

Call Senator Murray and Governor Inslee today!

On May 12, Washington Senator Patty Murray and Governor Jay Inslee committed to leading a stakeholder engagement process and quickly developing a comprehensive regional plan that will save endangered Northwest salmon and orcas from extinction.

Four months later, as fish return to Idaho reach historic lows, people across the Northwest are still waiting for this process to be announced.

TAKE ACTION!

Call Sen. Murray and Gov. Inslee today and ask them to act. We urgently need their leadership.

THE FACTS

- Scientific analysis from the Nez Perce Tribe warns that if we don't act now, many Snake River salmon populations **will disappear in the next 5-10 years.**
- Steelhead are at an all-time low: the current return is the lowest since fish counting began in **1938.**
- The dismal fish run is forcing state managers to curtail fishing across the region. Outfitters, guides, and other businesses that depend upon healthy salmon and steelhead runs are **shutting their doors for the season.**
- This summer another emaciated Southern Resident Orca has disappeared and is presumed dead, unable to withstand compounding impacts that include fewer salmon to eat. Today, just **74** individual whales remain in the population.

CALL YOUR DECISION MAKERS

PICK UP THE PHONE! YOUR (ACTUAL) VOICE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- Make it Personal!
 - Share your story and your connection to fish and orcas
 - Why are you concerned?
- Keep it Short and to the Point
 - State why you are calling - to ask leaders to announce their process
- Ask to Engage
 - Urge decision-makers to commit to concrete solutions.

SAMPLE PHONE SCRIPT

Hello. My name is [_____] and I am a resident of [_____]. I'm calling to urge [Senator Murray / Governor Inslee] to restore Snake River salmon and steelhead before they go extinct.

On May 14, 2021, Senator Murray and Governor Inslee stated that they were "calling for a formal, regional process that is based on science, consensus, and ensuring all voices in the region are heard." Yet, we have heard nothing. Meanwhile, the number of steelhead returning to the Columbia River this year is the lowest ever recorded. Orcas in Puget Sound are in peril. We need action now.

When are you going to announce your process? Northwest communities and their economies are hurting. Northwest Tribes are waiting for you to take action.

I am asking [Senator Murray / Governor Inslee] to be leaders. It's time for a comprehensive solution that restores salmon to abundance and makes all Tribes and communities whole. What's your plan?

Thank you for your time.

GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE

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