

WATER RESOURCE INVENTORY AREA (WRIA 8) SALMON RECOVERY COUNCIL



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June 2, 2017

The Honorable Patty Murray  
 U.S. Senate  
 154 Russell Senate Office Building  
 Washington, DC 20510



RE: Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund support

Dear Senator Murray:

On behalf of the Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed (or Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 8) Salmon Recovery Council, we 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 2017 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. Your continued support is necessary to restore PCSRF in the FY 2018 federal budget, which was eliminated in the President’s proposed budget.

**We respectfully request your support for appropriating \$80 million for PCSRF in 2018.**

In Washington State, PCSRF supplies essential funding to implement the highest priority restoration and protection projects for salmon recovery and leverages substantial local and state investment. 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—and all of these actions are locally-supported and scientifically-based. 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 are multi-benefit and 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 is essential. 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, WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Manager at 206-477-4780 or [jason.mulvihill-kuntz@kingcounty.gov](mailto:jason.mulvihill-kuntz@kingcounty.gov).

Sincerely,

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 Chair, WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council  
 Mayor, City of Bothell

John Stokes  
 Vice Chair, WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council  
 Mayor, City of Bellevue

Cc: WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council members