

WATER RESOURCE INVENTORY AREA (WRIA 8) SALMON RECOVERY COUNCIL



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- Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts
- King Conservation District

August 25, 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. In particular, we want to **thank you for your leadership and your recent success in restoring funding to the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF) and securing \$65 million in the Fiscal Year 2018 Senate Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations Bill**. This vital federal support ensures watersheds like ours can continue our work to protect and restore habitat for salmon listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

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 Pacific 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 improvement.

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.

Sincerely,

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Mayor, City of Bothell

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

Cc: WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council members