KOONZ CREEK BRIDGE
C/O Two Creeks Farm

Arlington, WA. 98223

October 28th, 2002

Washington State Fish & Wildlife

SUBJECT: Salmon Fund Recovery Project-Koonz Creek Bridge

Dear Director Jeff Koenings,

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to WDFW for the integral, lead position your department played in this successful fish passage project to remove our failing perched culvert & associated fill and replace it with a 100' bridge over Koonz Creek. Without WDFW's initial response to assume leadership, the project would likely not have occurred. WDFW organized & applied for funding & permits, designed & engineered, then implemented the project in the field. This project was a substantial undertaking that has been successful because of the diligence of your staff members.

From our initial inquiries in 1998, with your field personnel, to the present date, WDFW employees have been straightforward, informative, and capable. We know that there are many people involved behind the scenes who deserve our thanks, please make them aware that their help is greatly appreciated. Specifically, we would like to express thanks especially to the following personnel with whom we directly interacted: Chris Detrick, Project Manager; Pat Powers, Engineer; Glen Hird & Jerry Gorum, Engineering Aides; Craig Gallagher, Construction Foreman; Bob Beasley, Casey Davidson, Sherri Keller & a cast of other construction crew members. It was very apparent that the success of this major project, over the course of several years, had everything to do with the continuity of personnel assigned to the project, and the solid team-work that they displayed. This was especially beneficial with both the construction crew's work on-site and the Project Manager's close oversight of all aspects of the project. Craig Gallagher's experience & leadership on-site allowed the necessary "as-builts" that occurred in the field during construction to flow successfully from one stage & construction season to the next. And, Chris Detrick's constant attention to every detail & aspect made the many stages of this project tie together & appear seamless.

We eagerly await the rains of fall & winter to see the ultimate purpose for this bridge to be revealed: the restoration of unobstructed access to many acres of high quality habitat for the fish of the Stilliguamish River watershed.

Our thanks,

Rolf & Stephanie Towne
Eric & Jennifer Martz
Dennis & Dawn Williams

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