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Amendment 1

to

RES 32031 – WRIA 9

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Duwamish Basin Steward

Beginning on p. 3 of Resolution 32031, make the following changes:

WHEREAS, the WRIA 9 Plan recognizes that salmon recovery is a long-term effort, and focuses on a ten-year implementation time horizon to allow for evaluation of progress and adaptation of goals and implementation strategies; and

WHEREAS, it is important to provide jurisdictions, the private sector, and the public with certainty and predictability regarding salmon recovery actions in WRIA 9; and

<u>MHEREAS</u>, the WRIA 9 Watershed Ecosystem Forum supports the concept of basin stewards to help implement the plan, and the City of Seattle, City Tukwila, King County, and the Port of Seattle have recently agreed to jointly fund a new Duwamish Basin Steward, in addition to a Green River Steward already working in the watershed; and

WHEREAS, if insufficient action is taken at the local and regional level, Chinook salmon populations in WRIA 9 are unlikely to improve and the federal government could list Puget Sound Chinook salmon as an endangered species, thereby decreasing local flexibility; and

Effect: This amendment would add a new recital regarding a recent decision by multiple jurisdictions to fund a new Duwamish Basin Steward.