

Washington Resource Conservation and Development Council

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Puget Sound Nutrient General Permit Preliminary Draft.

The Washington RC&D (WRC&D) supports the permit and its goal of nutrient reduction in Puget Sound.

In particular the permit mentions in C.2., utilizing a Regional Collaboration for Technology Exploration, " . . . to collaboratively investigate and share information on the advancement in technology for nutrient removal. In concept, a neutral third party would convene utilities, environmental groups, Tribes, federal and state agencies and facilitate the investigation of advancements in nutrient removal technology. . . "

The Washington RC&D facilitate collaborative efforts like these for watershed restoration, forest health, climate resilience, and salmon recovery and we can attest to the value of 3rd party facilitation for accelerated understanding and action.

Thank you for the hard work developing the draft permit and for including collaborative capacity in the potential implementation of nutrient reduction in Puget Sound.

Please feel welcome to reach out to us with any questions about our experiences with collaboration building processes.

Sincerely,

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