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



Snoqualmie WLA Vision

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
- 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 SnoqualmiePlanning@dfw.wa.gov

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