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## *Greetings from the Governor*

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I am pleased to extend warm greetings to all of those attending today's Lake Tapps Task Force Meeting.

Today, we have the exciting opportunity to celebrate new beginnings and highlight an exceptional example of regional collaboration. Pierce County leaders and the Lake Tapps Task Force have worked tirelessly to ensure the long-term viability of Lake Tapps, and, with Cascade Water Alliance's (Cascade) purchase of Lake Tapps from Puget Sound Energy, that mission has now been fulfilled.

But this meeting is about more than saving a lake—it's about a regional partnership committed to the responsible stewardship of our natural resources. In addition to meeting the water needs of Auburn, Bonney Lake, Buckley, and Sumner over the next several decades, Cascade will ensure in-stream flows for fisheries and has agreed to keep Lake Tapps at a recreational level throughout the summer.

This agreement is a win-win for the environment and community residents, and I applaud Cascade, Pierce County leaders, the Lake Tapps Task Force, the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, and their many supporters, who have worked hard to make today a reality. Your efforts are a shining example of what can be accomplished through meaningful collaboration and will benefit the surrounding region for generations to come.

Thank you all for your dedication and spirit of action, and please accept my best wishes for a memorable time of celebration and fellowship.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Gregoire".

Christine O. Gregoire  
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