

FOR DISCUSSION

Snohomish Basin Salmon Recovery Forum Meeting: February 2, 2017

Topic: **Forum support for the 2017-2019 WA Conservation Commission state budget request.**

REQUEST: Snohomish Conservation District has requested a letter of support from the Forum for the WA State Conservation Commission budget request .

Background:

The CD requested at the January 2017 PDC meeting, Forum support for the WA State Conservation Commission budget request, highlighting items that are important to salmon recovery (e.g., \$5m for Conservation Technical Assistance, \$7.5m for Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (riparian buffer), and \$9m in state match for the \$23m in federal funds tied to the Regional Conservation Partnership Program).

PDC members advised that Forum support for the Conservation Commission budget, if given, should be provided in a separate letter from the letter supporting specific salmon recovery programs.