

## **Lummi Nation's Request for City Water Service**

The City seeks to partner with the Lummi Nation on regional economic development plans and environmental goals, so that the provision of water to the Lummi Nation can be better aligned with the City's best interests. Initial steps of mutual support and cooperation could include:

### **Potential Lummi Nation Interests**

- The City provides wholesale water for the Lummi Nation's proposed development on its trust land near I-5
- The City supports the Lummi Nation's efforts to quantify its water right on the Nooksack River
- The City supports the Lummi Nation's interest in increasing harvestable salmon from dedicated fisheries to mid-1980 levels in the near term, while continuing with long-term habitat restoration goals
- The City supports the Lummi Nation's interest in improvement of fish passage at the Middle Fork intake and is receiving funding from American Rivers and the Paul Allen Foundation for design and permitting towards that end
- The City provides urban level services, as requested by the Lummi Nation, (with appropriate fees) to all annexed trust land, thereby increasing economies of scale and reducing expensive duplicative services

### **City of Bellingham Interests**

- The Lummi Nation supports the Department of Ecology's approved cleanups for the Cornwall Avenue Landfill, R.G. Haley, and South State Street MGP sites, including associated habitat restoration
- The Lummi Nation supports the City's construction of the Over Water Walkway, as long as the City fully mitigates for all environmental impacts as required by local, state, and federal law
- The Lummi Nation supports the City's repair and development of the Tilbury Cement Plant Dock, as long as the City fully mitigates for all environmental impacts as required by local, state, and federal law
- The Lummi Nation supports the City's establishment of additional points of diversion and the addition of irrigation as a use for the City's Nooksack River water right
- The Lummi Nation supports the City's development and operation of wetland mitigation program
- The Lummi Nation supports the City's annexation of trust land located in the UGA and served by City water