Wildlife Areas Habitat Conservation Plan

NEPA Public Scoping Meetings

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Goals of Wildlife Areas HCP Development

- ESA assurances for incidental take
- Provide protection for at-risk species
- Inventory at-risk species, land management activities, and public uses on WDFW Lands
- Incorporate a landscape level approach to management
- Streamline permitting process

Scope of the Wildlife Areas HCP

Covered Lands

- All acres managed as Wildlife Areas
- Approximately 860,000 across the state
- Does not include public access sites owned/managed by WDFW that are not part of Wildlife Areas

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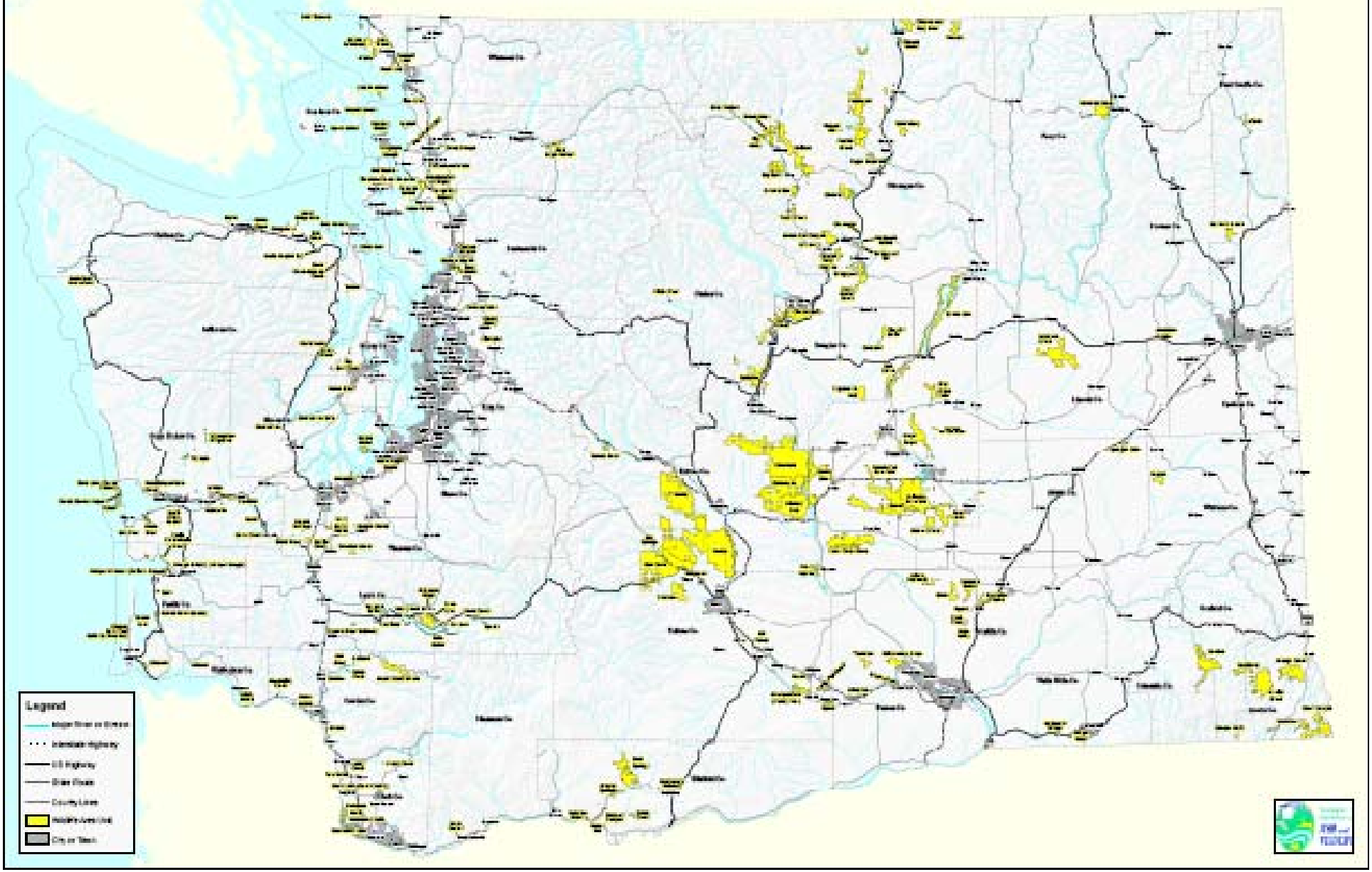
COVERED LANDS



Scope of the Wildlife Areas HCP

Covered Species

- 32 federally listed and 20 non-listed species

8 Birds
7 Reptiles and amphibians
4 Invertebrates
9 Mammals
21 Fish
4 Plants

Scope of the Wildlife Areas HCP

Covered Activities

1. Organized recreation events that require a temporary land use permit issued by WDFW

Organized Horseback Riding Events
Organized Field Trial Events

Scope of the Wildlife Areas HCP

Covered Activities

2. Activities conducted on Wildlife Areas through permit agreement with WDFW

Agriculture
Grazing

Scope of the Wildlife Areas HCP

Covered Activities

3. Operations/maintenance activities conducted by WDFW

Upland infrastructure
Water control structures
Water crossing structures
Roads, trails and parking areas
Habitat management/restoration
Forest management
Non-chemical weed control
Wildlife feeding
Bird stocking

Conservation Goals of Wildlife Areas HCP

- Manage the covered lands to achieve a high degree of ecological integrity
- Preserve, protect and perpetuate habitat for covered species and contribute to their recovery
- Conduct activities to avoid or minimize disturbance, disruption and injury of covered species

Public Scoping Meeting Information Stations

1. Covered species and covered lands
2. Recreation
3. Operations and maintenance of infrastructure
4. Agriculture and grazing
5. Enhancements for wildlife
6. Habitat restoration and forest management

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