

WATER RESOURCE INVENTORY AREA (WRIA 8) SALMON RECOVERY COUNCIL



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August 10, 2015

Senator Patty Murray
2988 Jackson Federal Building
915 2nd Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98174



RE: Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund support

Dear Senator Murray:

On behalf of the Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed (WRIA 8) Salmon Recovery Council, I want to thank you for your ongoing support for Washington State salmon recovery efforts. Your leadership on this issue and your success in securing \$65 million for the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF) in the 2015 federal spending bill ensures watersheds like ours can continue our work to protect and restore habitat for salmon listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

In Washington State, PCSRF supplies essential funding to implement the highest priority restoration and protection projects for salmon recovery—projects which are locally-supported and scientifically-based. WRIA 8 uses PCSRF dollars to implement on-the-ground restoration projects and to acquire property that protects sensitive habitat and allows for future restoration. Our work advances regional efforts to recover threatened salmon species and restore a healthy Puget Sound, as well as provides economic benefits by supporting local jobs. Additionally, many of our habitat protection and restoration actions advance other important goals, including flood hazard reduction and water quality improvements.

Salmon recovery is a long-term commitment, and continued Congressional support for PCSRF will be needed. We appreciate the challenges you face in making difficult budget decisions, and we applaud your leadership and thank you for continuing to be a strong voice for salmon recovery in Washington D.C. If you have any questions about projects funded in WRIA 8, please contact Jason Mulvihill-Kuntz, the Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed Coordinator at 206-477-4780 or jason.mulvihill-kuntz@kingcounty.gov.

Sincerely,

Larry Phillips
Chair, WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council
Chair, Metropolitan King County Council

Cc: Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed (WRIA 8) Salmon Recovery Council members