



August 7, 2018

Marc Daily, Executive Director
Thurston Regional Planning Council
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Olympia, Washington 98502

RE: WRIA 13 Salmon Habitat Recovery Lead Entity Fiscal Agent

Dear Executive Director Daly:

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. By this letter, we are requesting the Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) accept the role as the Lead Entity, in accordance with RCW 77.85. I've talked with the jurisdictions within the WRIA 13 area (Lacey, Olympia, Rainier, Thurston County, and Tumwater) and the Squaxin Tribe and they are generally supportive of this request pending formal actions by their councils.

TRPC has a long history of convening local governments and stakeholders in Thurston County to address regional issues. TRPC also has considerable experience managing State and Federal grants. As a member of TRPC, and with a substantial part of WRIA 13 within our City limits and UGA, we feel that TRPC would be the appropriate Lead Entity for salmon recovery.

We understand a formal resolution making this designation will need to be adopted by the Squaxin Tribe and each WRIA 13 jurisdiction. This will take some time to work through but we are committed to doing so diligently.

We'd appreciate affirmation that you are willing to accept this role before we start that process. Thank you for your assistance. 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