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August 5, 2015

The Honorable Hans Dunshee
 Washington State House of Representatives
 314 John L. O'Brien Building
 PO Box 40600
 Olympia, WA 98504-0600



RE: Support for salmon recovery priorities

Dear Representative Dunshee:

On behalf of the Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed (WRIA 8) Salmon Recovery Council, I want to thank you for investing in the highest priorities for salmon recovery and Puget Sound! Your leadership and support in the legislative session was critical to ensuring we can continue our efforts to protect and restore habitat for salmon listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

In particular, your effort to secure funding for the Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration program and the Salmon Recovery Funding Board will allow Puget Sound watersheds to maintain and enhance progress on science-based, locally-supported salmon habitat restoration and protection. Additionally, your support for the Cedar River Corridor Plan Implementation project as part of the Floodplains by Design program request is a very significant investment in this multiple benefit approach to restoring salmon habitat and reducing flood hazards.

WRIA 8 appreciates the challenges involved in making state budget decisions and applauds your leadership. Salmon recovery is a long-term commitment, and continued support for these essential funding programs will be needed from the legislature in future years. Thank you again for your work to continue Washington State's commitment to salmon recovery and restoring the health of Puget Sound. If you have any questions about projects funded in WRIA 8, please feel free to 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