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RE: Notice of Proposed County Ordinance which may Affect Fishing Rights

Dear Mr. Young:

The King County Code requires the Department of Development and Environmental Services ("DDES") to notify you of any departmental action which may affect your treaty fishing rights including "development of wetlands, stream and river banks, lakeshore habitat of water bodies or development directly or indirectly affecting anadromous bearing water bodies." Such actions encompass the adoption of ordinances. To satisfy this requirement, DDES is hereby notifying you of the following:

The Department intends to forward three ordinances to the Metropolitan King County Council for consideration and adoption. These proposed ordinances relate to King County's critical area, stormwater, and clearing and grading regulations. The proposed revisions are designed to implement the King County Comprehensive Plan and Washington's Growth Management Act. Since King County last undertook a major evaluation of its environmental regulations, state and federal laws have changed. King County is now required to base regulations on the best available science. In addition, the federal government has listed Chinook salmon and bull trout as threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. The County and it's citizens must avoid harm to these listed species. These proposed regulations also address new standards for stormwater management required by the federal Clean Water Act. These ordinances have undergone a best available science analysis and assessment of risk. These documents will be posted on County's Website when the ordinances are forwarded to the Council.

It is expected that these ordinances will be transmitted to the King County Council in February 2004. The Council will review and consider the proposed ordinance as part of the public legislative process.

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By sending this notice, DDES is in no way making any claims as to whether the above-described ordinances will, in fact, have any affect upon your tribe's fishing rights. In satisfying the notice requirement, the department has chosen to be over-inclusive rather than under-inclusive in selecting proposed ordinances to report.

These proposed ordinances are located on the Department's Internet site at <a href="http://www.metrokc.gov/ddes/cao">http://www.metrokc.gov/ddes/cao</a>. If you do not have Internet access at home or work, King County libraries provide public access to the Internet. You also may receive a copy of the draft proposed ordinance by mail by calling (206) 296-6709.

Sincerely,

Barbara Heavey, Project Manager

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