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Working to ensure a Duwamish River cleanup that is accepted by and benefits the community and protects fish, wildlife and human health.

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Carol Lumb
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RE: Tukwila Shoreline Master Plan

Dear Ms. Lumb:

Since 2001, the Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition (DRCC) has worked to ensure that the Duwamish River Superfund cleanup restores environmental health and protects people who use the river, while reflecting the priorities, values and will of the people who live and work in the Duwamish area. DRCC supports the goals outlined in the WRIA 9 Chinook Salmon Recovery Plan in response to the listing of Puget Sound Chinook as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

Tukwila is located within the Duwamish transition zone (i.e. fresh water/salt water mixing zone) essential to juvenile salmon in their transition from fresh to salt water. The Duwamish transition zone is the high priority protection and restoration area within WRIA 9.

We know from the extensive ecological and economic evaluations done in support of the WRIA 9 Plan that protection and restoration in the urban area provides valuable ecological goods and services at a lower cost than engineered solutions such as storm water facilities. It is therefore essential that shoreline regulations provide opportunities for buffers, riparian vegetation, levee setbacks, and low impact development (e.g. pervious pavement). It is for these reasons that DRCC supports the draft Tukwila SMP.

Reducing the amount of shoreline armoring will provide opportunities for shallow water habitat and riparian planting. We strongly support the buffer widths in section 10.9 (C) Wetland Watercourse, and Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Area Buffers. Buffers that protect ESA listed species such as Chinook salmon are key to reducing the impact of urban development on salmon and other aquatic resources.

Thank you for an opportunity to comment on the Tukwila Shoreline Master Plan.

Sincerely,
BJ Cummings
Coordinator
Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition

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