



# Samish Indian Nation

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Amy Jankowiak  
Department of Ecology, NW Regional Office  
Water Quality Program  
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Dear Amy,

I am writing to you today to express the support of the Samish Indian Nation in your agency's efforts to designate the US portion of the Salish Sea as a "No Discharge Zone".

The Samish People have been stewards of the land and waters in and around the San Juan Archipelago for hundreds of generations. Samish's connection to the natural resources of the Salish Sea run deep and are indistinguishable from our identity as a tribal people. Our efforts continue today through the efforts of the Samish Nation's Department of Natural Resources and their restoration, marine debris clean up and research activities, and by supporting efforts aimed at protecting the waters and habitats of our Traditional Territory.

With this in mind, we very much support Ecology's efforts to eliminate the discharge of sewage in the waters of the Salish Sea and the issues that such pollution has in our environment.

Regards,

Thomas D. Wooten  
Chairman