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I just wanted to submit a couple of positive comments in regards to the opportunity for native plant restoration that the Convention Center project presents. Re-development of the Convention Center site provides a unique opportunity for the City to face the river and really showcase and urban riparian and nearshore habitat restoration and improve current habitat condition. WDFW is also supportive of the proposal to provide additional river access for canoe and kayaks.

I read through the habitat assessment prepared by BSW. I would suggest that the City take a look at the final plant list for the YMCA site and see how the plant lists compare. WDFW provided technical assistance to the City on the development of an appropriate native plant list for the Y site, and there may be some additional species to consider.

I look forward to continued work with the City on this proposal -

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