



City Council

Special Recognition - Proclamation Recognizing the Year of the Salish Sea

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Recognize June 8, 2022 through June 7, 2023 as the year of the Salish Sea.

Report

Issue:

Whether to recognize June 8, 2022 through June 7, 2023 as the year of the Salish Sea.

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Presenter(s):

City Council

Kris Peters, Chairman Squaxin Island Tribe

Simran Sarai, Year of the Salish Sea Initiative Project Co-lead

Background and Analysis:

The Strait of Georgia, Strait of Juan de Fuca, and Puget Sound are collectively known as the Salish Sea. The Salish Sea has been home to and stewarded by the Coast Salish Nations since time immemorial.

The Salish Sea and its human and nonhuman inhabitants are experiencing unprecedented effects of climate change, undergoing a devastating loss of biodiversity. There are over 100 species of birds, fish, invertebrates, mammals, and key species including Salmon and the Southern Resident Killer Whales are at risk of extinction.

The Year of the Salish Sea (June 8, 2022 - June 7, 2023) is a youth-led effort that aims to bring together local tribes, municipalities, organizations, and individuals in the Salish Sea ecosystem

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region to strengthen existing efforts working towards a healthy Salish Sea.

Attachments:

Proclamation