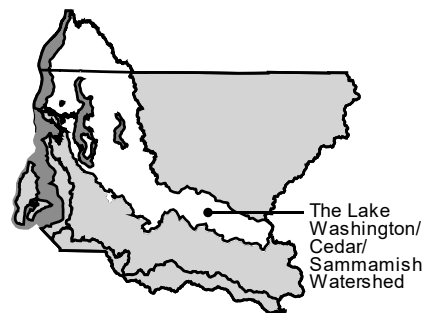


WATER RESOURCE INVENTORY AREA (WRIA 8) SALMON RECOVERY COUNCIL



May XX, 2021



Jim Chan
King County Department of Local Services
Permitting Division
201 S Jackson Street
KSC-LS-0815
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Mr. Chan,

We are writing on behalf of the Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed (WRIA 8) Salmon Recovery Council (Council). The WRIA 8 Council understands Lakeside Industries has applied to King County Department of Local Services (KC DLS) for permits to site an asphalt plant along State Route 169 in unincorporated King County. In KC DLS's permit review, the WRIA 8 Council requests that all potential adverse effects of the proposed plant on salmon and salmon habitat conditions be considered and avoided.

The WRIA 8 Council is comprised of 28 local governments and representatives from businesses, community groups, concerned citizens, and state and federal agencies working collaboratively since 2000 to recover Chinook salmon, listed as Threatened under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The WRIA 8 Council guides implementation of the *WRIA 8 Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan* (WRIA 8 Plan), which includes habitat goals and actions intended to recover sustainable and harvestable runs of Chinook salmon in the watershed.

The Cedar River is the highest priority salmon habitat in the WRIA 8 watershed, and the health of the Cedar is vital to recovery of the Cedar River Chinook population, as well as other species of salmon (including sockeye, which are in steep decline). Since 2005, WRIA 8 has worked with partners in the Cedar River basin to restore salmon habitat guided by the WRIA 8 Plan, directing over \$13 million in grant funds to projects that protect and restore aquatic, riparian, and floodplain habitat. In addition to our investment of grant resources, King County and the City of Seattle have contributed significant resources to improve salmon habitat along the Cedar, and additional restoration projects are in development. It is vital that DLS's review of the proposed asphalt plant consider all potential adverse impacts to salmon and protect the investments made to-date to improve habitat conditions.

Thank you for your consideration. We appreciate KC DLS's work to enforce King County land use codes and effectively assess proposed project impacts on valuable environmental and community resources, such as salmon and water quality, when reviewing and considering permits. If you have any questions about WRIA 8 salmon recovery goals or habitat restoration investments in the Cedar River, please contact Jason Mulvihill-Kuntz, WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Manager, at jason.mulvihill-kuntz@kingcounty.gov or 206-477-4780.

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Sincerely,

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Cc: John Taylor, Director, King County Department of Local Services
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