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## **Reference: Cowling Creek Fish Passage Improvements**

Dear Ms. Berejikian:

I'd like to take this opportunity to offer support to the Suquamish Tribe and Mid-Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group's (MPSSEG) efforts to enhance the Cowling Creek watershed. It's my understanding that the Tribe and MPSSEG are pursuing a grant to complete a design report on the crossing of Cowling Creek and Miller Bay Road NE. I believe that this information will be a useful first step in better refining the project challenges and costs. The report will also be useful when exploring opportunities for future design and construction funding.

This crossing has been identified as a partial barrier to fish migration and the County supports any efforts to improve habitat and fish passage. The only condition placed on this work is that Miller Bay Road NE remains open during construction and any work within the right of way meets the requirements of the County Road Standards.

We applaud the project partner's initiative and look forward to working collectively to make this project a success. Please let me know if there are questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Jonathon Brand, P.E.  
County Engineer

