

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

Legislation Title: A RESOLUTION ratifying the 2021 Update to the Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound Watershed or Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 9 Salmon Habitat Plan, Making our Watershed Fit for a King.

Summary and background of the Legislation: This resolution would ratify the update of the 2005 Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound Watershed (WRIA 9), Salmon Habitat Plan, *Making Our Watershed Fit for a King*. The update is an addendum to the 2005 plan ratified by Council through Resolution 30824. The 2005 Plan served as the blueprint for salmon habitat recovery in WRIA 9 for 15 years.

WRIA 9 is the lead entity for salmon recovery in the Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound under the State of Washington’s watershed-based framework for salmon recovery. It is a watershed-based organization comprised of local, state, and federal partners, non-profit organizations, business interests, and citizens. The 17 local governments within WRIA 9 formalized a partnership under an interlocal agreement (ILA).

The Puget Sound wild Chinook population was listed as threatened species in 1999. The population has continued to decline since 2005 and is consistently below the planning targets set by the National Marine Fisheries Service.

The Plan Update reflects over a decade of new science regarding salmon conservation and recovery with the core recovery strategies and underlying scientific framework largely the same. The 2005 plan and 2021 Update, along with the 2014 Duwamish Blueprint and the 2016 Regreen the Green, provide a science-based framework for identifying, prioritizing, and implementing salmon recovery actions.

The Plan Update outlines 12 recovery strategies to address priority pressures; increase salmon abundance, productivity, and diversity; and build long-term population resiliency. Successful implementation hinges on partner coordination and investment to ensure local land use planning, capital investments, and community outreach are consistent with watershed priorities.

The Update includes a revised list of 127 capital projects developed in partnership with member jurisdictions including Seattle, non-profit partners, state agencies, and others engaged in salmon recovery. Some of these projects are sponsored by the City of Seattle.

The Update also includes a Monitoring and Adaptive Management Plan intended to help evaluate progress and inform strategic adaptation of the recovery strategies.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? ___ Yes x No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? ___ Yes x No

Does the legislation have other financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs?

Yes. Seattle will likely implement projects in the plan. The projects could be funded through grants and ratepayer dollars. Project costs would come through the budget process.

Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?

Implementation of the WIRA 9 plan is critical for recovery of the Puget Sound Chinook population. Without implementation and the investments outlined in the plan, the salmon population will likely further decline.

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. Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?

No.

d. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

No.

e. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?

There are no perceived race and social justice implications for ratification of the habitat plan.

f. Climate Change Implications

1. Emissions: Is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way?

No.

2. **Resiliency: Will the action(s) proposed by this legislation increase or decrease Seattle’s resiliency (or ability to adapt) to climate change in a material way? If so, explain. If it is likely to decrease resiliency in a material way, describe what will or could be done to mitigate the effects.**

Ratification of the plan will not increase or decrease Seattle’s resiliency or ability to adapt to climate change. Implementation of the plan could increase climate change resiliency.

- 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).**

Not applicable

List attachments/exhibits below: