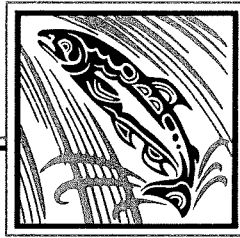


FOR THE SAKE



OF THE SALMON

Date: May 10, 2002

To: Northwest Power Planning Council

**RE: "Engaging the Public in Watershed Planning: A Tool Box for Social Change"  
Application by Watershed Legacy Learning Community**

For the Sake of the Salmon (FSOS) has reviewed the proposed "Tool Box for Social Change" project being proposed for funding by the Watershed Legacy Learning Community. The Watershed Legacy project represents a continuation and an expansion on much of the work undertaken by FSOS, including for example our current series of watershed group networking forums and our new Technical Assistance Directory, and our partnership with the Oregon Association of Conservation Districts to provide business skills capacity to soil and water conservation districts. The proposed project speaks directly to the most pressing needs among watershed groups, that being building local capacity to identify effective opportunities and tools, craft their own solutions, and resolve their own problems. FSOS looks forward to being able to support and partner on the important concepts being put forward in the Watershed Legacy Learning Community proposal.

On a personal note, I know from conversations with Peter Donaldson, Watershed Legacy Co-Founder, that the Tualatin River Basin (Oregon) will be one of the target communities for delivering this project. Before joining FSOS, I was a city manager (Sherwood, Oregon) and a private consultant working in the Tualatin Basin. My work focused greatly on watershed resources through involvement in water quality issues, open space and floodplain preservation, and creation of the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge. That being said I can attest from personal local experience as to the degree to which the "Tool Box for Local Change" will benefit the cause of watershed restoration and the groups that move that message forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James H. Rapp', written over a horizontal line.

James H. Rapp  
Executive Director

