

Changes to the List of Animal Priorities

Animal Species	2011 Plan Priority	2018 Plan Priority	Reason for Change
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Bees

High country bumble bee (<i>Bombus balteatus</i>)	No Priority	Priority 1	Recent review indicates species is rare in Washington
Frigid bumble bee (<i>Bombus frigidus</i>)	No Priority	Priority 2	Recent review indicates species is rare in Washington
Western bumble bee (<i>Bombus occidentalis</i>)	No Priority	Priority 2	Species is widespread, but rare in Washington
Suckley bumble bee (<i>Bombus suckleyi</i>)	No Priority	Priority 2	Recent review indicates species is rare in Washington
Half-black bumble bee (<i>Bombus vagans</i>)	No Priority	Priority 2	Recent review indicates species is rare in Washington

Birds

Northern Goshawk (<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>)	Priority 3	No Priority	Populations improving
Sagebrush Sparrow (<i>Artemisiospiza nevadensis</i>)	Priority 3	Priority 2	Habitat (shrub-steppe) declining; Taxonomic change from <i>Amphispiza bellii</i>
Marbled Murrelet (<i>Brachyramphus marmoratus</i>)	Priority 3	Priority 2	Continuing decline and threats
Peregrine Falcon (<i>Falco peregrinus</i>)	Priority 2	Priority 3	Threats are reduced and species is now more abundant
Sage Thrasher (<i>Oreoscoptes montanus</i>)	Priority 3	Priority 2	Change due to continuing loss of shrub-steppe habitat.
Brewer's Sparrow (<i>Spizella breweri</i>)	No Priority	Priority 3	Habitat (shrub-steppe) declining

Butterflies

Sand-verbena Moth (<i>Copablepharon fuscum</i>)	Priority 2	Priority 1	More rare than previously thought
Island Checkerspot (<i>Euphydryas chalcedona perdiccas</i>)	Priority 3	*	Taxonomic revision from <i>Euphydryas chalcedona perdiccas</i> to <i>E. colon colon</i>
Snowberry Checkerspot (<i>Euphydryas colon colon</i>)	*	Priority 3	

Dragonflies and Damselflies

Boreal Whiteface (<i>Leucorrhinia borealis</i>)	Priority 2	No Priority	Peripheral species in Washington; difficult to define conservation target
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Earthworms

Giant Palouse Earthworm (<i>Driloleirus americanus</i>)	Priority 1	Priority 2	More widespread than previously known
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Fairy Shrimp

Pocked Pouch Fairy Shrimp (<i>Branchinecta campestris</i>)	No Priority	Priority 2	Recent review indicates species is rare in Washignton
Horned Fairy Shrimp (<i>Branchinecta cornigera</i>)	No Priority	Priority 2	Recent review indicates species is rare in Washignton
Giant Fairy Shrimp (<i>Branchinecta gigas</i>)	No Priority	Priority 3	Recent review indicates species is rare in Washignton
Muddy Fairy Shrimp (<i>Branchinecta lutulenta</i>)	No Priority	Priority 1	Recent review indicates species is rare in Washignton

Fish

Pacific Lamprey (<i>Entosphenus tridentatus</i>)	No Priority	Priority 1	More rare in Washington than previously thought
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Mammals

Olympic Marmot (<i>Marmota olympus</i>)	No Priority	Priority 1	Only known in Washington from a limited number of declining occurrences
Pacific marten (coastal pouplation) (<i>Martes caurina</i> (coastal population))	Extirpated	Priority 1	Previously thought to be extirpated; currently know in Washington from 2 records
Killer Whale (<i>Orcinus orca</i>)	No Priority	Priority 3	Rare and declining throughout range
Mountain Goat (<i>Oreamnos americanus</i>)	No Priority	Priority 3	Populations declining
Fisher (<i>Pekania pennanti</i>)	Extirpated	Priority 1	Reintroductions appear to be successful
Woodland Caribou (<i>Rangifer tarandus caribou</i>)	No Priority	Priority 1	Species continues to decline in Washington
Western Pocket Gopher (<i>Thomomys mazama</i>)	*	Priority 1	Only known in Washington from a limited number of occurrences (All subspecies included under <i>Thomomys mazama</i>)
Shelton Pocket Gopher (<i>Thomomys mazama couchi</i>)	Priority 1	*	
Cathlamet Pocket Gopher (<i>Thomomys mazama louiei</i>)	Priority 1	*	
Olympic Pocket Gopher (<i>Thomomys mazama melanops</i>)	Priority 1	*	
Cascade red fox (<i>Vulpes vulpes cascadenis</i>)	No Priority	Priority 1	Recent review indicates species is rare in Washignton

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Slugs and Snails			
Newcomb periwinkle (<i>Algomorda newcombiana</i>)	Priority 1	No Priority	Taxonomic revision lumps this with <i>Littorina subrotundata</i> , a common species
Columbia dusksnail (<i>Amnicola</i> sp. 4)	Priority 1	Priority 2	More widespread than previously thought
Mission Creek Oregonian (<i>Cryptomastix magnidentata</i>)	No Priority	Priority 2	Recent review indicates species is rare in Washington
Hell's Canyon Oregonian (<i>Cryptomastix</i> sp. 7)	Priority 1	*	Taxonomic revision to lump with <i>C. magnidentata</i>
Keeled jumping-slug (<i>Hemphillia burringtoni</i>)	Priority 3	No Priority	More widespread than previously known
Grand Coulee mountainsnail (<i>Oreohelix junii</i>)	Priority 2	Priority 3	Habitat is relatively common and much of it is not threatened

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