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August 2, 2016

Terry Williams  
 Commissioner, Tulalip Treaty Rights Office  
 Tulalip Tribes Natural Resource Department  
 7515 Totem Beach Road  
 Tulalip, WA 98271



Dear Commissioner Williams,

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 Tulalip Tribes (Tulalip) for your 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 Tulalips' 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 like to learn how Tulalip would like to be involved in the Plan update.

The WRIA 8 SRC understands that the Tulalip Tribes has federally-reserved treaty rights in the watershed. We also understand 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 Tulalips' 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 Tulalip Tribes knowledge of the watershed, resource management expertise, and harvest management experience is very important to informing our recovery strategy moving forward for the next 10 years.

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The WRIA 8 SRC looks forward to hearing whether the Tulalip Tribes 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: Daryl Williams, Natural Resources Liaison, Tulalip Tribes  
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Colin Wahl, Environmental Scientist, Tulalip Tribes  
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