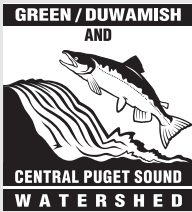


WATER RESOURCE INVENTORY AREA 9 (WRIA 9) FORUM



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Dear WRIA 9 Local Governments,

The WRIA 9 Forum of local governments acknowledges receipt of the *Near-Term Action Agenda* for salmon habitat conservation for the Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound Watershed (WRIA 9) and commends the WRIA 9 Steering Committee for this valuable document.

The Forum thanks the Steering Committee, its various committees, and members of the public for their efforts on the *NTAA*. The Forum particularly appreciates the effort by the Steering Committee to identify priority actions that are both *doable* and certain to benefit salmon. This practical, science-based focus maximizes the likelihood that each member government will find recommendations in the *NTAA* that it can and will carry out over the next 2-4 years

The Forum will encourage each jurisdiction to use the *Near-Term Action Agenda* to inform or guide its actions that affect or focus on salmon habitat conservation. The Forum will also encourage each jurisdiction to:

- Fully review the *NTAA*;
- Identify those WRIA-wide and subwatershed actions that are relevant to its activities;
- Determine when and how to implement those actions, looking for opportunities to carry out actions cooperatively where feasible, efficient, and desirable;
- Carry out those actions in the next 2-4 years as resources allow; and
- Participate in the annual reporting on implementation to the WRIA 9 Steering Committee.

To accomplish these recommendations, Watershed Coordination Services staff will be available to brief councils and/or staff on the *NTAA* upon request.

Once again, we wish to thank the Steering Committee for the *Near-Term Action Agenda* for salmon habitat conservation and we encourage each member government to act on its recommendations.

Sincerely,

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Mayor, City of Tukwila

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