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Sent: Monday, May 20, 2013 12:37 PM
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Subject: FW: ECA update comments
Attachments: SnoqualmieTribe_comments_Samm_CAO.pdf

Public Comment

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Effective March 1st, my email address is: emaxim@sammamish.us. Emails sent to my old email address are being forwarded temporarily, however please update your email address for me accordingly.

From: Matthew Baerwalde [mailto:Mattb@snoqualmietribe.us]
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2013 11:54 AM
To: ECA@sammamish.us; Evan Maxim
Subject: ECA update comments

Hello,

Please find comments on the City's proposed Critical Areas Regulations update attached. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

Sincerely,

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EXHIBIT NO. EC60



May 20, 2013

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Re: Proposed Updates to the City of Sammamish Critical Areas Regulations

Dear Mr. Maxim:

As the city updates its Critical Areas Regulations, the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe submits the following requests and pertinent considerations. As you know, the Snoqualmie People have occupied the Snoqualmie Valley and the lands surrounding Lake Sammamish since time immemorial. We now participate with the City of Sammamish and many others in the collaborative efforts of the Lake Sammamish Kokanee Work Group to save Lake Sammamish kokanee from extirpation. It is in this collaborative spirit that we ask the City to develop and adopt CAO updates that enable maintenance and support of habitat conditions that will help conserve kokanee.

Such updates would protect streams and other aquatic habitat from changes to the hydrologic regime. They would prevent high channel-scouring flows that would jeopardize kokanee egg-to-fry survival. They would avoid or minimize delivery and transport of sediment to stream channels above natural levels. They would protect wide buffers of vegetation around streams and wetlands, and prevent or minimize pollution of streams or lakes.

Perhaps most importantly, please note that the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe strongly objects to the filling of wetlands of any size or condition without mitigation. Best Available Science does not support such un-mitigated filling of wetlands. Wetlands, even small, degraded ones, are hugely important in attenuating potential scouring stream flows. They also help to capture and filter pollutants from run-off. Often, the small, degraded wetlands in the urban environment have the most opportunity to perform water quality and hydrologic functions, due to their position in the developed landscape. They serve important functions which should be protected, and without which the ecology of the Lake Sammamish basin will suffer.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment. The Snoqualmie Indian Tribe looks forward to continuing to work with the City of Sammamish to protect Lake Sammamish and its greater basin.

Sincerely,


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