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As Science Director for Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), Fish Program, I want to express my strong support for the Long Live the Kings proposal to investigate the ecology or resident Chinook in the San Juan Islands. This is an important contribution to the Salish Sea Marine Survival Project and I fully support the roles of the WDFW employees identified in this proposal.

The proposed project is critical for understanding the contribution of resident Chinook in maintaining the viability of Puget Sound Chinook populations.

In addition, the proposed project will provide further insight to the role of marine survival for Chinook as they migrate through and reside in Puget Sound.
The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is committed to supporting projects associated with the Salish Sea Marine Survival Project to ensure, not only the viability of salmon and steelhead, but also the long term health of Puget Sound.

As a member of the Salish Sea Marine Survival Project Coordination Committee, I thank you for considering this letter of support.

Sincerely,

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