

# Purpose of the WLA Plan

- Sets vision (8-10 years)
- Ensures lands are managed consistent with agency mission and funding obligations
- Identifies priority actions and plans for implementation
- Provides transparency
- Integrates agency priorities



# What's new?

- Statewide WLA Planning Framework
- Integration of program priorities
  - Ecological Integrity
  - Forest Management
  - Recreation Management
  - Climate Change
- Stakeholder outreach



# Public Outreach – Statewide Strategy

- Interested parties database
- Fact sheets, announcements
- Web site, email for comments
- Wildlife Area Advisory Committee meetings
- Public meetings
- SEPA



# Phased Process

Phase 1

- Scoping

Phase 2

- **Goals & Objectives Development**

Phase 3

- Draft Plan

# What's happened since August 3

- Dog Training
  - Subgroup Meetings: Aug 18; Sept. 15; Dec. 12
- New WAAC recruitment
- WDFW Planning Team Meetings: Sept. 28, Nov. 2; Nov. 14
  - Draft Actions for the Plan
  - Plan outline



# Statewide WLA Goals

1. Restore and protect the integrity of priority ecological systems and sites.
2. Sustain individual species through habitat and population management actions, where consistent with site purposes and funding.
3. Provide fishing, hunting, and wildlife-related recreational opportunities where consistent with Goals 1 & 2

# Statewide WLA Goals

4. Engage stakeholders in consistent, timely and transparent communication regarding WLA management activities.
5. Maintain productive and positive working relationships with community neighbors, lessees partners and permittees.
6. Hire, train, equip, and license, as necessary, WLA staff to meet the operation and management needs of WLAs.
7. Maintain safe, highly functional, and cost-effective administration and operational facilities and equipment.



# Snoqualmie WLA Draft Vision

*The vision for the Snoqualmie WLA is to maintain and create quality habitat for fish and wildlife by conserving and restoring habitat; to provide food, water, cover, and security for all life stages; and provide compatible wildlife-related recreational opportunities, consistent with the departments' mission.*





# 1. Ecological Integrity

1. Gather data, decide on important areas to improve, establish goals
2. Manage weeds and invasive species
3. Plan, develop and monitor restoration
  - a) Master plan for Ebey Island
  - b) Spencer Island actions to improve tidal freshwater wetland habitat
  - c) Improve wetland function

## 2. Sustain species

### 1. Chinook Salmon

- a) Create and improve rearing habitat for salmon
- b) Improve fish passage

### 2. Birds, bats, and wildlife

- a) Support forest succession for wildlife

### 3. Improve species diversity

- a) Ident habitats to support diversity species and improve
- b) Survey for invertebrate species of greatest conservation need
- c) Implement planned strategies for habitat improvement

# 3. Recreational Opportunities

1. Provide clear information on land use, include local restrictions and cross-property issues
2. Provide hunting , fishing, and wildlife/bird viewing opportunities
3. Maintain and enhance big game, small game, and upland bird habitat
4. Maintain and improve hunting for waterfowl, pheasant, and ungulates
5. Improve public access
6. Improve ADA access
7. Manage dog presence

## 4. Safety and compliance

1. Encourage citizen participation in reporting illegal activity
2. Maintain signage in designated safety zones in hunting units
3. Install remote camera in parking areas to reduce illegal activity

## 5. Positive relationships with stakeholders

1. Manage agriculture leases that accommodate multiple objectives
2. Promote stewardship opportunities
3. Work with SLS on zoning to agriculture
4. Continue work with drainage district to manage drainage and wetlands

## 6. Cost-effective operations

1. Document sensitive areas on WLA
2. Assess signage and develop new signs where needed
3. Seek funding to improve road and trail system
4. Hire permanent fulltime assistant
5. Replace barn on Cherry Valley Road with office/shop
6. Build new pheasant net pen
7. Seek to increase operational budget



# Next Steps

1. Review and provide feedback on First DRAFT G&O
2. When WAAC Review Draft Plan is available, review, get input from your groups, provide comments

## WDFW

- produces Internal Review Draft (1)
- produces WAAC Review Draft (2)
- produce Public Review Draft (3)
- Produces Final Draft