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Save Our wild Salmon Coalition ♦ Spokane Riverkeeper
Washington Chapter Sierra Club ♦ Washington Conservation Voters
Washington Environmental Council ♦ Wild Fish Conservancy
Wild Steelhead Coalition ♦ Wild Washington Rivers**

January 13, 2014

Governor Jay Inslee
Office of the Governor
PO Box 40002
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Dear Governor Inslee:

The undersigned leaders and organizations are writing to communicate our strong, enthusiastic support for the re-appointment of Phil Rockefeller to a new term as a member of the Northwest Power and Conservation Council representing the interests of Washington State and its citizens. Councilmember Rockefeller has a long, successful career as a public servant and he has proven himself a highly effective, conscientious, and accessible member of the Council. We strongly urge his re-appointment in early 2014 so that Washington State and the Council may continue to benefit from his excellent judgment, high energy, and expertise.

Councilmember Rockefeller is committed to achieving the Council's mission of ensuring an affordable, reliable energy system while enhancing fish and wildlife in the Columbia Basin. As Chair of the Fish and Wildlife Committee this past year, he has demonstrated a strong interest in addressing the concerns of the Independent Scientific Advisory Board in its Review of the *2009 Fish and Wildlife Program* as the Council undertakes the development of an amended 2014 Program.

Councilmember Rockefeller is thoughtful and deliberative. In our work with him through the years, he has always placed great value on asking questions, seeking information, understanding others' perspectives and concerns, and thoroughly examining the issues before him and their broader implications for the region. Science in particular plays an essential role in guiding the Council's priorities and activities. Councilmember Rockefeller consistently shows a commitment to both understanding scientific issues and engaging scientists to review proposals and programs and inform Council decision-making.

Councilmember Rockefeller is also keenly aware of the realities and risks of climate change to the ecology and economy of the Columbia Basin and the Pacific Northwest. We greatly appreciate his active support for policies aimed at both stopping climate change by reducing carbon production in the region as well as mitigating its inevitable effects.

We are very grateful for Councilmember Rockefeller's values, intelligence, accessibility, and commitment to bringing people together to promote understanding, resolve differences, and solve problems. We strongly support his re-appointment to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council.

Thank you for considering our views in this matter. Please contact us if you have questions or would like to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

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