



Fish and Wildlife Commission Presentation Summary Sheet

Meeting date:

8/9/24

Agenda item:

9. State Wildlife Action Plan Update - Briefing

Presenter(s):

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Background summary:

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is revising the [Washington State Wildlife Action Plan \(SWAP\)](#), which is due to US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) by October 1, 2025. This will be our third edition. All U.S. states and territories have a SWAP and these plans are often called a “national blueprint for conservation,” directing federal and state biodiversity conservation funding. These plans are also mentioned in two federal conservation funding bills, Recovering America’s Wildlife Act and America’s Wildlife Habitat Conservation Act, as guides to implement that funding. The Washington SWAP also helps deliver our [Strategic Plan](#) strategy to “Proactively address conservation challenges” by identifying the actions needed to conserve federal and state listed species, species in decline or vulnerable over all or a certain portion of their range, and those that have special management concerns even if not at-risk for extirpation or extinction.

Each SWAP must meet [Eight Required Elements](#) to identify species of greatest conservation need (SGCN) that represent the diversity and health of the State’s wildlife, describe habitats that SGCN depend on, identify threats to SGCN and their habitats, and describe conservation to inspire and guide action.

Our revision process will also provide opportunities to coordinate with and engage Tribes, agencies (local, state, and federal), conservation and community organizations, and the public. We will be offering engagement opportunities this summer and early in 2025 to shape the draft plan, and another opportunity in Summer 2005 to review the draft plan.

Staff Recommendation:

N/A

Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:

N/A

Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:

N/A

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

N/A

Action requested and/or proposed next steps:

N/A

Draft motion language:

N/A

Post decision communications plan:

N/A
