

Bush Prairie Habitat Conservation Plan Update and Fourth Amendment to Port / Tumwater Interlocal Agreement

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Today's Presentation

Action Requested

- Why a Habitat Conservation Plan?
- Port/City Partnership
- Interlocal Agreement
- Interlocal Agreement Amendment
- Sample Motion

PORT of OLYMPIA

Bush Prairie Habitat Conservation Plan

- Endangered Species Act
- US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
- Protected or Threatened
- Mitigation to avoid "take"



Oregon vesper sparrow



Oregon spotted frog



Olympia pocket gopher



Streaked horned lark

Habitat Conservation Plans

- Incidental "take"
- Conservation of species
- Include mitigation
- Avoid lengthy consultations for individual actions
- Allow aeronautical, development, and O&M activities





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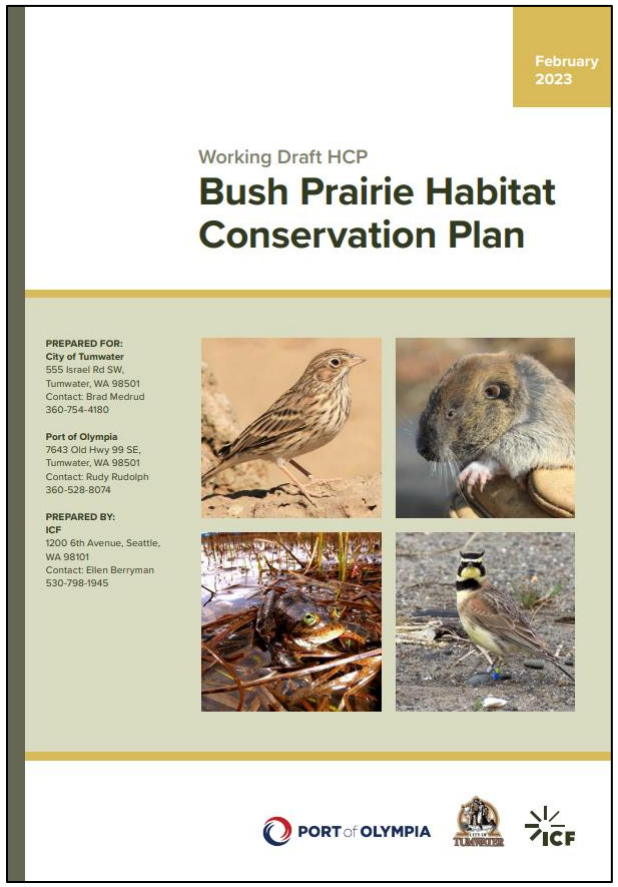
Port of Olympia and City of Tumwater

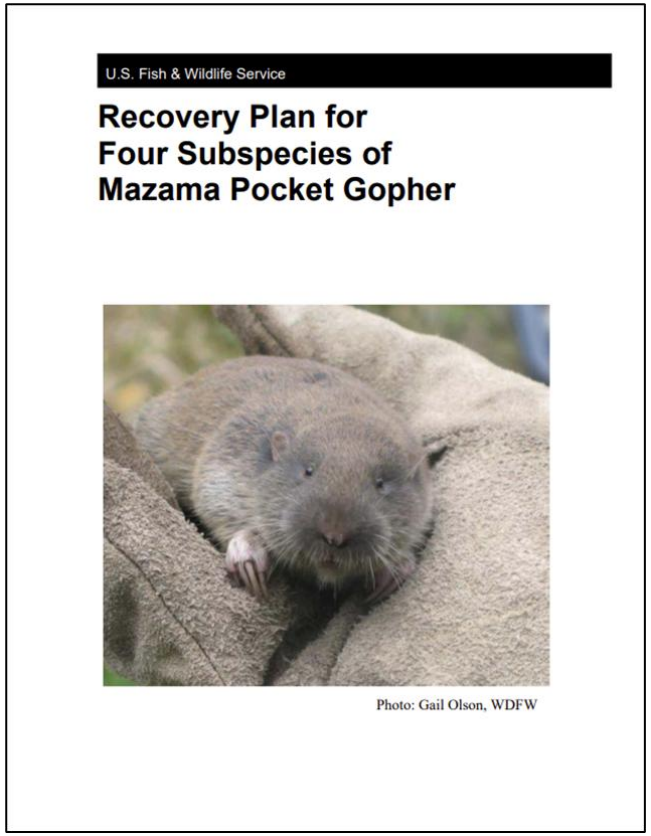
- Shared interests
- Collaboration
- Cost sharing
- Grant funding
- HCP development
- **Interlocal Agreement**



HCP Development and Status

- Consultant
- Grants
- Draft HCP (Feb 2023)
- Recovery Plan – Gopher
- New Draft – April 2025
- UWFSW Review
- NEPA





HCP – ILA Amendment #4

- Original in 2016
- 3 amendments (2020, 2021, 2024)
- 4th Amendment
  - Maintain Current Expiration:
    - December 31, 2028
  - Increase Grant Matches
  - Port Share
    - Phase 3 – 2026 - $60.5k
    - Phase 4 – 2027 - $32.5k

FOURTH AMENDMENT
TO
CITY OF TUMWATER/PORT OF OLYMPIA
INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
FOR
HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN
PREPARATION

This Fourth Amendment ("Fourth Amendment") is dated effective this _____ day of _____, 2026, and is entered into by and between the CITY OF TUMWATER, a Washington municipal corporation ("CITY"), and the PORT OF OLYMPIA ("PORT"), a Washington public port district.

A. The CITY and the PORT entered into an Interlocal Agreement dated effective November 1, 2016, whereby the parties agreed to prepare a Habitat Conservation Plan jointly ("Agreement").

B. The CITY and the PORT entered into the First Amendment to City of Tumwater/Port of Olympia Interlocal Agreement for Habitat Conservation Plan Preparation dated May 11, 2020, that extended the Agreement until December 31, 2021 ("First Amendment").

C. The CITY and the PORT entered into the Second Amendment to City of Tumwater/Port of Olympia Interlocal Agreement for Habitat Conservation Plan Preparation dated November 1, 2021, that extended the Agreement until December 31, 2023 ("Second Amendment").

D. The CITY and the PORT entered into the Third Amendment to City of Tumwater/Port of Olympia Interlocal Agreement for Habitat Conservation Plan Preparation dated February 21, 2024, that added additional responsibilities for the parties and extended the Agreement until December 31, 2028 ("Third Amendment").

E. Section 8 of the Agreement provided that the Agreement may only be amended by written agreement signed by the parties.

F. The CITY and the PORT desire to amend the Agreement to continue the activities described in Section 1 of the Agreement and add additional activities to the Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree to the following terms and conditions:

Sample Motion

"…Move to authorize the Executive Director to execute the Fourth Amendment to City of Tumwater/Port of Olympia Interlocal Agreement for Habitat Conservation Plan Preparation."





Questions and Comments