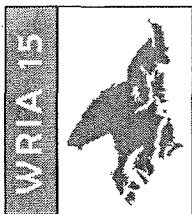


Kitsap Peninsula Watershed Planning Unit Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 15

Working to create a practical plan to sustainably manage water resources for people, fish, and wildlife.



Members

Counties

King County
Kitsap County
Mason County
Pierce County

Tribes

Port Gamble
S'Klallam Tribe
Skokomish Tribe
Squaxin Island
Tribe
Suquamish Tribe

Cities

City of Bainbridge
Island
City of Bremerton
City of Gig Harbor
City of Port
Orchard
City of Poulsbo

Special Purpose

Districts

Annapolis Water
District
Kitsap Public
Utilities District
North Perry Water
District
Silverdale Water
District

Stakeholder

Caucuses

Business:

*Homebuilders
Association of
Kitsap County*

Citizens At Large:

*King Co. Citizens
Kitsap Co. Citizens
Mason Co. Citizens
Pierce Co. Citizens*

Environmental:

*Key Peninsula-Gig
Harbor-Islands
Watershed Council,
and Hood Canal
Environmental
Council*

Fisheries:

*Chums of Barker
Creek*

Property Rights:

*Kitsap Alliance of
Property Owners*

Recreation:

*McCormick Land
Company*

Timber/Agriculture:

*Alpine-Evergreen,
Inc., and Overton &
Associates*

Water Purveyors I:

*Washington Water
Services, Inc.*

Water Purveyors II:

*Manchester Water
District*

A Resolution among Local Elected Officials in Support of Improving Water Resource Management Throughout the Kitsap Peninsula and Islands

PREAMBLE. Elected officials from tribes, counties, cities, and special purpose districts throughout WRIA 15 met on March 1, 2005 at the Kiana Lodge to discuss water resource issues. The meeting was marked by a spirit of unity, hope, listening, collaboration, and goodwill. Those assembled at Kiana Lodge heard heartening statements that demonstrated their concerns and needs of their constituents were being taken seriously. Among these concerns were the need to support harvestable numbers of fish, the need to provide water to a growing population, and the need to provide water to urban growth areas.

This Resolution is in response to a call for elected officials to spell out our shared water resource goals, to demonstrate our determination to amiably resolve water resource issues, and to build on the momentum generated at Kiana Lodge.

We, elected officials from throughout the Kitsap Peninsula and Islands, in order to improve water resource management for our citizens, our environment and that of our posterity to the seventh generation, commit ourselves to the goals and ideals expressed in this Resolution.

WHEREAS, water is a life-giving necessity upon which our civilization, ecosystem, and economy depends, and

WHEREAS, fresh water is a limited resource for which there is a growing demand, and

WHEREAS, water plays a prominent role in the quality of life enjoyed by our citizens, the beauty of our communities, and the abundance of natural resources, and

WHEREAS, the existing framework of allocating water resources, based largely upon 19th century law and concepts, creates complexity to resolving contemporary water resource issues, and

WHEREAS, the *value* of water is not reflected in the *cost* of water under our current economic system thereby adding additional complexity to resolving water resource issues, and

WHEREAS, in 2000 local jurisdictions agreed to seek solutions to local water resource issues through the consensus-based water resource planning process described in Chapter 90.82 RCW, and

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WHEREAS, the water resource planning process under Chapter 90.82 RCW and agreed to by local jurisdictions is not intended to formally determine or resolve any legal dispute about water rights under state or federal law or Indian Treaty. Rather, this process is an alternative, designed to cooperatively plan and manage the uses of the Kitsap Peninsula and Islands' water resources; and

WHEREAS, the WRIA 15 Planning Unit after four years of diligent work has created the "WRIA 15 Watershed Plan, Public Review Draft" and a list of "Unresolved Issues," and

WHEREAS, the draft Watershed Plan contains several components addressing several important water resource issues which have gained the apparent unanimous support of the Planning Unit, including Monitoring, the need for Water Conservation, Public Education, Water Re-use, and Stormwater Management; and

WHEREAS, additional state funding to help implement the Watershed Plan would likely maintain the momentum and focus created by the Planning Unit's efforts to craft the Watershed Plan. Without such funding the focus and momentum would likely be lost; and

WHEREAS, successful watershed planning requires broad participation of governmental entities with an interest in water within WRIA 15, working together to resolve water resource issues through listening, understanding each others' concerns, and goodwill;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we commit to our common goal of sustainably managing water resources for people, fish, and wildlife.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, as leaders of entities interested in water resources management, we commit to reaching our common goal by

- Remaining personally engaged in water resource management policy decision making, seeking solutions that address underlying causes whenever possible;
- Listening, understanding others' concerns, sharing views, promoting goodwill, and working together;
- Seeking consensus-based solutions that respect the rights and needs of all entities; and
- Continuing to give water resource issues the priority they deserve.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, as participants in the WRIA 15 watershed planning process, we commit to

- Maintaining current momentum and focus by continuing to seek consensus for a WRIA 15 Watershed Plan that includes as many components as possible;
- Seeking funding to fully implement the approved WRIA 15 Watershed Plan, and
- Seeking to build broad-based support for collaborative water resource management.

AFFIRMED on this 23rd day of March, 2005.

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Chris Endresen, Commissioner, Kitsap County

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