



August 7, 2018

Kaleen Cottingham, Director
Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
1111 Washington Street SE
Olympia, Washington 98501

RE: WRIA 13 Salmon Habitat Recovery Lead Entity Fiscal Agent

Dear Director Cottingham:

We have learned that the WRIA 13 Salmon Habitat Recovery Lead Entity requires a new fiscal agent to facilitate salmon recovery and community engagement in our watersheds. We support the Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) as the Lead Entity, in accordance with RCW 77.85.

Thurston Regional Planning Council has a 51 year proven track record of convening successful stakeholder processes and we are confident TRPC will be successful in this role as well. It is our understanding that TRPC is willing to become the Lead Entity for salmon recovery in WRIA 13.

As our City is a substantial part of WRIA 13, we believe that TRPC would be the appropriate Lead Entity for salmon recovery. Further, we share TRPC's interest in convening the robust stakeholder process to make science-based, community supported salmon restoration a success in WRIA 13.

For the above reasons, we support the Thurston Regional Planning Council as the Lead Entity fiscal agent for the WRIA 13 Salmon Habitat Recovery Committee. We understand this will need to be done by resolution to include the Squaxin Tribe and each jurisdiction within the WRIA 13 area.

This will take some time to work through but we are committed to doing so diligently. We appreciate your patience as we do this. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact my office at (360) 753-8244.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Selby
Mayor

cc: Lacey Mayor Andy Ryder
Tumwater Mayor Pete Kmet
Rainier Mayor Bob Shaw
Thurston County Commissioner Bud Blake, Chair
Squaxin Island Tribal Chairman Arnold Cooper