Presentation Overview

- What is an HCP?
- How the HCP meets DNR’s goals?
- Planning Area
- HCP overview
- Next Steps

Fisherman Terminal, Port of Seattle
What is an HCP?

- Negotiated agreement with US Fish & Wildlife Services & NOAA Fisheries (Federal Services)
- Addresses impacts to listed and sensitive species.
- Describes DNR’s commitment to avoid, minimize and compensate for harm to species.
- Basis for an Incidental Take Permit from the Federal Services.
Aquatic Lands HCP

Consistent with DNR’s Management Guidelines defined in RCW 79.105.030

Meets DNR’s management goals in the 2014-17 Strategic Plan for stronger stewardship emphasis
HCP Planning Area

≈ 2.6 million acres of state-owned aquatic lands:

- Nearshore 30%
- Rivers 10%
- Offshore 55%
- Lakes 5%
Aquatic Lands HCP Focus

Avoid and minimize:

- Alteration of habitat forming processes
- Impacts to water and sediment quality
- Loss of physical habitat
- Disturbance or displacement of species
Aquatic Lands Habitat Conservation Plan Development

2002
DNR decides to develop an aquatic lands habitat conservation plan (HCP).

2003
ESA team begins working on the HCP; scientific scoping begins.

2004-05
'Potential Effects Analysis'

2006
Federal Services conduct public scoping of proposed HCP; DNR convenes a science panel.

2007
DNR develops a GIS data layer; ongoing conversations begin with interested parties.

2008
First HCP draft completed.

2009
Draft HCP review.

2010
Negotiations with the Federal Services.

2011
Outreach begins.

2012
DNR submits a finalized draft of the HCP.

2013
Federal Services' final review of draft HCP.

2014
Draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for DNR's HCP completed by the Federal Services; public review and comment on the draft HCP and the Draft EIS under NEPA/SEPA jointly by the Federal Services and DNR; DNR incorporates changes to the HCP, based on public comment.
HCP Operating Conservation Program

Programmatic Strategies
(All lands)

Standards
(All uses)

Conservation Measures
(Covered activities)
HCP Covered Activities

- Log booming and storage
- Shellfish Aquaculture
- Overwater structures
HCP Covered Species

**Amphibians** (4) - Columbia spotted frog, Northern leopard frog, Oregon spotted frog, Western toad,

**Reptile** (1) - Pacific pond turtle

**Fish** (18) - Bull trout, Chinook, Chum, Coastal cutthroat trout, Coho, Pink, Sockeye/Kokanee, Steelhead, Green & White sturgeon, Bocaccio, Canary & Yelloweye rockfish, Eulachon, Pacific herring, Pacific sand lance, Surf smelt, Pacific lamprey

**Birds** (5) - Black tern, Common loon, Harlequin duck, Marbled murrelet, Western snowy plover

**Marine Mammal** – Southern resident orca
Where do we go from here?

Sept. 5, 2014
BEGIN 90-DAY PUBLIC
COMMENT PERIOD on DNR’s HCP
and the Draft EIS evaluating
impacts and alternatives.

Dec. 4, 2014
CLOSE OF 90-DAY PUBLIC
COMMENT PERIOD.

Summer 2015
PUBLIC COMMENTS REVIEWED AND
INCORPORATED INTO FINAL
DOCUMENTS.
Washington DNR prepares final HCP,
based on public comments. The Services
prepare a Final EIS; issue Biological
Opinions on adequacy of species
protections in the HCP.

Late Fall 2015
SERVICES COMPLETE THEIR DECISION
DOCUMENTS.
Biological Opinion Finalized; NEPA Record of
Decision; HCP Section 10 Findings.

Early Fall 2015
30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
on Final EIS, Biological Opinions and
HCP documents. Review with BNR.

Late Fall 2015
30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
on Final EIS, Biological Opinions and
HCP documents. Review with BNR.

Winter 2015-16
INCIDENTAL TAKE PERMIT
DECISIONS MADE BY THE SERVICES.
Additional Information on the HCP can be found at:

www.dnr.wa.gov/aquatichcp