



# SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 11-17  
of the  
SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL

**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is the Governing Body of the Squaxin Island Tribe, its members, its lands, its enterprises and its agencies by the authority of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Squaxin Island Tribe, as approved and adopted by the General Body and the Secretary of the Interior on July 8, 1965; **and**

**WHEREAS**, under the Constitution, Bylaws and inherent sovereignty of the Tribe, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is charged with the duty of protecting the health, security, education and general welfare of the tribal members, and with protecting and managing the lands and treaty resources and rights of the Tribe; **and**

**WHEREAS**, The Tribe is a federally-recognized Indian Tribe possessing reserved powers, including the powers of self government; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council has been entrusted with the creation of ordinances and resolutions in order to fulfill their duty of protecting the health, security, education, and general welfare of tribal members, and of protecting and managing the lands and treaty resources of the Tribe; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribe represents the successors in interest to the Indians who lived throughout southern Puget Sound since time immemorial and specifically the Steh-Chass Band that resided around Budd Inlet and along the Deschutes River near what is now the City of Olympia; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribe retained fishing, hunting and gathering rights in the Medicine Creek Treaty of 1854, and currently exercises those rights within the waters of Budd Inlet and the greater Deschutes Watershed; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Olympia, a Washington municipal corporation; the City of Lacey, a Washington municipal corporation; and the City of Yelm, a Washington municipal corporation, each has an interest in the protection and restoration of the biological health of Budd Inlet and the greater Deschutes Watershed; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribe and the Cities of Olympia, Lacey and Yelm have been working together diligently in recent years to protect and restore the health of Budd Inlet and the greater Deschutes Watershed and plan on continued cooperation; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribe and the Cities of Olympia, Lacey and Yelm see benefit in formally memorializing our mutual, long term commitment to cooperate to steadily improve the health of Budd Inlet and the greater Deschutes Watershed; **and**


**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council agrees that formation of a *Budd/Deschutes Watershed Environmental Stewardship Coalition* with the Cities of Olympia, Lacey and Yelm will accelerate watershed improvements and improve fisheries productivity.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council authorizes the Tribal Chairman to sign a document entitled: *Memorandum of Understanding Between Squaxin Island Tribe, City of Olympia, City of Lacey and City of Yelm Regarding Budd Inlet and Deschutes Watershed Restoration*; **and**


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council designates the Natural Resources Department as the point of contact, and authorizes its director and staff to participate on the *Budd/Deschutes Watershed Environmental Stewardship Coalition* for the duration of the agreement.

#### CERTIFICATION

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held on this 10 day of November, 2011 at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 4 for and 0 against with 0 abstentions.

  
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David Lopeman, Chairman

  
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Arnold Cooper, Vice Chairman

 FOR  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Pete Kruger, Sr., Secretary



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN  
SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE, CITY OF OLYMPIA, CITY OF LACEY AND CITY OF YELM  
REGARDING BUDD INLET AND DESCHUTES WATERSHED RESTORATION**

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**THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING** (“Agreement”) is made and entered into this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011 by and between the Squaxin Island Tribe, a federally recognized Indian tribe; the City of Olympia, a Washington municipal corporation; the City of Lacey, a Washington municipal corporation; and the City of Yelm, a Washington municipal corporation; collectively referred to herein as the “Parties.”

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe (herein referred to as the “Tribe”) represents the successors in interest to the Indians who lived throughout southern Puget Sound since time immemorial and specifically the Steh-Chass band that resided around Budd Inlet and along the Deschutes River near what is now the City of Olympia, and has an elected Council of seven members that governs the Tribe; **and**

WHEREAS, the Tribe retained fishing, hunting and gathering rights in the Medicine Creek Treaty of 1854, and currently exercises those rights within the waters of Budd Inlet and the greater Deschutes Watershed, collectively referred to herein as the “Watershed;” **and**

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia, City of Lacey and City of Yelm, collectively referred to herein as the “Cities,” will be performing mitigation actions within the Watershed upon approval of the following water right applications now pending before the Department of Ecology: Olympia (Certificates 8030, S2-001105C and Permit Number 10191), Lacey (Application Numbers G2-30248, G2-30249, G2-30250, G2-30251, G2-29304, G2-29165) and Yelm (Application Number G2-29085) (herein referred to as the “Applications”); **and**

WHEREAS, the Cities have had on-going discussions with the Tribe on the development of water rights mitigation plans; **and**

WHEREAS, the Cities intend to continue coordination with the Tribe on the implementation of water right mitigation actions; **and**

WHEREAS, the Parties have a collective interest in the protection and restoration of the Watershed and desire to memorialize a mutual, long term commitment to work together in good faith to steadily improve the biological health of the Watershed. The Watershed is depicted in the attached map (Attachment 1);

**NOW, THEREFORE,** The Parties agree to the following:

1. The Parties shall work together over the long term and in good faith to steadily improve the biological health of the Watershed.

2. To that end, the Parties shall jointly create a Budd/Deschutes Watershed Environmental Stewardship Coalition (herein referred to as the "Coalition") with a mission to implement the commitments stated in this Agreement.
3. The Coalition shall be dedicated to fostering the recovery of an abundance of natural resources and the requisite environmental quality at the level necessary to support the culture and traditions of Tribal members, including fishing and shellfish harvest, and that improves the quality of life for all citizens of the region.
4. The Coalition may expand to include other jurisdictions, quasi-governmental entities and non-profit organizations engaged in environmental protection and restoration efforts within the Watershed.
5. The Cities' performance of the actions contained in paragraph 6 below are contingent on achieving the Final Water Rights. The "Final Water Rights" means that the Applications are finally approved by the Department of Ecology, and either are beyond the time for filing any appeal, are not subject to any appeals, or any and all appeals have been finally resolved.
6. After occurrence of the Final Water Rights and during the initial term of this Agreement as defined in paragraph 8 below, the Coalition shall undertake the following actions:
  - a. The Cities shall collectively provide \$500,000 towards design, project management and construction of a restoration project or projects within the Watershed; each City will provide one-third of the funding (\$166,666) and perform actions as set forth below:
    - i. Within 60 days after the Final Water Rights, each City will appropriate its funding share (\$166,666) to a separate capital project account dedicated for Watershed restoration purposes.
    - ii. The Parties shall leverage the funding provided by the Cities to collectively pursue grants for a project or projects within the Watershed by using the funding from the Cities as match.
    - iii. Work with the Tribe, which shall provide project ideas, assist with project development, provide technical input and review, and support the permitting and implementation of a project or projects that the Parties jointly select.
  - b. The Cities shall consult with the Tribe on the implementation of water rights mitigation projects on tax parcel #22629220201 (formerly Smith Ranch property) purchased by the Cities in May 2011.
  - c. Beyond the water right mitigation projects noted in "b." above, the Cities are open to other jurisdictions or organizations proposing and then implementing



additional restoration projects on the “Smith” property; the Cities will consult with the Tribe before approving or denying a proposal and in setting any necessary conditions.

- d. The Coalition will develop a long term strategic plan to achieve its mission.
7. The Tribe and each City will appoint a person to serve as the point of contact for purposes of representing their interests in this Agreement and to formally serve on the Coalition. The Parties’ representatives on the Coalition will conduct business on a consensus basis. The Coalition will meet at least once a year. The Coalition will adopt by-laws to govern such matters as other parties joining the Coalition and other items as necessary.
  8. This Agreement will become effective on the date of final signature and terminate five years from the date of achieving Final Water Rights.
  9. The parties intend to implement the long term strategic plan, and accordingly this Agreement may be extended in ten (10) year increments or otherwise upon mutual written agreement of all the Parties.
  10. No amendment of or modification to this Agreement shall be deemed valid unless in writing and signed by all Parties.
  11. The Parties enter into this Agreement in good faith and promise to perform their respective obligations. In the event of a breach of any of the provisions of this Agreement, each Party is entitled to pursue, after exhausting “step one” in paragraph 12a below, any and all remedies available at law and in equity in a court of competent jurisdiction.
  12. In the event of a dispute concerning any matter pertaining to this Agreement, the Parties involved shall use the following dispute resolution process.
    - a. Step One. The Party perceiving a dispute or disagreement persisting after informal attempts at resolution shall notify the other Parties in writing of the general nature of the issues. The representatives of the Parties shall meet in an effort to resolve the dispute. If a resolution is reached the resolution shall be memorialized in a memorandum signed by all Parties which shall become an addendum to this Agreement. If a resolution is not reached within 90 days, the Parties may proceed to mediation.
    - b. Mediation. The mediator shall be chosen by agreement. The Parties will share equally the cost of the mediator. A successful mediation shall result in a memorandum agreement which shall become an addendum to this Agreement.

13. This Agreement is binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties, their respective successors and assigns, as may be the case.

14. Each of the signatories hereto has authority to enter into this Agreement on behalf of the Party represented.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Memorandum of Understanding as of the date and year written above.

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
David Lopeman  
Chairman

**CITY OF OLYMPIA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Doug Mah  
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Tom Morrill, City Attorney



**CITY OF LACEY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tom Nelson  
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Ken Ahlf, City Attorney

**CITY OF YELM**

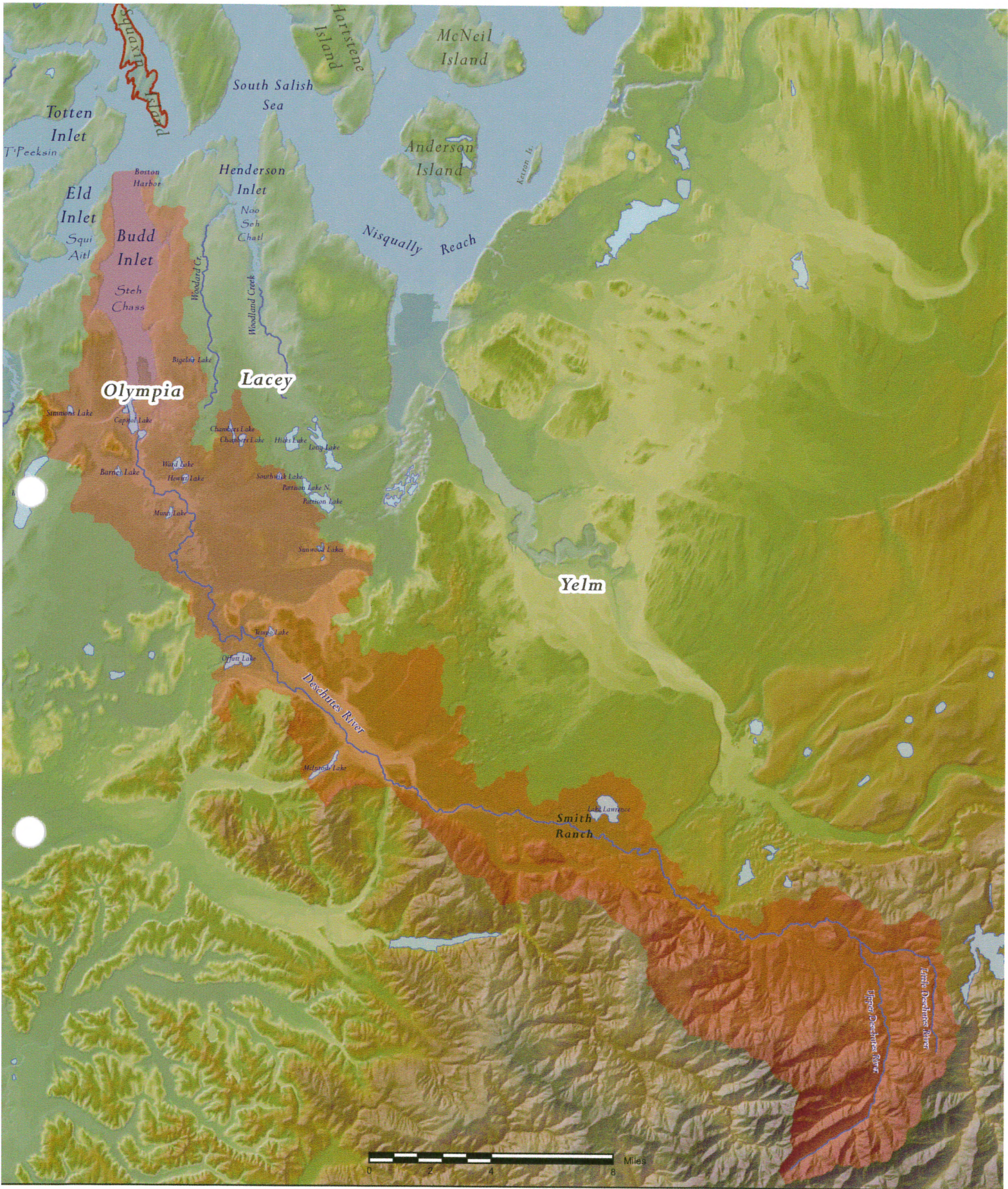
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ron Harding  
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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P. Stephen DiJulio, Foster Pepper PLLC

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Watershed Boundaries Are Approximate



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# Budd Inlet / Deschutes River Watershed



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## SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

### New Deschutes Watershed Coalition Formed

On-the-ground habitat restoration projects will be the focus of a new coalition to jumpstart salmon productivity in the Deschutes River watershed. The Squaxin Island Tribe and the cities of Olympia, Lacey and Yelm are establishing the Deschutes Watershed Environmental Stewardship Coalition.

"The Deschutes coalition will be an ongoing alliance to fund and conduct on-the-ground projects to restore a healthy watershed," said Andy Whitener, natural resources director for the tribe. "The coalition will put words into actions and start restoring productivity to the Deschutes River."

Initial projects are slated for the 197-acre farm on the Deschutes River near Lake Lawrence that the cities recently purchased as part of mitigation for their new water rights.

In the past, the Deschutes River was the largest producer of coho salmon in deep South Sound. A landslide in 1990 destroyed the most productive coho tributary in the watershed. "The impact of that landslide is still being felt throughout the watershed," said John Konovsky, environmental program manager for the tribe. "But we know the Deschutes can be a productive salmon stream again."

"Thirty years ago, we were seeing coho returns in the tens of thousands, now we're talking about coho runs in the hundreds," said Jeff Dickison, assistant natural resources director. "We need to get our hands dirty now to improve coho habitat and bring back stronger runs."

Because the upper Deschutes River is relatively undeveloped – less than 10 percent has been converted to impervious surface – its still possible to restore salmon habitat and productivity. "If we restore some habitat and give these fish half a chance, they'll recover," Dickison said.

"The tribe's treaty rights, economy and way of life are meaningless if we aren't able to harvest salmon," Whitener said. "Protecting and restoring salmon habitat is the most important thing we can do to restore coho and protect our treaty right to fish."

**(END)**

**For more information, contact:** Andy Whitener, natural resources director, Squaxin Island Tribe, [\(360\) 432-3809](tel:3604323809). Jeff Dickison, assistant natural resources director, Squaxin Island Tribe, [\(360\) 432-3815](tel:3604323815). John Konovsky, environmental program manager, Squaxin Island Tribe, [\(360\) 432-3804](tel:3604323804). Emmett O'Connell, information officer, NWIFC, [\(360\) 528-4304](tel:3605284304).

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Andy Whitener  
Squaxin Island Natural Resources Dept.  
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October 24, 2011

Dear Mr. Whitener,

Capitol Land Trust is hosting our eighth annual Conservation Breakfast at the Marcus Pavilion at St. Martin's University on February 9, 2012. The event will honor legislators and business leaders throughout the region who have helped further conservation in our community over the past year. The Breakfast will be an opportunity to celebrate land preservation efforts and raise funds for our conservation work. We would be delighted if the Squaxin Island Tribe would be a sponsor for this event.

While we have yet to confirm a guest speaker for the 2012 Breakfast, previous speakers include Governor Gregoire, Jay Manning, Peter Goldmark and William Ruckelshaus. Our goal this year is to raise a minimum of \$10,000 from sponsors. This will cover the cost of the Breakfast so that all the funds we raise at the event can go directly to conserving important wildlife habitat and natural areas throughout southwest Washington. The 2011 Breakfast was our biggest ever with over 400 people attending and we raised more than \$46,000. We hope to raise at least that much in 2012.

**Would the Tribe consider providing \$1,000 or more in sponsorship for the Conservation Breakfast?** With your help, I am confident we can meet and exceed our fundraising goal for the Breakfast. A \$2,500 sponsorship guarantees your logo on all promotional materials and a highly visible presence at the Breakfast itself, which is broadcast on TCTV. We have received sponsorship commitments already from Taylor Shellfish Farms, Green Diamond Resource Company and the Chehalis Tribe. We pride ourselves on the diversity of partners we work with and the variety of businesses, organizations and individuals that support us. Your presence will help draw attention to the increasingly important role tribes have in preserving habitat, as well as the positive ongoing relationship the Squaxins have with the local conservation community.

Thank you for considering our request. I will be contacting you shortly to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Ackley, Membership & Outreach Coordinator