



Committee of the Whole

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Council Initiated:

Yes

No

ECAF: 2025-0895
Ordinance: 25-020

Type:

- Contract
- Board Appt.
- Code Amendment
- Budget Action
- Other

Requested Handling:

- Normal
- Expedite
- Urgent

Fund Source:

- General Fund
- Other
- N/A

Executive Rec:

- Approve
- Do Not Approve
- N/A

Approved as to

Form:

- Yes
- No
- N/A

Subject: Interlocal Agreement to continue salmon conservation services in WRIA 8.

Scope: A new interlocal agreement is proposed to provide continued salmon conservation services lying wholly or in part within the management area of the Watershed Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 8, which includes areas of Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed. The parties (29 different cities and counties, including Snohomish County) wish to continue providing joint conservation planning, funding and implementation of various projects and activities associated with the watershed planning and conservation within the WRIA 8.

Duration: From Execution through December 31, 2035.

Fiscal Impact: Current Year Multi-Year N/A

Included in the 2025-2026 SWM Budget. The 10-year cost estimate is based on 5% per year annual increase. Snohomish County (unincorporated) 2025 Cost Share (reflects 3.60% CPI-W estimate) (Average Population, AV, Area) is 10.67% or \$81,163.00; this Cost Share is up from the starting 2015 percentage of 9.9% or \$49,700.

Expenditures	2025	2026	Total
415.50951124101 Professional Services	\$81,163	\$86,869	\$1,039,030
Total	\$81,163	\$86,869	\$1,039,030

Authority Granted: Approves and authorizes the County Executive to execute the Interlocal Agreement for Chinook Salmon Conservation Planning for the Watershed Basins with Water Resource Inventory Area 8 in the form as Attached to the ILA as Exhibit A, under SCC 3.04.140(1).

Background: Puget Sound Chinook salmon, including the WRIA 8 Cedar and Sammamish populations, were listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in 1999 with steelhead trout listed as threatened under ESA in 2007.

An Interlocal Agreement was executed for 2001-2005 to develop the WRIA 8 plan, which contributed to the federally approved Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Plan. The parties took formal action in 2005 to ratify the WRIA 8 Plan and improve watershed health.

Extensions for the years 2007-2015 and 2016-2025 were executed.

Snohomish County Council passed the 2016-2025 renewal with [Ordinance No. 15-087](#) authorizing the Snohomish County Executive to execute an interlocal agreement with the jurisdictions within the WRIA 8 boundary.

The 29 parties wish to continue providing joint planning, funding and implementation of various projects and activities associated with watershed planning and conservation with the WRIA 8 under the new interlocal agreement, through December 2035.

Requested Action: For Council to set time and date for a Public Hearing, suggested date April 16, 2025, at 10:30 am.