

# State Wildlife Action Plan Briefing

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# Today's OUTLINE

Brief Overview

What's New and Due

Engagement and  
Timelines



Image: Pygmy Owl by  
Justin Haug (2011)





# **SWAP Overview Brief Background 2000 to 2025**

# SWAP Primer

Origin Story – funding

Message – proactive  
conservation

Accountability – Eight  
Elements

All states and territories

This update - our third  
edition

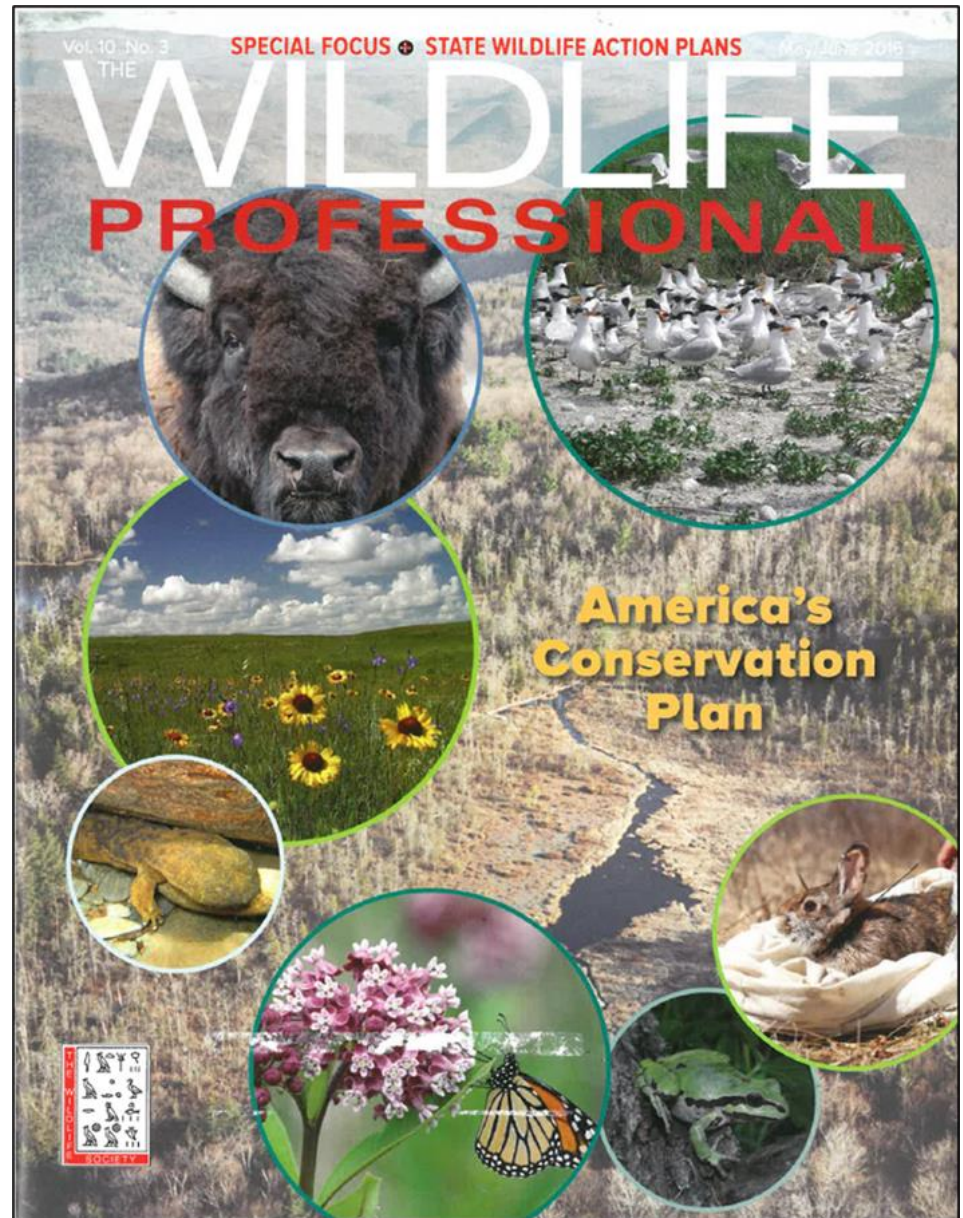


Image: The Wildlife Society



# SWAP Eight Required Elements

Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN)

Related habitats and systems

Threats and issues

Conservation actions

Monitoring and adaptive management

Plan review and update process

Agency, tribe, and organization coordination

Public engagement

Image: Eightmile Peak, Pasayten Wilderness - WDFW



# More than checking the box

Funding beyond SWG

Communicating for action

Visible expertise and priorities

Explicit connections and scalable

Document progress in conservation actions

National 'conservation blueprint'

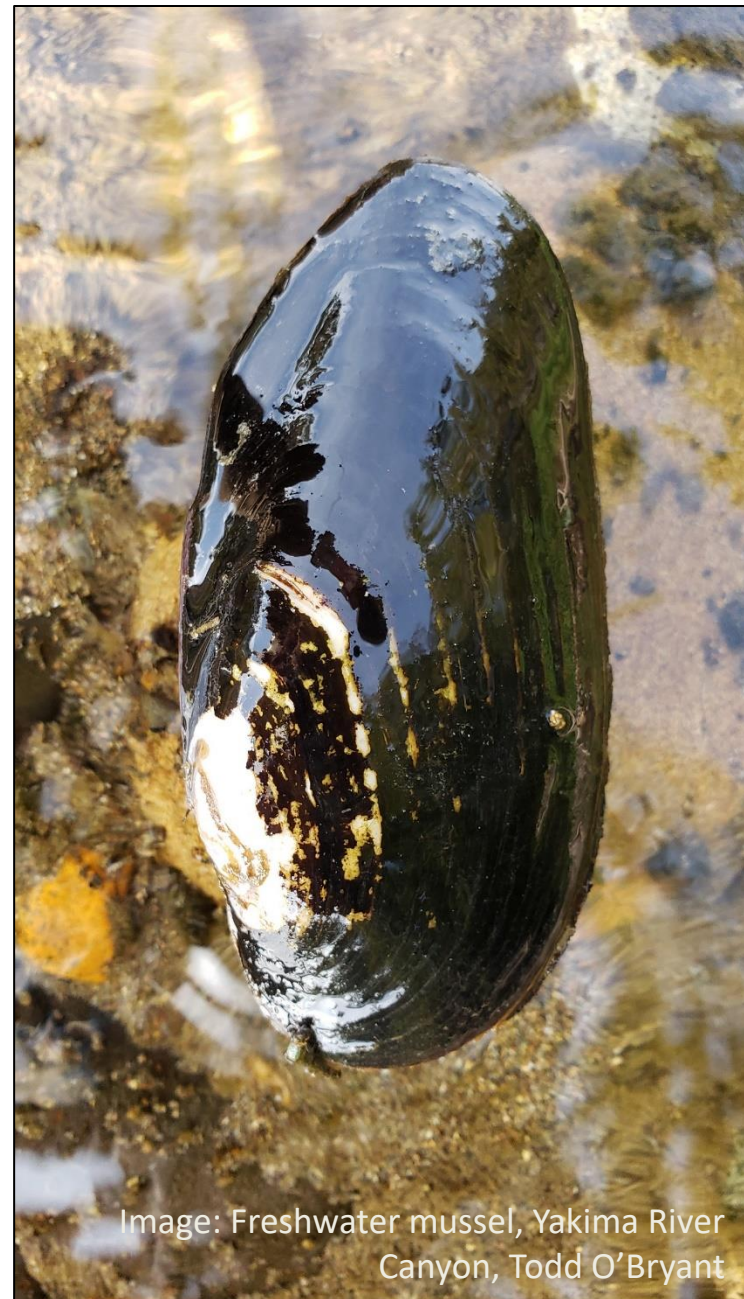


Image: Freshwater mussel, Yakima River Canyon, Todd O'Bryant



# SWAP 2025

## What's New and Due

# 2025 SWAP

Provide current information and guidance to identify, scope, fund, and inspire actions that address important conservation needs in our state to preserve, protect, and perpetuate fish, wildlife, and ecosystems;

enable broad engagement in implementation; and

create a framework to report progress.



Image: Her First Backpacking Trip, Tony Kastelnik





# Changes

Plants, Multi-species  
Assemblages

'Bionic' tools and  
information

Shared urgency for  
implementation

Conservation  
audiences and  
relationships



Image: Sauk River Sunrise, Bruce Spalding



# Consistency - Driving Change

Nuts, Bolts and Tools - aligning with national and partner formats to enable communication

- Ecoregions – EPA Level 3
- Watersheds
- National Vegetation Classification and Global Ecosystem Typology
- Similar SGCN criteria
- CMP threat and action vocabulary 'plus WA'
- Integrated climate, landscape issues



# Working SGCN Foundations

## Species of Greatest Conservation Need

**'Defined Status'** applied criteria, existing lists

- ESA-listed as endangered, threatened, or candidate
- State-listed endangered, threatened, sensitive, or candidate
- NatureServe rank G1, G2, S1, or S2
- WDFW PHS native species

## Expert Proposals

## Species of Greatest Information Need

Image: Daniel Jager, Selah, Washington



# Scalable

Expertise and  
content  
that aligns with  
work and needs  
at multiple  
actionable scales



Image: Ponderosa Pine near Mazama WA, WDFW





# Engagement and Timelines



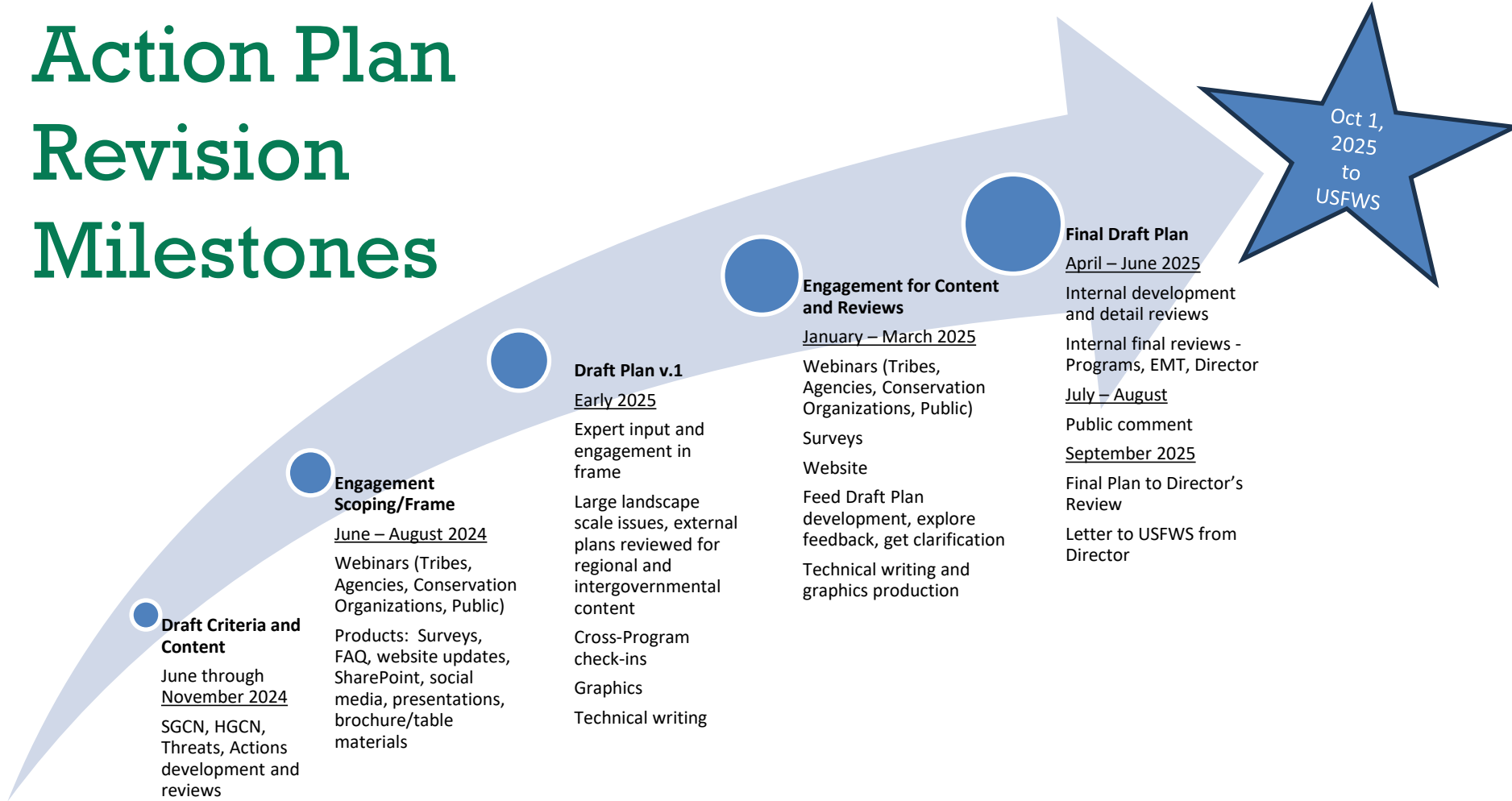
Image: Kelp, Tom Mumford


# More Engagement

- Facilitated meetings
- Council outreach
- Liaison network
- Social media
- Website updates
- Surveys, Tools
- SharePoint



# State Wildlife Action Plan Revision Milestones





**Spring 2025 – Crafting Draft**  
**October 1, 2025 – Final to USFWS**





# Questions?

