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Puget Sound Partnership

To Whom it May Concern,

This letter is to express my support and intent to collaborate on the proposed project "Maximizing returns on investing in barrier culvert removal in Washington State," led by Sunny Jardine and the University of Washington and submitted in response to the Puget Sound Partnership's 2021 request for proposals under the Integrated Socio-Ecological Systems project type.

The project is aligned with the mission of NOAA Fisheries and the research objectives set out by the Northwest Fisheries Science Center, where I serve as an Economist and conduct research primarily on the economics of salmon recovery. The proposed research is well integrated with, and builds upon work being done at Northwest Fisheries Science Center and I am excited at the prospect of participating in the proposed project should it be funded.

Sincerely,

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