

Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE authorizing the county executive to execute an interlocal agreement among King County and the cities of Bellevue, Redmond, Issaquah and Sammamish and the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe for the purpose of committing to proactively work together to address habitat recovery needs of Lake Sammamish kokanee salmon.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. Since 2007, the cities of Bellevue, Redmond, Issaquah and Sammamish, the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe and King County ("the parties") have participated as voluntary members of the Lake Sammamish Kokanee Work Group to develop kokanee recovery strategies and coordinate with local, state, federal and tribal agencies as well as nongovernmental organizations.
2. The parties share an interest and responsibility for addressing long-term watershed planning and conservation for the Lake Sammamish Watershed, which lies within the aboriginal territory of the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe.
3. A population of kokanee salmon is native to this watershed, along with other species of salmon and trout, all of which are historically significant to the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe and other Indian tribes for fishing and cultural purposes.
4. Kokanee salmon have resided in the Lake Sammamish Watershed since time immemorial, and in recent times their populations have declined significantly in abundance, diversity and distribution.

5. The parties recognize and respect the present-day and historic importance of kokanee salmon to cultural, economic and customary purposes, including tribal customs.
6. The parties recognize that crossjurisdictional efforts, including habitat restoration, land protection and regulatory, operational and educational programs, help support the habitat and continued survival of kokanee salmon.
7. The parties have an interest in maximizing the achievement of multiple benefits by integrating salmon recovery planning and actions with those supporting floodplain management, water quality, open space and recreation.
8. The parties recognize that state, federal and tribal wildlife management agencies play unique and necessary roles in conserving and managing fishery resources, have participated in and funded kokanee salmon recovery and monitoring actions and will continue to participate in recovery efforts in the future.
9. The parties recognize that identification of watershed issues, and implementation of salmon conservation and recovery actions may be carried out more effectively and efficiently if done cooperatively than if carried out separately and independently.
10. The parties recognize their participation in the agreement demonstrates their commitment to proactively working to address habitat recovery needs of Lake Sammamish kokanee salmon.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. The county executive is authorized to execute an agreement, substantially in the form of Attachment A to this ordinance, with the cities of Bellevue, Redmond, Issaquah and Sammamish and the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe to address habitat recovery needs of Lake Sammamish kokanee salmon.