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2127 8th Ave, Longview WA 98632

March 11, 2016

The Honorable Frank Cox
City of Stevenson
P.O. Box 371
Stevenson, WA 98648

Dear Mayor Cox:

The Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board (LCFRB) invites the Mayors from Southwest Washington to elect a representative to the LCFRB. State law provides for one Board member to be selected from among the cities of the Lower Columbia salmon recovery region. We are seeking someone who is willing and able to represent the interests of the region's cities in implementing salmon recovery efforts. Our Board's long-range salmon recovery and watershed management plans are available on-line at www.lcfrb.gen.wa.us.

The LCFRB encompasses five counties including Clark, Cowlitz, Lewis, Skamania, and Wahkiakum. The 15-member Board, established by RCW 77.85.200 includes representatives from the legislature, city and county governments, the Cowlitz Indian Tribe, citizens and private property interests, hydro-power operators, and the environmental community.

The Board leads the coordinated implementation of locally-driven salmon recovery and watershed management plans designed to restore at-risk fish and ensure our communities have clean water, healthy forests, working farms, and thriving rural and urban communities into the future. The Board has worked hard to develop a credible program that has been recognized as a State leader in integrating natural resource management. And we need your help to ensure the cities' voice is heard.

Since its inception in 1998, the Board has secured over \$62 million in state and federal grant awards to help local jurisdictions and volunteer organizations implement restoration projects who have matched these grants with over \$20 million in cash and in-kind contributions. To date we have seen more than 300 projects implemented that are making a significant impact in restoring our watersheds.

If you would like additional information on the LCFRB's program, Board member Dennis Weber (past cities' representative and current commissioner representative) is available to answer your questions. Feel free to contact him at 360 355-5523 or weberd@co.cowlitz.wa.us.

If you would like to nominate a mayor or council member for this position, please forward the person's statement of interest and a brief background **by March 23, 2016** to info@lcfrb.gen.wa.us.

Once we have received all the nominations we will be in touch with you to coordinate the election.

My sincere thanks for your help in this important matter,

Tom Linde
Chairman, LCFRB
Skamania County Citizen Representative