Snoqualmie Wildlife Area Management Plan Review

Snoqualmie Wildlife Area Advisory Committee Meeting
February 28, 2018
WAAC Role

- Provide input to WDFW
- Review the Draft Plan
- Discuss with your constituents
- Provide comments by Monday, March 12

*Also during public comment period*
Purpose of the Plan

- Sets vision for 8-10 years
- Guides activities
- Ensures lands are managed consistent with mission and funding obligations
- Identifies priority actions and plans
- Integrates Agency priorities
Review Process

- Agency Planning Team
- Advisory Committee
- Public
- Agency Leadership / Director

After each review, the plan is edited.
Plan Sections

▶ Part I: Wildlife Area Planning Overview
  ▪ Management overview
  ▪ Intro to the Wildlife Area
  ▪ Wildlife Area Description

▶ Part II: Management and Planning
  ▪ Landownership and Management
  ▪ Management Setting
  ▪ Goals, objectives, performance measures
Plan Sections

- Part III: Species and Habitat Management
  - Physical
  - Ecological
  - Species
  - Climate Change

- Part IV: References and Appendices
  - Species & habitat
  - Weed Management
  - Fire Response
  - SEPA comments
  - Research and Studies
Things to notice

- Success stories – *are they the right ones*
- Unit descriptions – *level of detail*
- Regional character – *context for setting of the wildlife area*
- Recreation – *opportunities table; volunteerism*
- Goals & objectives – *enough support in text*
Success Stories

Citizen Science – bats, marsh bird survey
Salmon Recovery/Partnerships
WLA Management Changes
The vision for the Snoqualmie WLA is to:

- maintain and create quality habitat for fish and wildlife by conserving and restoring habitat;
- provide food, water, cover, and security for all life stages; and,
- provide compatible wildlife-related recreational opportunities, consistent with the departments’ mission.
Ecological Integrity

1. Focus on important areas to improve
2. Manage weeds and invasive species
3. Plan, develop, and monitor restoration
   - Master Land Management Plan for Ebey Island
   - Identify and implement wetlands enhancement
Sustain Species

1. Improve fish passage for Chinook salmon
2. Improve rearing habitat for Chinook
3. Research ways to conduct survey for SGCN species
Support Recreation

1. Provide info to public
2. Improve hunting
   - Increase pheasant hunting
   - Improve habitat for huntable wildlife
3. Improve public access & ADA
4. Improve and maintain trails
5. Provide bird dog training areas
Engage Stakeholders

1. Maintain the Advisory Committee
2. Communicate with community groups
Maintain relationships with partners

1. Maintain agricultural leases
2. Implement Farm plans with CDs
3. Network with regional partners
Maintain safe, functional facilities

1. Reduce illegal activities
2. Improve visitor safety
3. Build a shop and office
4. Upgrade pheasant net pens
5. Try and get more money
THANK YOU!

Comments by Monday, March 12
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