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Appeal Details

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Decision Elements: OSP FEIS;

Interest: Protecting the 73 remaining Southern resident killer whales from increased pollution that will be created but the One Seattle Plan and failure of the Final Environmental Statement to adequately protect the SRKWS by requiring the City of Seattle to follow the federal NOAA Southern Resident Killer Whale Recovery Guidelines of 2008.

Objections: There is no plan to protect and retain the most powerful bio-remediators and bioretainers, large trees, from development and there is no alternative listed that will adequately replace the polluted stormwater filtration currently performed by large trees. Saplings take over 25 years to provide the same bioremediation and bio retention as mature trees. Portland has completed their response the the 2019 middle housing bill by creating a large tree ordinance by recognizing large trees provided over 59% of the ecological benefit. The FEIS has many inaccuracies including incorrectly assessing Elliott Bay Water Quality, identifying ESA listed species, and states it's not feasible to maintain past species population numbers in the future which is untrue. King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, the USDA, and the EPA all report and recommend using large trees for the most effective stormwater pollutant filtration and reduction. KCDNRP states polluted runoff is the leading cause of pollution in Puget Sound.

Desired Relief: Require the retention of trees greater than 20" with intelligent building design. This can be achieved without impeding affordable housing development. Study the impacts of the new One Seattle Plan zoning including large tree removals relating to polluted runoff on the Southern Resident Killer Whales. Follow the federal NOAA Southern Resident Killer Whale Recovery Guidelines and Southern Resident Killer Whale Recovery Plan including the impacts of increased stormwater from tree removals on the SRKWs. The NOAA Southern Resident Killer Whale Recovery Plan states that pollution is one of their top threats and areas of higher population must take greater measures to reduce polluted runoff.

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