## The City of Seattle Urban Migratory Bird Program A regional partnership between The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Department of Interior, and The City of Seattle

The Parties Recognize that Migratory Birds:

- Are an excellent indicator of the overall health of an ecosystem and are an irreplaceable part of the natural systems of the earth;
- Are a valuable resource, contributing aesthetically, culturally, scientifically, and economically to America's citizens;
- Represent, for the vast majority of people, the sole everyday contact with wildlife. Birds connect all of us to the environment;
- Cross boundaries and ecosystems. Protecting them must be a cooperative effort among city and state planners, environmental organizations and federal conservation agencies;
- Face serious challenges. Many species are in decline because of habitat loss, collisions with human-made objects and contaminants.

Convinced of the urgency of taking appropriate measures to protect and promote migratory birds, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and The City of Seattle, in collaboration with the City's community partners (noted below) enter into a partnership for the purpose of conserving migratory birds through education and outreach, habitat restoration, invasive removal and hazard reduction in the Greater Seattle Region.

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Dave Allen Regional Director, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Date:	Edward B. Murray Mayor, City of Seattle Date:

**Community Partners:** 

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Seattle Audubon Society(Seattle) Washington Audubon Society(Seward Park, Seattle) Heron Habitat Helpers(Seattle)