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November 10, 2015

Stacy Vynne  
 Puget Sound Partnership  
 Center for Urban Waters  
 326 East D Street  
 Tacoma, WA 98421



Dear Ms. Vynne,

As Chair of the Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed (WRIA 8) Salmon Recovery Council, which is comprised of 28 local governments, and representatives from businesses, community groups, concerned citizens, and state and federal agencies who have been working since 2000 to recover Puget Sound Chinook salmon in our watershed, we support WRIA 8's proposal for additional resources from the Puget Sound Partnership (PSP) to help complete the monitoring and adaptive management planning process, resulting in a monitoring plan to support the 10-year update to our watershed Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan (Plan). We applaud PSP for devoting resources to enable local watersheds to develop monitoring and adaptive management strategies to help advance Chinook salmon recovery.

In 2015, WRIA 8 is at the ten year mark of implementing the WRIA 8 Plan. The WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council has approved a scope of work to conduct a 10-year Plan update by December 2016. The Plan update will build on the monitoring and adaptive management work currently underway, reflect accomplishments to date, new scientific information, and the experience gained through the first decade of implementation. WRIA 8 has a long history of collaborative planning, decision-making, and implementation of salmon recovery actions. Since 2000, WRIA 8 has built and supported an effective staff team and governance structure dedicated to implementing the WRIA 8 Plan.

WRIA 8 has served as a model in the monitoring and adaptive management process to date. In Phase 1 of this work, WRIA 8 was consistently referred to as a model for completing work products and engaging its local technical and policy committees in the process. WRIA 8 was also asked to be one of two watersheds to serve as "pilot watersheds," using funding from PSP to advance work on the freshwater common indicators by developing monitoring protocols for 10 indicators. If selected for funding, WRIA 8 will complete our 10-year Plan update and monitoring plan, and continue to serve as a template for other watersheds around Puget Sound.

Last year, on behalf of the WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council, I wrote to PSP and other state and federal salmon recovery partners to encourage funding for Phase II of WRIA 8's monitoring and adaptive management (M&AM) project. Continued federal and state funding and support is necessary to see this project through and fully realize the value of the investment in the work to date. We are encouraged that the Partnership secured resources from the state legislature, albeit not the full amount requested, to support watershed recovery plan updates, including completing monitoring and adaptive management strategies for Chinook salmon recovery. With additional funding and regional support from PSP WRIA 8 will complete our Plan update and use the monitoring and adaptive management work to improve our implementation tracking, refine our strategies for salmon recovery, and enhance our local efforts to recover salmon at the regional scale.

WRIA 8 appreciates the challenges involved in making funding decisions with limited resources and applauds your continued support and leadership in salmon recovery. Thank you for considering WRIA 8's funding proposal to support us in building on our significant investment in monitoring and adaptive management work to date, by completing a monitoring plan and a 10-year update to the WRIA 8 Plan.

Please feel free to contact Jason Mulvihill-Kuntz, the WRIA 8 Watershed Coordinator at 206-477-4780 or [jason.mulvihill-kuntz@kingcounty.gov](mailto:jason.mulvihill-kuntz@kingcounty.gov) for further information.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Larry Phillips", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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

cc: David Troutt, Chair, Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Council  
Jeanette Dorner, Ecosystem Recovery Program Director, Puget Sound  
Partnership  
Laura Blackmore, Boards Program Director, Puget Sound Partnership  
Jason Mulvihill-Kuntz, WRIA 8 Watershed Coordinator  
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