

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

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** Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

1. BILL SUMMARY

- 1. Legislation Title:** A RESOLUTION ratifying the 2017 update to the Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed, or Water Resource Inventory Area 8, Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan.
- 2. Summary and background of the Legislation:** The federal government two decades ago listed Puget Sound Chinook salmon as threatened under the Endangered Species Act, prompting local governments in the Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish watershed to initiate a coordinated, watershed-scale partnership to recover salmon under an interlocal agreement (ILA). The first ILA was initiated in 2001, updated in 2006, and most recently updated again in 2015. The current ILA, among 28 local government partners, is in effect through the end of December 2025.

This watershed is also known as Water Resource Inventory Area 8 (WRIA 8). Implementation of salmon recovery actions in WRIA 8 is guided by the WRIA 8 Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan (WRIA 8 Plan), which was originally completed in 2005, and ratified by each of the local government partners. Upon approving the 2005 WRIA 8 Plan, the WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council set an initial 10-year implementation period, ending in 2015, to assess progress and consider whether to continue the watershed's collaborative regional salmon recovery partnership.

With the renewal of the ILA in 2015, WRIA 8 ILA partners recommitted to coordinated Chinook recovery in the watershed, and the Salmon Recovery Council directed WRIA 8 staff to initiate a 10-year update to the WRIA 8 Plan. The WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council received regular briefings during the update process and approved the 10-year update to the WRIA 8 Plan in September 2017.

Major updates to the conservation plan include:

- Revised and updated list of habitat acquisition and restoration projects, to improve project definitions, reduce duplication, and add new projects;
- New habitat goals for five key habitat elements to better evaluate and report progress towards achieving habitat restoration efforts;
- Twenty new and updated habitat recovery strategies.;
- Revised and updated list of recommended land use actions and education and outreach actions;

- A new monitoring and assessment plan that improves tracking and reporting on the Plan's implementation, and clearly defines adaptive management responses should the level of implementation fall below identified benchmarks.

Like the original 2005 WRIA 8 Plan, the 2017 update to the Plan identifies priorities to improve habitat conditions to support recovery of Chinook salmon. The update does not obligate the partners to take action or change local regulations, but it is intended to serve as the City/County's plan for salmon habitat protection and restoration and should inform other planning processes and regulatory updates.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- a. Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? ___ Yes X No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- a. Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? ___ Yes X No

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?
No.
- b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?
No.
- c. Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?
No.
- d. Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?
No.

- e. **Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**
No.

- f. **Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?**
NA

- g. **If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program's desired goal(s).**
NA

List attachments/exhibits below: