in shoreline location due to habitat restoration projects.

This regulatory relief is recommended in our 2005 WRIA 9 Salmon Habitat Plan for the Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound Watershed. Its passage will make possible or expedite implementation of several high-priority estuarine restoration projects in Tukwila and Seattle. As such, the bill contributes to progress in restoring both our watershed and Puget Sound overall.

Significantly, the bill will reduce unwanted regulatory impacts to upland property owners whose property would otherwise fall under jurisdiction of the Shoreline Management Act.

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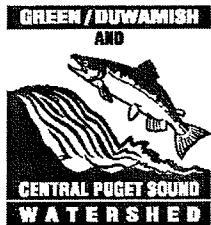
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The Honorable Geoff Simpson
Washington State House of Representatives
P.O. Box 40600
Olympia, WA 98504-0600



Dear Representative Simpson:

On behalf of the diverse membership of the WRIA 9 Watershed Ecosystem Forum, we are writing to thank you for your actions that led to passage of House Bill 2199, which provides regulatory relief for properties impacted by shifts in shoreline location due to habitat restoration projects.

We very much appreciate your adding the bill to the agenda of the Local Government & Housing Committee at the last minute in February. Your help gave the bill the momentum it needed to get through this year's challenging session.

We also recognize that it was due to your direction to Department of Ecology staff during the 2008 session that resulted in the bill's language. Per your request at a hearing on then-HB 2734, Ecology staff Tom Clingman convened a consensus process during 2008 that included representatives of the Department of Ecology, the Boeing Company, the City of Tukwila, and People For Puget Sound. This collaborative approach created carefully-drafted language that was truly deserving of the bipartisan support the bill enjoyed throughout its progress through the Legislature.

The bill's regulatory relief is recommended in our 2005 WRIA 9 Salmon Habitat Plan for the Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound Watershed, which includes most of the 47th Legislative District. Its passage will make possible or expedite implementation of several high-priority estuarine restoration projects in Tukwila and Seattle. In the long run, this will increase the number of fish that survive to return to their natal streams in the Soos/Jenkins/Covington Creek basin.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

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Councilmember, King County

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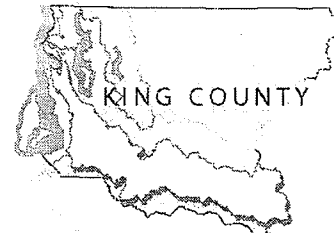
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The Honorable Ken Jacobsen
Washington State Senate
P.O. Box 40446
Olympia, WA 98504-0446



Dear Senator Jacobsen:

On behalf of the diverse membership of the WRIA 9 Watershed Ecosystem Forum, we are writing to thank you for allowing a hearing on House Bill 2199 in the Natural Resources, Oceans, & Recreation Committee and allowing a small but necessary amendment.

HB 2199 regulatory relief is recommended in our 2005 WRIA 9 Salmon Habitat Plan for the Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound Watershed. Its passage will make possible or expedite implementation of several high-priority estuarine restoration projects in Tukwila and Seattle. As such, the bill contributes to progress in restoring both our watershed and Puget Sound overall.

Significantly, the bill will reduce unwanted regulatory impacts to upland property owners whose property would otherwise fall under jurisdiction of the Shoreline Management Act.

The bill language was developed through a consensus process that included representatives of the Department of Ecology, the Boeing Company, the City of Tukwila, and People For Puget Sound. This collaborative approach created carefully-drafted language that was truly deserving of the bipartisan support the bill enjoyed throughout its progress through the Legislature.

Thank you again for your help in committee and votes in favor of this bill.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Bruce Chandler
Washington State House of Representatives
P.O. Box 40600
Olympia, WA 98504-0600

Dear Representative Chandler:

On behalf of the diverse membership of the WRIA 9 Watershed Ecosystem Forum, we are writing to thank you for helping with passage of House Bill 2199 on behalf of its co-sponsor, former Representative Newhouse.

HB 2199 provides regulatory relief for properties impacted by shifts in shoreline location due to habitat restoration projects. This regulatory relief is recommended in our 2005 WRIA 9 Salmon Habitat Plan for the Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound Watershed. Its passage will make possible or expedite implementation of several high-priority estuarine restoration projects in Tukwila and Seattle. As such, the bill contributes to progress in restoring both our watershed and Puget Sound overall.

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