

Fiscal Year 2019 HCP Implementation Documentation

Implementation of the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR)'s *State Trust Lands Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)* often requires interpretation of its conservation strategies and how they apply to HCP-covered management activities. There are times when strict compliance would result in the wrong outcome, endanger human life, or conflict with other HCP objectives. There are also times when an activity unintentionally or inadvertently deviates from an HCP conservation strategy. Under these circumstances, DNR staff may seek guidance to devise appropriate plans of action for complying with HCP objectives and conservation strategies, develop alternative plans of action to avoid conflict with HCP objectives, or rectify the unintended consequences of an activity.

HCP implementation documentation represents the continual reporting and cooperative problem solving that is necessary in the course of HCP implementation. It includes the following:

- **Implementation consultations:** Agreements between DNR's HCP and Scientific Consultation Section and regions or programs related to operational challenges where assistance with and approval for a mitigation plan has been requested.
- **Joint concurrences:** Agreements between DNR and the Federal Services related to strategy modifications and updates.
- **Non-compliances:** Unapproved deviations from HCP conservation strategies and/or objectives.
- **Other:** Informational documentation of issues and activities associated with HCP strategies, objectives, or implementation.

Table 1 describes activities that have been approved but may not yet have taken place. This information is linked directly to the [FY 2019 State Trust Lands HCP Annual Report](#) and is best understood in the context of that document.

Table 1: Summary of DNR's FY 2019 HCP Implementation Documentation.

Region/ Division	Approval Date	Type	Associated Project	HCP Strategy	Activity Summary
Northwest	7/5/2018	HCP Consultation	Lugnut timber sale	Riparian	Follow the Snohomish County PUD's recommendation to harvest 2.9 total acres across five patches of RMZ along Sultan Basin Road adjacent to Olney Creek.
South Puget Sound	9/12/2018	HCP Consultation	Dingo Dance timber sale	NSO	Construct two spur roads totaling 620 feet through NSO movement habitat.
Northwest	12/5/2018	HCP Consultation	Uncle Larch timber sale	Multi- species	Apply the Draft Cave Procedure to two low-value caves.

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Northwest	12/5/2018	HCP Consultation	Pilchuck Mainline reroute	Marbled murrelet	Reroute the Pilchuck Mainline road through newly identified Criteria 2 murrelet habitat. The new road is designed to minimize the amount of construction in the Worthy Creek RMZ and remove only one platform tree near the periphery of the habitat block.
Northwest	1/16/2019	Concurrence	Saddle Up timber sale	Marbled murrelet	Include a portion of newly identified marbled murrelet habitat, which was subsequently deemed by WDFW to not be suitable marbled murrelet habitat, in Unit 2 of the Saddle Up timber sale.
Pacific Cascade	1/18/2019	HCP Consultation	Pick Up Sticks timber sale	NSO	Harvest 48 acres of high-quality NSO habitat and 129 acres of sub-mature habitat in the Siouxon SOMU, which will be above the 50 percent habitat threshold in FY2020 following transition to RS-FRIS-derived NSO habitat.
Olympic	3/7/2019	HCP Consultation	D5200 Road right of way	Marbled murrelet	Cut the majority of trees within 30 feet of the road center line through 1/4 mile of a stand deferred from harvest as reclassified habitat.
Olympic	3/7/2019	HCP Consultation	N1130 road maintenance	Marbled murrelet	Remove two alders within an occupied marbled murrelet buffer in order to conduct stream-crossing maintenance. Both trees lack structural complexity and do not provide marbled murrelet nesting habitat.
Northwest	3/22/2019	HCP Consultation	Northern Lights timber sale	NSO	Conduct a timber harvest using the FY2019 FRIS-based habitat layer, though the sale will actually be sold in FY2020 due to the federal government shutdown. Based on 2020 layer, the sale will include VRH of about 60 acres of next best.

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Northwest	3/26/2019	HCP Consultation	Copperhead timber sale	NSO	Reopen an existing road grade through an NSO nest patch buffer, which will involve removal of up to 1.9 acres of trees.
Olympic	4/5/2019	HCP Consultation	D5514 and D5515 road maintenance	Marbled murrelet	Daylight a total of 0.3 miles of forest road through marbled murrelet occupied and "yellow layer" stands along a Rayonier right of way.
Olympic	5/13/2019	HCP Consultation	Whiskey Limit timber sale	Marbled murrelet	Reconstruct two existing roads and construct one new road through a stand that is currently deferred from harvest as marbled murrelet reclassified habitat.