

## **RESOLUTION NO. 1716**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SNOQUALMIE, WASHINGTON, APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE SNOQUALMIE WATERSHED FORUM**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Snoqualmie is within the Snoqualmie Watershed and within the management area of Water Resource Inventory Area 7 ("WRIA 7"); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Snoqualmie is one of the local and tribal governmental entities eligible for participation in the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum within WRIA 7 including King County; federally recognized Indian tribes located within WRIA 7; the Cities of Carnation, Duvall, North Bend, Snoqualmie, and Sammamish; and the Town of Skykomish (collectively "Parties"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties share interests in and responsibility for addressing long-term watershed planning, conservation, and improving watershed health; and

**WHEREAS**, Puget Sound Chinook salmon and bull trout, including the Snoqualmie and South Fork Skykomish populations, were listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in 1999 and steelhead trout were listed as threatened under the ESA in 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Snoqualmie recognizes that participation in the efforts to implement the WRIA 7 Plan demonstrates a commitment to work proactively to address the ESA listings; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Snoqualmie recognizes that achieving WRIA 7 salmon recovery and watershed health goals requires a recommitment to, and acceleration of, the collaborative implementation and funding of salmon and watershed conservation actions; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Snoqualmie was a party to the 2006-2010 Interlocal Agreement, a 2011-2015 extension and amendment to the Interlocal Agreement, and the 2016-2025 Interlocal Agreement to implement the WRIA 7 Plan and improve watershed health; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Snoqualmie wishes to continue the effort for identifying, coordinating and implementing habitat, water quality, flood hazard reduction, and water quantity projects at the watershed level under the terms of an interlocal agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Snoqualmie continues to have interest in achieving multiple benefits by integrating salmon recovery and watershed health projects and programs with other important resource considerations such as agriculture, forestry, biodiversity, wildlife, open space and recreation; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the City of Snoqualmie's goals includes the preservation of the Snoqualmie Valley's character while strengthening a vibrant city; and

**WHEREAS**, City of Snoqualmie recognizes and respect the present-day and historical importance of the watersheds; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Snoqualmie recognizes and values the present-day and historical connection of the City to the river and the natural resources of the Snoqualmie watershed; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Snoqualmie has an interest in participating in the Snohomish Basin Salmon Recovery Forum and other salmon recovery groups; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Snoqualmie has an interest in supporting implementation of the Puget Sound Partnership Action Agenda to restore the health of the Puget Sound as it relates to salmon recovery and watershed health; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Snoqualmie recognizes that addressing watershed issues and implementing salmon conservation and recovery actions may be carried out more efficiently if done on a cooperative basis:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SNOQUALMIE, WASHINGTON AS FOLLOWS:**

The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the 2026-2035 Interlocal Agreement For the Snoqualmie and South Fork Skykomish Watersheds within Water Resource Inventory Area 7.

**PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Snoqualmie, Washington, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

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Katherine Ross, Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to form:

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Deana Dean, City Clerk

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Dena Burke, City Attorney