

## **Notable changes to the layout of the PHS List**

In addition to adding or removing certain species and habitats, significant changes were made to the list's format and layout. A major change is the increased use of electronic technology that includes using hyperlinks to direct individuals to useful resources. The following are some other notable changes in the 2008 PHS List.

### **SPECIES AND HABITAT DISTRIBUTION MAPS:**

The past versions of the PHS List described where priority habitats and species are found by using the agency's administrative regions. Because WDFW administrative regions can encompass up to 10 counties, this provided a very coarse description of places where priority species or habitats are likely to occur. To better meet the needs of users of PHS, WDFW now shows the distribution of priority habitats and species at a county-by-county level. This finer scale will be useful to individual cities and counties that need a more accurate list of what potentially occurs within their jurisdictional boundaries. Complete county-by-county lists of priority habitats and species can be viewed by going to [Appendix 2](#).

### **LINKING PHS USERS TO USEFUL INFORMATION:**

Through the use of hyperlinks, we have made the list a better place to find more than just a list of species and habitats. Within each species and habitat fact sheet are links to a variety of information. One useful type of information is the status of a species. The 2008 PHS List directly links readers to information about the most recent federal and state status of all species that are listed as being endangered, threatened, sensitive, and those that are a candidate for possible listing. The list also links readers to published information that can aid in the management of priority habitats and species.

### **GREATER USE OF ELECTRONIC FORMAT CAPABILITIES:**

In past versions of the PHS List, WDFW has distributed the PHS List in two forms, electronic and hard copy. Because the list provides much more detailed information, WDFW will produce only a limited number of hard copies for those individuals who do not have access to the PHS List on a computer.