

## **WRIA 8 Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan Update – Final Draft Memo**

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The Salmon Recovery Council discussed the draft WRIA 8 Plan Update and provided initial feedback at the July 20 meeting. The draft Plan Update was available online for partner/public review from July 24 – August 18. WRIA 8 staff worked to address comments and incorporate pertinent feedback into a final draft for SRC review and approval on September 21.

### **Summary of Comments**

Eighteen separate commenters submitted a total of 189 comments on the draft WRIA 8 Plan Update. A compiled list of all comments and how they were addressed in the final draft is available on the WRIA 8 website.

#### Comment highlights:

- Generally, very positive comments.
- No major proposed content changes.
- Majority of comments suggested minor type edits and formatting/photo changes.
- Several good clarifications, especially regarding land use recommendations.
- Provided or suggested additional detail to more fully discuss or describe a point.
- Suggestions for coordination with other programs or efforts.
- Numerous comments improved integration of WRIA 8 salmon recovery priorities with other resource management priorities such as stormwater, flood risk reduction, and agriculture.

### **Approval and Partner Ratification Process and Schedule**

If the Salmon Recovery Council approves the final draft WRIA 8 Plan Update on September 21, WRIA 8 staff will prepare and submit the final draft for production. WRIA 8 staff anticipate printed and bound copies would be ready by early October. Bound hard copies will be sent to each WRIA 8 Interlocal Agreement (ILA) partner, and ILA partners are asked to schedule review and ratification of the Plan Update by their city/county council by March 2018. In the meantime, the Plan Update will guide implementation of salmon recovery.

WRIA 8 staff have drafted a common resolution to support partner ratification, and to ensure partners are adopting the Plan Update with a common understanding. This draft was reviewed by, and includes feedback from, the WRIA 8 Implementation Committee, and is presented to the Salmon Recovery Council for feedback.