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RESOLUTION 31360

A RESOLUTION approving the proposed budget of the Skagit Environmental Endowment Commission for fiscal year 2012.

WHEREAS, on March 30, 1984, The City of Seattle and the Province of British Columbia signed an agreement settling their long-standing dispute over the proposed construction of the High Ross Dam; and

WHEREAS, Appendix D to that agreement provided for the establishment of the Skagit Environmental Endowment Commission to administer the Skagit Environmental Endowment Fund established by the City of Seattle and the Province of British Columbia; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, the Skagit Environmental Endowment Commission was duly constituted with four members appointed by the Mayor of Seattle and four members appointed by the Premier of British Columbia; and

WHEREAS, Article II of Appendix D establishing the Skagit Environmental Endowment Commission provided that the annual budget of the Commission shall be subject to review and approval by Seattle and British Columbia; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has agreed upon a budget for fiscal year 2012; and

WHEREAS, the budget of the Commission for fiscal year 2012 has been duly reviewed by the City Council and the Mayor; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:

Section 1. The budget for the Skagit Environmental Endowment Commission (SEEC) fiscal year 2012 (April 1, 2012-March 31, 2013) as set forth in documents attached to this Resolution, is hereby approved by the City of Seattle.

Section 2. Projected expenditures detailed in the attached budget may be carried forward into fiscal year 2013, until such time as they are incorporated into a fiscal year 2013 budget approved by the City of Seattle. The fiscal year 2012 budget of the Commission needs to be resubmitted to the City Council only if the aggregate budget amounts for projects or

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administrative expenditures are expected to be exceeded before approval of an annual budget for fiscal year 2013. The Commission may amend individual contract accounts and the contingency account, provided the cumulative changes do not exceed the total capital budget. Individual project funds shall be available for authorized reimbursements to contractors until projects are completed and contracts closed out within the times specified in the contracts.

Section 3. Any act pursuant to the authority and prior to the effective date of this resolution is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Adopted by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2012, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this_____ day of _____, 2012.

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President _____of the City Council

THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

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Michael McGinn, Mayor

Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2012.

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Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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List of attachments to the Resolution:

Attachment 1: 2012 Skagit Environmental Endowment Commission Budget

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2012 Skagit Environmental Endowment Commission Budget

SKAGIT ENVIRONMENTAL ENDOWMENT COMMISSION

For the period April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013

(All amounts in U.S. Dollars)

SUMMARY

I.	**ADMINISTRATION (6.3%)**		$96,908
II.	**WORKPLAN / ANNUAL PROGRAM**		$452,982
	A. Partnership Workplan Support	**$222,258**	
	B. Partnership Joint Projects	**$150,903**	
	C. Workplan Contingency*	**$79,821**	
III.	**LAND MANAGEMENT CONTINGENCY****		$1,000,000
		TOTAL BUDGET	$1,549,890

* See discussion, page 3

** Set aside to cover costs of converting unprotected land in BC portion of watershed to protected status and/or to fund specific activities in support of grizzly bear recovery.

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SKAGIT ENVIRONMENTAL ENDOWMENT COMMISSION

2012 ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET for the period April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013

(All amounts in U.S. Dollars)

	U.S. SECTION	CANADIAN SECTION	COMBINED EXPENDITURES
I. Administrative Expenditures			
A. Meetings	**$ 15,000**	**$ 15,000**	**$ 30,000**
Includes scheduled Commission meetings and other meetings to conduct specific business; e.g., commissioner orientation, meetings to discuss grant proposals; meeting with resource managers to discuss cross boundary issues			
B. Office and Project Operating Expense	**$ 3,300**	**$ 1,500**	**$ 4,800**
1. Insurance	1,800		
2. Miscellaneous	1,500	1,500	
C. Financial Services	**$ 0**	**$ 62,108**	**$ 62,108**
1. Audit		11,248	
2. Endowment management		50,860	
GRAND TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET	**$ 18,300**	**$ 78,608**	**$ 96,908**

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SEEC INITIATIVES
FISCAL YEAR 2012-13
(All amounts in U.S. Dollars)

Partnership Workplan Support

	TITLE	(US $)
12-P1	**National Park Service—North Cascades** *International Interpretive Program; Youth involvement.*	$40,000
12-P2	**BC Ministry of Environment:** *International Interpretive Program; Youth involvement.*	$40,903
12-P3	**North Cascades Institute** *Mountain School*	$80,000
12-P4	**Hope Mountain Centre for Outdoor Learning**: *Capacity building; Education programs; Fraser Cascade School programs*	$61,355
TOTAL PARTNERSHIP WORKPLAN SUPPORT		**$222,258**

Partnership Joint Projects

	TITLE	(US $)
	Ecosystem Management & Monitoring • BC Water Quality $20,451 • Ecosystem Monitoring $50,000	$70,451
	Recreation Projects • Student Conservation Association $40,000 • Campground Projects $20,000	$60,000
	Land Management Projects	$20,452
TOTAL PARTNERSHIP JOINT PROJECTS		**$150,903**

WORKPLAN CONTINGENCY*	**$79,821**

GRAND TOTAL SEEC WORKPLAN	**$452,982**
CONTINGENCY FUND FOR LAND PURCHASE AND/OR GRIZZLY BEAR RECOVERY**	**$**1,000,000

* The Commission approved contingency funds at its December 5, 2011 meeting, noting these funds to be available, based on its expenditure policies and the balance of the Endowment Fund. A portion of the contingency is expected to support BC Ministry of Environment priorities for recreational enhancement, to be determined. A portion of the contingency is expected to support BC Ministry of Forests Land and Natural Resource Operations priorities for ecosystem management, to be determined.

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** The Commission acknowledged the expenditure of $320,000 CAN for land acquisition in 2011, and it approved re-allocation to this contingency fund to provide up to $1,000,000.

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Form revised: December 6, 2011

FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS

Department:	Contact Person/Phone:	CBO Analyst/Phone:
Seattle City Light	Scott Powell (386-4582)	Calvin Chow (684-4652)

Legislation Title:

A RESOLUTION approving the proposed budget of the Skagit Environmental Endowment Commission for fiscal year 2012.

- **Summary of the Legislation**: This Resolution describes the planned use of the Skagit Environmental Endowment Fund between April 1, 2012 and March 31, 2013 and approves the resulting budget of the Skagit Environmental Endowment Commission. The Endowment Fund is not part of the City of Seattle's annual budget, but City Council approval is required by the 1984 High Ross Treaty between the US and Canada, as it references the associated Agreement between the City of Seattle and British Columbia. Similar Resolutions have been presented to the Council on an annual basis since 1985.

- **Background:** The Skagit Environmental Endowment Fund was jointly established by Seattle City Light and BC Hydro during the period 1985-88, as a result of the 1984 High Ross Treaty and Agreement. The Fund is managed by the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce to maintain capital and produce revenue. The Skagit Environmental Endowment Commission expends proceeds from the fund according to a budget developed through its own financial policies and program needs.

  The Treaty requires Seattle City Light to supplement the fund by an annual, inflation-adjusted payment based on a fixed amount of power purchase. In 2011 the payment was $131,341. Seattle City Light's payments are anticipated in the City's 2011 Adopted Budget in the Purchased Power Budget Control Level.

Please check one of the following:

__X__ **This legislation does not have any financial implications.**

____ **This legislation has financial implications.**

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Other Implications:

a) Does the legislation have indirect financial implications, or long-term implications?

The legislation helps to fulfill Seattle's obligations and secure ongoing benefits under the High Ross Treaty and Agreement. Seattle City Light pays into the fund, as described in the background presented above, and provides staff support to the Commission as needed.

b) What is the financial cost of not implementing the legislation?

Financial costs would be a complex outcome of not fulfilling the City's obligations under the Treaty and Agreement, well beyond the scope of this note.

c) Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

No.

d) What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives?

None known.

e) Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No.

f) Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?

No.

g) Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

No.

h) Other Issues:

The Commission continues to operate in a fiscally responsible manner and to conduct valuable public programs in collaboration with a number of partners.

List attachments to the fiscal note below:

Attachment 1: Briefing Paper for Skagit Environmental Endowment Commission 2012 Budget

Attachment 2: 2011 Annual Report: Skagit Environmental Endowment Commission

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ATTACHMENT 1: SCL SEEC 2012 Budget RES FISC

BRIEFING PAPER

SKAGIT ENVIRONMENTAL ENDOWMENT COMMISSION

2012 BUDGET

- The Commission was established by treaty between the United States and Canada as part of the settlement of the High Ross Dam controversy in 1984. Half of the Commission members are appointed by the Mayor of Seattle; the other half by the Premier of British Columbia.

- As part of the treaty, an endowment fund was created to protect the wilderness and wildlife values, and to enhance recreational opportunities, in the upper Skagit watershed above Ross Dam.

- The Treaty stipulated that Seattle and British Columbia would contribute to an endowment fund that the Commission administers. This was initially accomplished in 1985-89. The Treaty also requires Seattle City Light and BC Hydro to contribute to the fund, based on the value of certain power sales, on an annual basis.

- The endowment fund is **not** part of Seattle's annual budget, but approval of the budget by the Seattle City Council and the British Columbia Minister of Forest Land and Natural Resource Operations are required. The SEEC fiscal year begins April 1.

- In August, 2008, the Commission launched a 5-year work-planning process in collaboration with its public agency and non-governmental partners. The Commission continues to organize its work around initiatives for education, ecosystem management, land management, and recreation.

- The 2012-13 budget also reflects these categories with funds for education ($222,258), ecosystem management ($70,452), recreation ($60,000), and land management ($20,452).

- The Commission typically budgets a modest contingency fund to account for unforeseen needs and opportunities. This year, in part due to government re-organization in Canada, a portion of the typical allocation to B.C. agencies is set aside for future allocation, as planning and dialogue proceeds. Also, the Commission continues to set-aside $1,000,000 in contingent appropriation for two specific purposes. First is authority to move unprotected areas of the Upper Skagit Watershed in British Columbia into protected status. The second is targeted support for grizzly bear recovery in the upper Skagit area, should opportunities arise.

- The fund is managed for SEEC by the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. About 36 per cent of the fund is held in a US$ account and 64 per cent in a CAN$ account. At the close of 3rd Qtr, 2011, the fund stood at $9,247,279 US$. The Commission gauges its expenditure rate on a multi-year perspective and will continue to monitor the fund for needed budget adjustments in future years.

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Skagit Environmental Endowment Commission

ANNUAL REPORT

Calendar Year 2011

*Students at North Cascades Institute **Mountain School**, heading out for the day.*
Supported with funds from SEEC.

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Skagit Environmental Endowment Commission

ANNUAL REPORT

Calendar Year 2011

INTRODUCTION

This Annual Report summarizes the activities of the Skagit Environmental Endowment Commission (SEEC) during the calendar year 2011. It is prepared in fulfillment of the provisions of Article II, Appendix D of the British Columbia–Seattle Agreement (March 30, 1984) regarding the High Ross Dam. Budget information is based on the Commission's fiscal year which begins on April 1.

BACKGROUND

The Commission was established in 1984 as a result of the Ross Lake/Seven Mile Reservoir Treaty between Canada and the United States. Along with the Treaty, British Columbia and the City of Seattle established the Skagit Environmental Endowment Fund to be administered by the Commission. Seattle and British Columbia contributed US $4 million and US $1 million respectively to the Fund. Per terms of the Treaty, both Seattle City Light and BC Hydro make annual supplemental payments to the Fund, based on power sales and production.

As of September 30, 2011 the market value of the Endowment Fund was CAN$ 9,043,131 (US$ 9,247,279), with the principal held in separate US and Canadian investment portfolios in Canada. The Fund resides and is managed completely outside of the consolidated revenue of both the BC Provincial and Seattle City governments.

The primary purposes of the Fund are to:

(A) conserve and protect wilderness and wildlife habitat;
(B) enhance recreational opportunities in the Skagit Valley;
(C) acquire mineral or timber rights consistent with conservation and recreational purposes;
(D) conduct studies of need and feasibility of projects;
(E) plan for and construct hiking trails, foot bridges, interpretive displays and the like; and

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(F) cause the removal of stumps and snags in Ross Lake and on the shoreline as deemed appropriate and the grooming and contouring of the shoreline, consistent with wildlife habitat protection

Expenditures of the Fund are limited to projects located in or related to the Skagit River drainage upstream of the Ross Dam in both Washington State and British Columbia. The intent of the Agreement is that the majority of the expenditures from the Fund, averaged over an extended period, be made in Canada. Details of the Fund are outlined in Appendix D of the Agreement (page 38) dated 1984. Annual expenditure levels are developed within established guidelines, considering investment income during the year, and averaging about 4 per cent of the Fund value.

The Commission created to manage the Fund consists of eight members, four of whom are appointed by the Mayor of Seattle and four appointed by the Premier of British Columbia. Both countries also have four alternate Commissioners for a total of sixteen volunteers that serve the Commission. Per the Agreement, SEEC is a non-profit, tax-exempt entity.

SCA Crew moving large boulder

2011 COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

A complete roster of the Commission is attached to this annual report (Appendix A). The Commission is weathering the retirement of several long-term Commissioners in Canada and the U.S., as it works with the appointing governments to recruit new volunteers.

- Ken Farquharson was among those who originally protested the High Ross Dam and has been actively engaged for the past 8 years on land management and recreation issues.
- Pete Caverhill brought valuable skills in fisheries research and management to the Commission. Pete and Ken's terms ended early in the year, but they have continued to participate, pending new appointments.
- Canadian Commissioner Lex Bennett retired in December. Lex was finance committee chair and played a major role in organizing the Gathering at Hozomeen event in 2009.
- Peter Kennedy's term also ends in January, 2012. As CAN Co-Chair, Peter has been very active in taking SEEC's story out to the community as well as leading Commission planning approaches.

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- US Commissioner and Co-chair Ken Wilcox departed this year for employment in Washington, DC. Ken was a tireless advocate for recreational enhancements in the upper Skagit.
- The Commission says farewell to Canadian Alternate Tracey Heron, who took an active interest in educational programs.
- Canadian Alternate Shaun Hollingsworth was reappointed as full Commission and will serve as Canadian Co-chair.
- Finally, we welcome Canadian Commissioner and former Assistant Deputy Environment Minister Nancy Wilkin and US Alternate Jim Davis of the North Cascades Conservation Council to new 4-year terms.

By terms of the Agreement, Seattle City Light and the BC government designate Secretaries to support the Commission. Chris Tunnoch, of the BC Ministry of Forests Land and Natural Resource Operations serves as the Canadian staff, and Scott Powell, SCL Environmental Affairs Division, is the US staff member.

2011 ACTIVITIES AND PARTNERSHIPS

SEEC continues the implementation of a Five-year Workplan developed at its 2008 annual retreat. The Commission is working with established partners with a focus on the following initiatives:

- Land Management;
- Ecosystem Management;
- Education; and
- Recreation.

Volunteers with Hope Mountain Centre monitoring stream water quality in BC

Meetings and Retreat

The Commission met in February, May, July, September, and December 2011. The July meeting was held over two days in Hope B.C., where the Commission took a long-term planning viewpoint and considered what "success" would look like at the scheduled end of the High Ross Treaty in 2065.

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While no firm conclusions were drawn, there was appreciation that success would involve a healthy, functioning international ecosystem, where vulnerable species are recovered and there is continued resilience to external forces such as climate change. Success will also require new generations of ecosystem stewards, acknowledging that human populations surrounding the Skagit are growing and becoming more diverse in many ways.

With that long-term vantage point, the Commission then considered how to develop its next 5-Year Plan in a manner consistent with future success. A commitment was generated to reach out to SEEC partners and constituents for engagement in a 5-Year Planning process.

- In the area of ecosystem management, SEEC participated strongly in the Wildlinks Conference of wildlife scientists, held in Vancouver in October The semi-annual meeting of SEEC's International Technical Team was held, which has produced sub-groups to develop priorities and plans for aquatic and wildlife resources respectively.
- For financial management, Finance Committee members Jim Hattori and Lex Bennett have worked with our investment counsel to generate, evaluate, and describe several alternative long-term scenarios.
- With respect to land management, commissioners met again with Imperial Metals about the long-term fate of mineral claims in the Canadian watershed, and there is an intent to generate an overall land management plan.
- Separate initiatives will be undertaken for education and recreation priorities, beginning with a focus on education at the Commission's February, 2012 meeting.

Participants in the 1st annual Skagit Bird Blitz at the Hozameen group camp

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Program Activities

SEEC had a role in funding and supporting each of the following activities.

Education

- Hope Mountain Centre for Outdoor Learning (HMCOL) conducted 18 family and adult programs, 5 of which were in the Skagit watershed. SEEC funding also supported HMCOL staff to participate with Parks agencies in the International Interpretation Program at Hozomeen and supported the Fraser Cascade Mountain School providing overnight outdoor experience for more than 500 elementary school students.
- North Cascades Institute Mountain School program for local youth, which hosted more than 1,500 students and 300 parents in Spring and Fall sessions.
- The park agencies in the US and Canada continued the International Interpretive Program at Hozomeen.
- At the recommendation of Ken Farquharson, SEEC heard a presentation by Phil Van Huizen on his PhD Dissertation about the history of the High Ross Agreement. SEEC is working to provide some support to Phil to complete the work next year.

Recreation

SCA crew clowning with the Manning Park marmot

- The Student Conservation Association and SEEC celebrated their 25th year of collaboration providing student outdoor experiences and improving recreational facilities in the upper Skagit. A joint Canada-US crew spent a month on the ground, enhancing Strike Lake Camp in Manning Provincial Park and re-routing a portion of the West Bank trail in the Ross Lake NRA.
- SCA and SEEC also joined in honoring long-time National Park employee Gerry Cook for his many years of service supporting SCA crews and other youth activities in the Park. Festivities were held at the new shelter at the NPS Marblemount Ranger Station, designed and built by Gerry and his crew.
- North Cascades National Park Service Complex staff completed a first phase of renovation at the campground at Hozomeen. The open,

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unstructured character of this campground was producing inappropriate camper behavior, which a new design and renovations are beginning to control.

Ecosystem Management

- Hope Mountain Centre completed its second year of water quality monitoring in the Skagit River and tributaries in B.C. Several volunteers were trained and led in the field by Scott Denkers.
- Scott also worked with the BC Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operation on the Canadian portion of an angler survey that was coordinated across the border. SEEC funded the BC portion and Seattle City Light and NPS partnered on the US portion of the survey. This information will help inform management decisions about the balance of fish stocks and fishing regulations, considering rainbow trout and bull trout in the upper Skagit and Ross Lake.
- From the WildLinks discussions, follow up activities were initiated for aquatics and wildlife components of the ecosystem. The aquatics group met and is formulating its own priorities for the next 5-year. Others have convened a multi-species interest group around North Cascades carnivores, and SEEC will support a 2-day workshop of the group to develop a multi-species monitoring program.
- With SEEC financial support, National Park Service staff completed the third year of several Vital Signs monitoring efforts involving aquatic and terrestrial species.

Land Management

- SEEC acquired a 40-acre parcel of unoccupied land at the confluence of Shawatum Creek and the Skagit River, for purchase price of $320,000 CAN. This acquisition, known as the Collopy Property is a first major acquisition by the Commission. The sale was negotiated and completed through the BC Ministry of Environment, and the purchase agreement provides that the property will be nominated within the next year for incorporation into Skagit Provincial Park as a Class A park property.
- SEEC leadership has met twice with representatives of Imperial Metals concerning status and plans for the mineral claims known as Silver Daisy or Copper Giant, which is within the "donut hole" lands not protected by park designation in the upper Skagit.

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FINANCES

The Commission's fiscal year runs from April 1st to March 31st. The Endowment Fund is held and managed by the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC) and holds investment portfolios in both US and Canadian funds. According to CIBC's 2011 Third Quarter Financial Update, the combined Fund showed a balance of approximately CAN $9.04, million or US $9.25 million. Seattle City Light and BC Hydro supplement the fund annually with payments based on power purchases under the High Ross Treaty and Agreement.

Total program expenditures of the Commission, based on projected expenditures through the 2011/12 fiscal year, are less than the budgeted $548,504, of which 83% was direct disbursement for contracts and partnership projects. Administrative costs were 8.5%, while the balance reflects financial management fees for the Endowment Fund. In addition, approximately $320,000 was expended on the purchase and protection of the Collopy property. This unusual opportunity was made possible by the Commission's $1 million set- aside for land acquisitions.

Mountain Schoolers working their journals.

ATTACHMENTS

- Appendix A 2011 Commission Roster
- Appendix B SEEC Budget - Fiscal Year 2011

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APPENDIX A

2011 COMMISSION ROSTER

(includes outgoing and incoming members)

NAME OF MEMBER	TERM EXPIRES	SERVICE BEGAN	APPOINTING AUTHORITY	COMMISSION FIELD; PROFESSION, RELEVANT COMMUNITY ACTIVITY
CAN MEMBERS				
Lex Bennett	Dec 10, 2011	Aug 1, 2003	BC Premier	**Business/Financial Management**: retired finance manager
Pete Caverhill	Mar 31, 2011	Mar 25, 2003	BC Premier	**Government:** retired fisheries specialist
Ken Farquharson	Mar 31, 2011	Mar 25, 2003	BC Premier	**Environment:** retired engineer, environmental advocate
Peter Kennedy (Outgoing CAN Co-chair)	Jan 14, 2012	Jan 1, 2004	BC Premier	**Land/Property Management:** Attorney
Shaun Hollingsworth (Incoming CAN Co-chair	Nov 30, 2015	Aug 1, 2007	BC Premier	**Environment:** BC Wildlife Federation, BC Conservation Foundation
Nancy Wilkin	Nov 30, 2015	Dec 1, 2011	BC Premier	**Environment, Finance:** Former BC Ministry of Environment ADM
ALTERNATES				
Tracey Herron	Resigned	May 15, 2009	BC Premier	**Recreation:** Search and Rescue
Richard Jessome	Feb 28, 2013	Feb 28, 2009	BC Premier	**Land Management**: Environmental & Forest Services Consulting
BC STAFF				
Chris Tunnoch		Dec 12, 1997	Minister of Environment	Canadian staff
US MEMBERS				
Tom Brucker	May 1, 2012	May 1, 2004	Mayor	**Business/Finance:** North Cascades Conservation Council; Sierra Club, Wash. Environmental Council
Larry Campbell	May 1, 2013	Nov 4, 2009	Mayor	**Cultural Resources:** Historic Preservation Officer, Swinomish Indian Tribe
Michelle Connor (US Co-Chair)	May 1, 2012	Oct 1, 2008	Mayor	**Conservation:** Forterra, non-profit organizational development
Jim Hattori	Sep 19, 2015	Oct 1, 2008	Mayor	**Finance:** Financial and non-profit management; outdoor recreation

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NAME OF MEMBER	TERM EXPIRES	SERVICE BEGAN	APPOINTING AUTHORITY	COMMISSION FIELD; PROFESSION, RELEVANT COMMUNITY ACTIVITY
ALTERNATES				
Jim Davis	Sep 19, 2015	Nov 4, 2011	Mayor	**Environment:** North Cascades Conservation Council, environmental and recreation planner
Tim Manns	May 1, 2012	Oct 1, 2008	Mayor	**Education/Recreation:** retired from US National Park Service
Alison Studley	May 1, 2013	Jul 18, 2005	Mayor	**Environment:** Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group
Jennifer Watkins	May 1, 2012	Oct 1, 2008	Mayor	**Conservation:** Conservation Northwest
US STAFF				
Scott Powell		Mar 1, 2007	Seattle City Light	United States staff

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APPENDIX B
SEEC BUDGET PLAN - FISCAL YEAR 2011

Partnership Workplan Support

TITLE	(US $)
National Park Service—North Cascades *International Interpretive Program; Youth involvement.*	$40,000
BC Ministry of Environment: *International Interpretive Program; Youth involvement.*	$40,000
North Cascades Institute *Mountain School*	$80,000
Hope Mountain Centre for Outdoor Learning: *Capacity building; Education programs; Fraser Cascade School programs*	$59,839
TOTAL PARTNERSHIP WORKPLAN SUPPORT	**$219,839**

Partnership Joint Projects

TITLE	(US $)
Ecosystem Management	$135,343
Recreation Projects (incl Student Conservation Assn)	$65,000
Land Management/Outreach Coordinator	$19,946
TOTAL PARTNERSHIP JOINT PROJECTS	**$220,289**

Optional Funding

TITLE	(US $)
Carnivores in the North Cascades Workshop	$5,000
History of the High Ross Controversy	$5,000
TOTAL OPTIONAL FUNDING	**$10,000**

ADMINISTRATION AND FUND MANAGEMENT	**$97,140**
WORKPLAN CONTINGENCY	**$1,236**
GRAND TOTAL SEEC WORKPLAN	**$548,504**
CONTINGENCY FUND FOR LAND PURCHASE AND/OR GRIZZLY BEAR RECOVERY	$1,000,000

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City of Seattle
Office of the Mayor

January 31, 2012

Honorable Sally Clark
President
Seattle City Council
City Hall, 2nd Floor

Dear Council President Clark:

I am pleased to forward the attached Resolution seeking Council approval of the Skagit Environmental Endowment Commission's (SEEC's) 2012 budget for its fiscal year of April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013. The Commission was established in 1984 as part of an 80-year treaty between the US and Canada and agreement between the City of Seattle and the Province of British Columbia relating to a proposed "High Ross Dam". Earnings from the endowment plus annual supplemental payments by Seattle and British Columbia, set by the agreement, allow the Commission to support a variety of educational and environmental projects in the upper Skagit watershed. Although its funds come from an endowment and are separate from City funds, the agreement requires SEEC to submit its annual budget to the Seattle City Council for review and approval.

SEEC continues to work in partnership with the National Park Service, the North Cascades Institute, British Columbia natural resource agencies, the Student Conservation Association, and the Hope Mountain Centre for Outdoor Learning. A 5-year work-plan has been developed that outlines funding priorities for education, ecosystem management, land management, and recreation. The 2012 SEEC budget renews a contingent allocation of $1 million to support land protection measures in the Skagit watershed in British Columbia and to support grizzly bear recovery in the watershed.

SEEC will not act on its 2012 budget proposal until it receives City Council approval. Please call Lynn Best (Seattle City Light) at 386-4586 if you have questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

Michael McGinn
Mayor of Seattle

cc: Honorable Members of the Seattle City Council

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