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MEMORANDUM

Date: June 4, 2020

TO: NOAA-Fisheries, Protected Resources Division
Local salmon recovery partners

From: Steve Todd, Salmon Recovery Biologist, Suquamish Tribe

Subject: Completion and Release of East Kitsap Steelhead Recovery Plan

The Suquamish Tribe announces the completion and release of the East Kitsap Demographically Independent Population Steelhead Recovery Plan (EK DIP Recovery Plan). The EK DIP Recovery Plan describes current ecological and habitat conditions and those necessary to recover and sustain a viable East Kitsap DIP. This plan is the result of a collaborative effort of the Suquamish Tribe and partners in our salmon recovery lead entity and the local integrating organization of the West Central Action Area. The Tribe consulted with fisheries co-managers (including WDFW and NWIFC) and NOAA-Fisheries in development of EK steelhead population goals. For other major parts of the plan, including habitat goals, priority pressures, and recovery strategies, the Tribe engaged local partners and stakeholders using a series of workshops and focused workgroups. The Tribe solicited written and verbal comments on a March 2, 2020 review draft of the EK DIP Recovery Plan and during a final presentation and workshop on March 11, 2020. A summary table of those comments and how they were addressed is provided as Appendix D of the final Plan.

Attached to this memo are an Executive Summary, the full East Kitsap DIP Recovery Plan (including appendices), and a summary of the major steps involved in the process of developing the East Kitsap Steelhead Recovery Plan, including workshops and participation from individuals and their organizations.

With the recovery plan now completed, local partners are preparing and planning next steps, including collaboration with many of the WSPER entities and NOAA in implementing the strategies, actions, and monitoring that will put steelhead on the road to recovery in the East Kitsap DIP.

Questions or requests for more information should be directed to Steve Todd, Suquamish Tribe (stodd@suquamish.nsn.us, 360-865-0615).

Enclosures: Executive Summary
Puget Sound Steelhead East Kitsap DIP Recovery Plan - FINAL
Summary of project milestones and local engagement