

## **JOINT RESOLUTION**

### ***A Resolution Designating the Skagit Watershed Council as the Lead Entity and WRIAs 3 and 4 as the Habitat Restoration Project Area under ESHB 2496***

***WHEREAS***, the Washington State Legislature has found that repeated attempts to improve salmonid fish runs throughout the state have failed to avert listings of salmon and steelhead runs as threatened or endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act (hereinafter "ESA"), that there is a substantial link between the provisions of the federal Endangered Species Act and the Clean Water Act (hereinafter "CWA"), that habitat restoration is a vital component of salmon recovery efforts, and that a coordinated framework for responding to the salmon crisis is needed immediately;

***WHEREAS***, in response to those findings, the Washington State Legislature has passed ESHB 2496, which requires counties, cities and tribal governments to jointly designate by official resolution the area for which a habitat restoration project list is to be developed and the lead entity that is to be responsible for submitting a habitat restoration project list for a designated area;

***WHEREAS***, the Skagit Council of Governments (hereinafter "SCOG") is made up of the following members: Skagit County, the Cities of Anacortes, Mount Vernon, Burlington, Sedro Woolley, the Towns of LaConner Concrete Hamilton Lyman, the Port of Anacortes and the Port of Skagit County, and the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community;

***WHEREAS***, the Skagit System Cooperative represents the fisheries interests of the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe, and the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribes (hereinafter "the Three Tribes") ;

***WHEREAS***, the mission of the Skagit Watershed Council is to provide technical assistance, public outreach and education and a collaborate approach within the Skagit Watershed (WRIA 03 and 04) to understand, protect, and restore the production and productivity of healthy ecosystems in order to support sustainable fisheries;

***WHEREAS***, the Skagit Watershed Council has developed a voluntary restoration and protection strategy that provides protocols and criteria for the selection and endorsement of fisheries restoration projects;

***WHEREAS***, the Skagit Watershed Council is comprised of 28 organizations representing diverse interests throughout Skagit County;

*WHEREAS, the members of the SCOG and the Three Tribes recognize that the Skagit Watershed Council is best equipped to act as lead entity under ESHB 2496.*

*WHEREAS, the Skagit River watershed is made up of WRIAs 3 and 4 which comprise the same geographic area being addressed by the Skagit Watershed Council;*

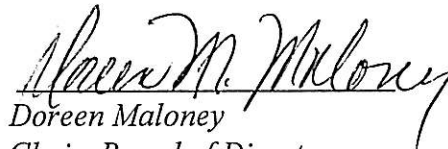
*WHEREAS, the members of the SCOG and the Three Tribes wish to designate the Skagit Watershed Council as the lead entity under ESHB 2496 for coordinating habitat restoration activities in the Skagit River watershed; **NOW THEREFORE,***

***BE IT RESOLVED** by the SCOG and the Three Tribes that the Skagit Watershed Council be designated the lead entity under ESHB 2496 for coordinating habitat restoration activities in the Skagit River; and*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the area for which a habitat restoration project list is to be developed is the Skagit River Watershed defined by WRIAs 3 and 4.*



Dean Maxwell,  
Chair  
Skagit Council of Governments



Doreen Maloney  
Chair, Board of Directors  
Skagit System Cooperative

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**Pete Kremen**  
County Executive

August 19, 1998

Ms. Shirley Solomon, Chair  
Skagit Watershed Council  
1972 Polson Road  
Mt. Vernon, WA 98273

Dear Ms. Solomon:

RE: Lead Agency for Watershed Planning Under ESHB 2496, WRIAs 3 and 4

Dear Mr. Phillips:

This letter is presented as an attachment to an application for a Watershed Planning Grant covering WRIAs 3 and 4 under ESHB 2496.

As Whatcom County Executive, I affirm that Whatcom County concurs with the designation of the Skagit Watershed Council as the lead agency for the purpose of receiving and administering a Watershed Planning Grant under ESHB 2496.

Should you have any questions regarding this concurrence letter, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Pete Kremen  
County Executive

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**Snohomish County, Washington**

Motion No. 98-241

**A MOTION DESIGNATING WRIA 4 AS THE AREA FOR WHICH A HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECT LIST WILL BE DEVELOPED, AND ALSO DESIGNATING THE SKAGIT WATERSHED COUNCIL TO APPLY FOR AN ESHB 2496 LEAD ENTITY GRANT.**

Whereas, the proposed listing of Puget Sound Chinook salmon for protection under the federal Endangered Species Act requires coordinated action among state, local and tribal governments together with business interests, property owners and citizens; and

Whereas, ESHB 2496 has been enacted by the legislature to identify salmon habitat restoration projects and to provide grants to lead entities designated by official resolution of cities, counties, and tribal governments; and

Whereas, Snohomish County desires to participate in salmon restoration projects in Water Resources Inventory Area 4.

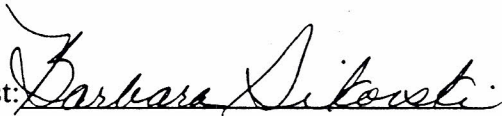
NOW THEREFORE, ON MOTION,

1. The Snohomish County Council hereby designates WRIA 4 as the geographic area for which a habitat restoration project list is to be developed pursuant to ESHB 2496, and
2. The Snohomish County Council hereby designates the Skagit Watershed Council as lead entity under ESHB 2496, and includes authority to submit a lead entity grant application.

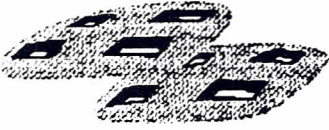
Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1998.

THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL

  
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Kirke Sievers, Chair

Attest:   
Assistant Clerk of the Council

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*Samish Indian Nation*  
OF WASHINGTON

Resolution # 98-08-005

**A Resolution Designating the Skagit Watershed Council as the Lead Entity and Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 3 and 4 as the Habitat Restoration Project Area under Engrossed Substitute House Bill (ESHB) 2496**

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Legislature has found that repeated attempts to improve salmonid fish runs through the state have failed to avert listings of salmon and steelhead runs a threatened or endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act hereinafter "ESA"), that there is a substantial link between the provisions of the federal Endangered Species Act and the Clean Water Act (hereinafter "CWA"), that habitat restoration is a vital component of salmon recovery efforts, and that a coordinated framework for responding to the salmon crisis is needed immediately;

**WHEREAS**, in response to those findings, the Washington State Legislature has passed ESHB 2496, which requires counties, cities and tribal governments to jointly designate by official resolution the area for which a habitat restoration project list is to be developed and the lead entity that is to be responsible for submitting a habitat restoration project list for a designated area;

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council of the Samish Indian Nation is the duly constituted Governing Body of the Samish Indian Nation, in accordance with Articles III and VI of the Samish Constitution;

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council of the Samish Indian Nation acting in the best interest of its people is embarked on a course of self-determination;

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Skagit Watershed Council is to provide technical assistance, public outreach and education and a collaborative approach within the Skagit Watershed (WRIA 3 and 4) to understand, protect, and restore the production and productivity of healthy ecosystems in order to support sustainable fisheries;

**WHEREAS**, the Skagit Watershed Council has developed a voluntary restoration and protection strategy that provides protocols and criteria for the selection and endorsement of fisheries restoration projects;

**WHEREAS**, the Skagit Watershed Council is comprised of 28 organizations representing diverse interests throughout Skagit County;

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council of the Samish Indian Nation recognize that the Skagit Watershed Council is best equipped to act as lead entity under ESHB 2496;

**WHEREAS**, the Skagit River watershed is made up of WRIs 3 and 4 which comprise the same geographic area being addressed by the Skagit Watershed Council;

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council of the Samish Indian Nation wish to designate the Skagit Watershed Council as the lead entity under ESHB 2496 for coordinating habitat restoration activities in the Skagit River watershed;



# Samish Indian Nation

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**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the Samish Indian Nation that the Skagit Watershed Council be designated the lead entity under ESHB 2496 for coordinating habitat restoration activities in the Skagit River; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the area for which a habitat restoration project list is to be developed is the Skagit River Watershed, defined by WRIAs 3 and 4.

## CERTIFICATION

This Resolution was adopted at a Regular Council meeting held on Aug 23, 1998, at which a quorum was present, and the Resolution was adopted by a vote of 9 FOR, 0 AGAINST, and 0 ABSTAINING, the Chairman or Vice-Chairman being authorized to sign the Resolution.

Kenneth C. Hansen  
Chair  
Samish Indian Nation

Dee Branson  
Secretary  
Samish Indian Nation