



Memorandum

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Meeting of: City Council

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Type: Consent Item

TO: Members of the City Council
FROM: Mayor Angela Birney
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TITLE:

Approval of the 2026-2035 Lake Washington Cedar/Sammamish Watershed (WRIA 8) Chinook Conservation Interlocal Agreement

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

Public Works seeks Council's approval for the Mayor to execute the 2026-2035 Lake Washington Cedar/Sammamish Watershed Interlocal Agreement (the WRIA 8 ILA).

This interlocal agreement: 1) provides the structure for the Lake Washington, Cedar/Sammamish Watershed Salmon Recovery Council (the WRIA 8 SRC), 2) authorizes this Council to oversee the implementation of *the Lake Washington Cedar/Sammamish Watershed Chinook Conservation Plan* (the WRIA 8 Conservation Plan), and 3) enables the City to contribute funds to support WRIA 8 salmon conservation activities and support a staff team housed in the King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, that coordinates regional implementation of the WRIA 8 Conservation Plan.

The Puget Sound Chinook Salmon is listed as "threatened" under the Federal Endangered Species Act. The WRIA 8 Conservation Plan is a federally approved response to this listing. Participation in this ILA helps satisfy the City's legal obligations associated with this listing.

☒ **Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

REQUESTED ACTION:

☐ **Receive Information** ☐ **Provide Direction** ☒ **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**

Redmond 2050 Comprehensive Plan Policies:

- NE-44 Maintain surface water quality necessary to support the protection of native fish and wildlife meeting state and federal standards over the long term.
- NE-45 Restore, protect, and support the biological health and diversity of Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 8 within the city and those natural systems that underpin watershed health and hydrological integrity.
- NE-47 Cooperate regionally with state agencies in developing and implementing watershed management plans, water quality management plans, and monitoring programs.
- **Required:**
Participation in this ILA helps satisfy the City's legal obligation to respond to the listing of Chinook Salmon as "threatened" under the Federal Endangered Species Act
- **Council Request:**
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**

Redmond is one of 26 local governments (25 cities and Snohomish County) that have signed this interlocal agreement with King County. The City has been a signatory to various versions of this agreement and has been an active member of the WRIA 8 SRC since its inception in 2001. Council President Kritzer is currently the Chair of the WRIA 8 SRC. Public works staff are members of the WRIA 8 Implementation/Technical Committee.

OUTCOMES:

- Continued support for regional implementation of measures to conserve the region's Chinook Salmon.
- Compliance with the Federal Endangered Species Act

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
None Planned.
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
N/A
- **Feedback Summary:**
N/A

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

This interlocal agreement requires the City to contribute an annual cost share determined by a calculation that considers the jurisdiction's population, assessed value, and jurisdictional area. In 2025, Redmond's cost share is \$33,399. A table showing all ILA partner cost shares for 2025 is provided as an attachment.

Approved in current biennial budget: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Budget Offer Number:
0000268

Budget Priority:
Healthy and Sustainable

Other budget impacts or additional costs: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

If yes, explain:

N/A

Funding source(s):

The City's cost share comes from City Stormwater Utility Funds

Budget/Funding Constraints:

The ILA specifies that funds must be used to implement the WRIA 8 Conservation Plan by funding staff to coordinate its implementation and by funding actions to complete an annual work plan approved by the WRIA 8 SRC.

☒ **Additional budget details attached**

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
5/6/2025	Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works	Provide Direction

Time Constraints:

WRIA 8 staff requests that the City approve the 2026-2035 ILA by the end of September 2025.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

The City would no longer participate in regional Chinook Salmon conservation efforts and would have to create a unilateral response to the Endanger Species Act listing of this fish species.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A) The 2026-2035 Lake Washington Cedar/Sammamish Watershed (WRIA 8) Chinook Conservation Interlocal Agreement
- B) WRIA 8 ILA Partner Cost Share for 2025
- C) WRIA 8 Factsheets