

WATER RESOURCE INVENTORY AREA 9 (WRIA 9) WATERSHED ECOSYSTEM FORUM



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August 8, 2017

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District
Attn: Colonel Mark A. Gerald
4735 East Marginal Way S
Seattle, WA 98134



RE: Duwamish/Green Ecosystem Restoration Project

Dear Colonel Gerald:

The WRIA 9 Management Committee would like to meet with you to discuss the status of the Duwamish-Green Ecosystem Restoration Project (ERP) and our long-time and future relationship with the Corps of Engineers (Corps). We have worked closely with the Corps since 2004 and Congressional authorization of the ERP, and would like to see project implementation back on track.

We would like to discuss our collaboration to secure federal, state, and local funding to implement the remaining authorized habitat restoration projects. Delays in implementing projects only increase costs and, potentially, the effectiveness of project restoration goals. Moreover, we wish to maintain an ongoing, productive relationship with the Corps that enhances our communication and partnership to "Make Our Watershed Fit for a King (Salmon Habitat Plan)", the federally-approved recovery plan for the threatened Green River Chinook salmon population.

We invite you to attend our WRIA 9 Management Committee meeting on Wednesday, October 26, 2017, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at Tukwila City Hall, Hazelnut Room, to have this conversation. We also draw your attention to the next meeting of the Watershed Ecosystem Forum (in which the Corps is a member agency) on Thursday, November 9, 2017, from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m., Renton City Hall, Council Chambers.

Please contact Doug Osterman, Salmon Recovery Manager, at 206-477-4793 with questions and for making arrangements to attend the meetings.

Sincerely,

WRIA 9 Watershed Ecosystem Forum Co-Chairs:

Bill Pelozo
Councilmember, City of Auburn

Marlla Mhoon
Councilmember, City of Covington

cc: WRIA 9 Watershed Ecosystem Forum

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