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RE: SRFB proposal - 15-1239 Resident Chinook Ecology in San Juan Islands

As supervisor of the Ecosystem Processes Research Team for the Watershed Program in the Fish Ecology Division, I fully support Joshua Chamberlin's contribution to the proposed work on resident Chinook salmon in the San Juan Islands. Joshua has been involved in numerous research efforts exploring resident Chinook salmon throughout Puget Sound. The proposed research will provide additional information vital to both local and regional recovery efforts.

The NWFSC is committed to supporting projects associated with the Salish Sea Marine Survival Project. As a member of the SSMSP technical team, Joshua has helped develop the research plan and will continue to incorporate his research efforts into the overall project with full support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy Beechie".

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