**2018 Legislative Priorities for Puget Sound Watershed Health and Salmon Habitat Recovery**

**Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed (WRIA 8) Partners**

**STATE CAPITAL BUDGET PRIORITIES**

- Support $80 million Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration program funding request in the Recreation and Conservation Office budget for salmon habitat projects.

- Support $55.3 million Salmon Recovery Funding Board funding request in the Recreation and Conservation Offices budget for salmon habitat projects.

- Support $70 million Floodplains by Design funding request in the Department of Ecology budget for multi-benefit floodplain restoration projects.
  - Request includes $7.5 million for King County to construct the Riverbend Floodplain Reconnection Project on the Cedar River.

- Support $105.5 million Stormwater Financial Assistance Program funding request in the Department of Ecology budget to provide funding to support local stormwater pollution prevention.

**STATE POLICY LEGISLATION PRIORITIES**

- Support legislation seeking to improve regulatory protections for areas that are important for salmon habitat.

- Support and explore opportunities to develop legislation that seeks to provide immunity from liability for entities that place large wood in habitat restoration projects.

- Support greater restrictions or a complete ban on Atlantic salmon net pen aquaculture in Puget Sound.

- Support continued efforts for dedicated watershed-based funding authorities to support projects that address salmon habitat, water quality, stormwater management, and flood management.

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