



## Snohomish County Council

**Committee:** Conservation, Sustainability, and Recreation    **Analyst:** Nicole Gorle  
**ECAF:** 2021-1057  
**Ordinance:** 21-103    **Date:** January 6, 2022

### **Consideration:**

Authorize the Executive to execute an Addendum to the Interlocal Agreement for Salmon Recovery Planning Efforts in Water Resource Inventory Area (WIRA) 8 to allow the City of Everett to join, and authorize the Executive to execute any future addendums that have the sole purpose of approving another jurisdiction joining WIRA 8.

### **Background**

In 2000, Snohomish County entered into an ILA with King County and 24 other cities and towns. The partners shared interests in and responsibility for addressing long-term watershed planning and conservation of the aquatic ecosystems and floodplains within WRIA 8 through implementation of the Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan. The parties recognized that participation in the ILA demonstrates commitment to proactively working to address the Endangered Species Act (ESA) listing of Chinook salmon.

With the initial agreement ending in 2006, a new ILA was executed in February 2007 through Ordinance 07-003 to continue this work.

In December 2015, Council by way of [Ordinance 15-087](#)<sup>1</sup> authorized the County Executive to execute another ILA with the WRIA 8 partners to allow continuation of watershed planning and conservation efforts for the period 2016 through 2025.

In October 2018, Snohomish County provided King County with a notice of termination to withdraw from the WRIA 8 ILA due to budget constraints within the Surface Water Management (SWM) division of Public Works.

In June 2020, Snohomish County rejoined WRIA 8 through [Ordinance 20-011](#).

### **Current Proposal**

*Scope:* Adding members to the agreement requires the consent of all existing parties. Ordinance 21-103 would:

1. Serve as Snohomish County's consent for the City of Everett to join the WRIA 8 agreement; and
2. Authorize the Executive to execute any future addendums that are for the sole purpose of adding a member to WRIA 8.

*Duration:* No change to agreement duration – existing agreement expires December 31, 2-215.

*Fiscal Implications:* None

**2022 Budget:** No – This will not have any additional impact on the County

**Future Budget Impacts:** No

**Handling:** Normal

**Approved-as-to-form:** Yes

**Risk Management:** Yes

**Executive Recommendation:** Approve

**Attachments:** None

**Amendments:** None

**Request:** Move to GLS on January 19<sup>th</sup> to set time and date for a public hearing.

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<sup>1</sup>[https://snohomish.granicus.com/MinutesViewer.php?view\\_id=15&clip\\_id=4877&doc\\_id=a5050f69-ad84-11e5-b3ab-00219ba2f017](https://snohomish.granicus.com/MinutesViewer.php?view_id=15&clip_id=4877&doc_id=a5050f69-ad84-11e5-b3ab-00219ba2f017)