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Tulalip Tribes

MEMORANDUM



DATE: March 3, 2025

TO: City of Carnation
City of Duvall
City of North Bend
City of Snoqualmie
Snoqualmie Tribe
Town of Skykomish
Tulalip Tribes

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FROM: Elissa Ostergaard, Salmon Recovery Manager, Snoqualmie Watershed Forum

RE: Transmittal of 2026-2035 Interlocal Agreement for the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum for Council Approval and Signatures

The Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between King County, Snoqualmie Tribe, Tulalip Tribes, the cities of Carnation, Duvall, North Bend and Snoqualmie and the Town of Skykomish was approved for transmittal to Councils for signatures by the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum on January 15, 2025. The ILA will extend this successful partnership for another ten years to December 31, 2035. I encourage each Council to take the necessary action to approve this new agreement before the end of July 2025. Following approval, please contact me to arrange for gathering electronic signatures using DocuSign.

The Snoqualmie Watershed Forum has been operating under consecutive ILAs since 2001 to jointly guide and implement actions for salmon recovery and watershed health in the King County portion of the Snohomish Basin, specifically in the Snoqualmie and South Fork Skykomish watersheds. This partnership has resulted in development of the Snohomish River Basin Salmon Conservation Plan in 2005 and the Snohomish Basin Protection plan in 2015; recommended over \$18 million to habitat, water quality, flood hazard reduction, and stewardship projects in the basin; fostered relationships and collaborative projects between landowners, non-governmental organizations, local governments and tribes; and representation of watershed priorities in regional processes with the Snohomish Basin Salmon Recovery Forum, Puget Sound Partnership, Sno-Stilly Local Integrated Organization, Department of Ecology's WRIA 7 Water Resource Enhancement Committee, Snoqualmie Fish Farm Flood, the Washington State Legislature and others.

The new 2026 ILA is largely consistent with the current ILA, with a few substantive changes made to streamline governance of the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum and make the document more consistent with the salmon recovery ILAs for the Lake Washington-Cedar-

Sammamish Salmon Recovery Council (WRIA 8) and the Green/Duwamish Watershed Ecosystem Forum (WRIA 9). This ILA was developed over the course of six months, and all eight parties to the agreement, along with their attorneys, were engaged via email and had opportunities to provide comment and discuss provisions at four meetings between September 2024 and January 2025.

Please contact me at (206) 477-4792 or elissa.ostergaard@kingcounty.gov if I can be of assistance.