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Dear Friends,

I wish I could be with you here today as you celebrate this landmark moment for the Puget Sound region. The approval of this salmon recovery plan marks the culmination of years of hard work by local communities to develop a plan to bring salmon back to the Puget Sound.

Shared Strategy brought together hundreds of people from all around the Puget Sound to get behind a common cause. It's an inspiring example of what can happen when communities have the vision—and the initiative—to find collaborative solutions to their problems.

I am proud to be your partner at the federal level, and I will continue my commitment to working to secure funding to help make Puget Sound salmon recovery a reality.

Congratulations to everyone who has worked so hard to bring us to this day. It is inspiring to see that the issue of salmon recovery is bringing people together, rather than driving them apart.

Sincerely,



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