

RESOLUTION NO. 425

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, RATIFYING THE 2017 UPDATE TO THE WATER RESOURCE INVENTORY AREA (WRIA) 8 CHINOOK SALMON CONSERVATION PLAN.

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2005, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 232 ratifying the *WRIA 8 Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan*, dated February 25, 2005 (“2005 WRIA 8 Plan”); and

WHEREAS, WRIA 8 is one of 15 watershed-based chapters of the *Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Plan*, approved by NOAA Fisheries (formerly National Marine Fisheries Service) on January 19, 2007, and encompasses Lake Washington and the Cedar and Sammamish river systems; and

WHEREAS, the Puget Sound Partnership serves as the Puget Sound regional organization and lead for planning and implementing the Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Plan, approved by NOAA Fisheries; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 update to the 2005 WRIA 8 Plan (“2017 Update”) is an addendum to the 2005 WRIA 8 Plan, and includes a scientific framework, Chinook salmon population goals to achieve sustainable and harvestable populations, habitat restoration goals, recovery strategies, a list of priority projects and programmatic actions, and a monitoring and adaptive management plan; and; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the City of Shoreline values ecosystem health; water quality improvement; flood hazard reduction; open space protection; and maintaining a legacy for future generations, including commercial, tribal, and sport fishing, quality of life, and cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the City of Shoreline supports cooperation at the WRIA level to set common priorities for actions among partners, efficient use of resources and investments, and distribution of responsibility for actions and expenditures; and

WHEREAS, in WRIA 8, habitat protection and restoration actions to significantly increase Chinook productivity trends are necessary, in conjunction with other recovery efforts, to avoid extinction in the near term and restore WRIA 8 Chinook to viability in the long term; and

WHEREAS, the 2005 WRIA 8 Plan and the 2017 Update recognize that salmon recovery is a long-term effort, and focuses on a 10-year implementation time horizon to allow for evaluation of progress and updating Plan goals and priorities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shoreline has implemented habitat restoration and protection projects, and uses the 2005 WRIA 8 Plan and salmon habitat recovery strategies and goals as guidance in its land use and public outreach policies and programs; and

WHEREAS, it is important to provide jurisdictions, the private sector, and the public with certainty and predictability regarding the course of salmon recovery actions that the region will be taking in WRIA 8, including the Puget Sound nearshore; and

WHEREAS, if insufficient action is taken at the local and regional level, it is unlikely Chinook salmon populations in WRIA 8 will improve and it is possible the federal government could list Puget Sound Chinook salmon as an endangered species, thereby decreasing local flexibility;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

The City Council for the City of Shoreline ratifies the *2017 update to the Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan*, dated September 2017, as an addendum to the 2005 WRIA 8 Plan. Ratification is intended to convey the City of Shoreline's approval and support for the following:

1. Conserving and recovering Chinook salmon and other anadromous fish, focusing on preserving, protecting and restoring habitat with the intent to recover listed species, including sustainable, genetically diverse, harvestable populations of naturally spawning Chinook salmon.
2. Providing multiple benefits to people and fish through WRIA 8 Plan, as updated in 2017, implementation, including flood hazard reduction; water quality improvement; open space protection; and maintaining a legacy for future generations, including commercial, tribal and sport fishing, quality of life, and cultural heritage.
3. Continuing to work collaboratively with other jurisdictions and stakeholders in WRIA 8 to implement the WRIA 8 Plan, as updated in 2017.
4. Using the habitat goals and associated recovery strategies in the WRIA 8 Plan, as updated in 2017, as a basis for local actions recommended in these documents and as one source of best available science for future projects, ordinances, programmatic actions, and other appropriate local government activities.
5. Supporting implementation of the 2017 Update's Appendix A - *Monitoring and Assessment Plan* on a watershed basis, including an adaptive management approach to implementation and funding to address uncertainties and ensure cost-effectiveness by tracking actions, assessing action effectiveness, learning from results of actions, reviewing assumptions and strategies, making corrections where needed, and communicating progress.
6. Using the 2017 Update's Appendix F - *Site- Specific Project List*, Appendix H – *Land Use Action Recommendations*, and Appendix I – *Education and Outreach Recommendations*, and other actions consistent with the 2005 WRIA 8 Plan, as updated in 2017, as the suite of WRIA 8 actions to guide priorities for implementation and funding, including through grants, local capital improvement projects, ordinances, and other activities. Jurisdictions, agencies, and stakeholders can choose to implement these actions at any time.

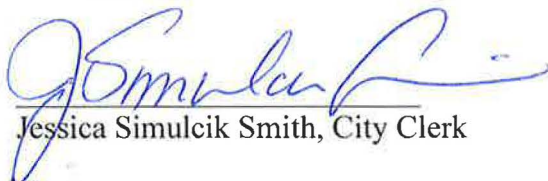
7. Using an adaptive approach to funding the WRIA 8 Plan, as updated in 2017, through both local sources and by working together (within WRIA 8 and Puget Sound) to seek federal, state, grant, and other funding opportunities, and recognizing that funding assumptions, strategies, and options will be revisited periodically.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON MARCH 26, 2018.



Mayor Will Hall

ATTEST:



Jessica Simulcik Smith, City Clerk

