

Adding Town of Woodway to WRIA 8 Interlocal Agreement

May 15, 2014

Background

Since 2000, 27 of the 31 local governments in WRIA 8 have partnered to recover ESA-listed threatened Chinook salmon through the WRIA 8 Interlocal Agreement (ILA). Under the ILA, each local government pays King County for salmon recovery coordination services through annual cost shares, which are based on each jurisdiction's population, assessed value, and area.

In March, WRIA 8 staff briefed the Town of Woodway Council on the WRIA 8 salmon recovery effort and the ILA. The Town Council expressed interest in Woodway joining the WRIA 8 ILA. The WRIA 8 ILA includes a provision for "latecomer" partners to join the ILA (Section 8). Under this provision, Woodway would be added based on the approval of the WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council and signature of all existing ILA partner jurisdictions.

On May 5, the Town of Woodway passed a resolution expressing their interest in joining the WRIA 8 ILA as the 28th partner local government. WRIA 8 staff, with legal consultation from King County, developed an addendum to the ILA, describing the conditions under which Woodway would be added as a cost-share partner, including:

- Pay annual cost share according to approved WRIA 8 ILA cost share formula (based on jurisdiction assessed value, population, and area)
- Pro-rated 2014 cost share of \$577

To add Woodway to the ILA, all existing WRIA 8 ILA partners must sign the addendum. If approved, the July 17 meeting would be Woodway's first official meeting.

Salmon Recovery Council Decision

Should the Town of Woodway be added to the WRIA 8 ILA? If Woodway is approved to join the ILA, all members in attendance should sign the addendum to the ILA.