



**MEMO TO:** Members of the City Council

**FROM:** Mayor John Marchione

**DATE:** December 5, 2017

**SUBJECT: Adoption of a Resolution for the Ratification of the Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish (WRIA 8) Chinook Conservation Plan 10-Year Update**

**I. RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Adopt the resolution ratifying updates to Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish (WRIA 8) Chinook Conservation Plan 10-Year Update.

**II. DEPARTMENT CONTACTS**

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**III. DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND**

In 1999, the Federal Government listed Puget Sound Chinook Salmon as a threatened species under the Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA). In response, the City of Redmond and 27 other jurisdictions within Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed (WRIA 8) entered into an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) to collectively take action to conserve Chinook populations.

The *Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Chinook Conservation Plan* recommends restoration projects and programmatic actions that ILA members should take to help conserve and restore Chinook salmon habitat. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries Service has accepted this plan, combined with other similar plans prepared throughout the Puget Sound Region, as the legal, official response to the ESA listing of Puget Sound Chinook.

The conservation plan is updated every 10 years. An addendum containing the 10-year updates was completed earlier this year (Attachment A), and was adopted by the Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Salmon Recovery Council, the entity responsible with oversight of implementation of the WRIA 8 ILA, on September 21, 2017.

By ratifying this plan, the City is stating that it agrees with and supports the plan's recommendation for protecting and restoring local threatened Chinook populations.

#### **IV. PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS HELD**

The Council first ratified the *Lake Washington Cedar/Sammamish Watershed Chinook Conservation Plan* in 2005 (Resolution No. 1205).

Staff discussed the current updates to the Chinook Conservation Plan with the Planning and Public Works Committee on November 14, 2017.

Staff made a presentation on this topic during the November 28, 2017, Council study session.

#### **V. IMPACT**

##### **A. Service/Delivery:**

City staff was involved in drafting these updates. As a result, the recommendations align with and support the City's existing plans for Chinook conservation.

##### **B. Fiscal Note:**

Actions and projects detailed in the plan are recommendations. The fiscal implications of these conservation activities are not detailed within the plan. Redmond projects identified in the plan are part of the City's existing Stormwater CIP/CIS project lists.

#### **VI. ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

The City Council can choose to reject this resolution. Rejecting the resolution would reduce the City's ability to claim the coverage in meeting ESA requirements now provided by the Chinook Conservation Plan and WRIA 8 ILA. Redmond would have to respond with an alternative conservation plan detailing the City's response to ESA listing of Puget Sound Chinook Salmon.

The Council can choose to modify the resolution language supplied by the WRIA 8 administrative staff. Minor modifications that do not lessen the intent of the Conservation Plan will have little impact other than the need for additional staff time to coordinate with the WRIA 8 staff to verify that changes are consistent with the plan's goals and objectives.

#### **VII. TIME CONSTRAINTS**

The WRIA 8 administrative staff hopes to finalize ratification of these updates among all WRIA 8 ILA members by the end of March 2018.

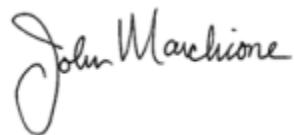
### **VIII. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A: Proposed Resolution



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**Linda De Boldt, Director of Public Works**



Approved for Agenda \_\_\_\_\_

**John Marchione, Mayor**