

## Snohomish Sustainable Lands Strategy

*Working together for fish, farm, water net gain*

September 14, 2016

Dear Members of the Snohomish County Farm Bureau:

On behalf of the Snohomish Sustainable Lands Strategy (SLS) and our farm-fish-flood control partners, we want to express our gratitude to you for co-hosting the groundbreaking Farm-to-Table dinner August 16<sup>th</sup> and the expressions of readiness to participate in collaborative stewardship of our resource lands and waters.

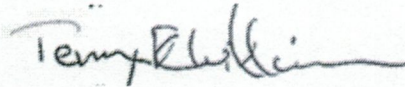
We recognize there has been a history of conflict between tribes and farmers, fish and flood control interests, especially within our floodplains and estuaries where competing mandates sometimes collide. The SLS is based on the principle that we can make more progress working together than fighting it out in courtrooms and political processes. And we are making progress through honest discussion of the issues and working together on common needs, such as long-term protection of farmland and other resource lands, streamlining and rationalizing regulations, and rewarding good stewardship and broadly supported initiatives. We welcome your participation and value what you can bring to our table for the farm community and for wise stewardship of our lands and waters.

Thank you for your financial generosity in helping to host the Farm-to-Table dinner and for the generosity of spirit needed to get beyond historic conflicts to a point where farm, fish, and flood control interests can work together for the common good.

Sincerely,



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Terry Williams  
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