



Bush Prairie Habitat Conservation Plan

Stakeholder Meeting, November 16, 2018

Welcome & Agenda

- Meeting overview & introductions
- Section 6 grant application update
- Phase 2 project schedule & activities
- Questions & comments
- Schedule & next steps



Section 6 Grant Application

- Grant to complete Phase 2 was received in 2018
- Work began under that grant in October
- Section 6 grant funds are from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, but are administered by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Grant monies are viable for three years

Phase 2 Project Activities

- Continued to develop key elements of the HCP with Phase 1 funding
- Routinely met with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to coordinate on scope and content of the HCP
- Began developing draft HCP chapters
 - Chapter 1 - Introduction
 - Chapter 2 - Physical and Biological Setting
 - Chapter 3 - Covered Activities

Plan Area & Permit Area

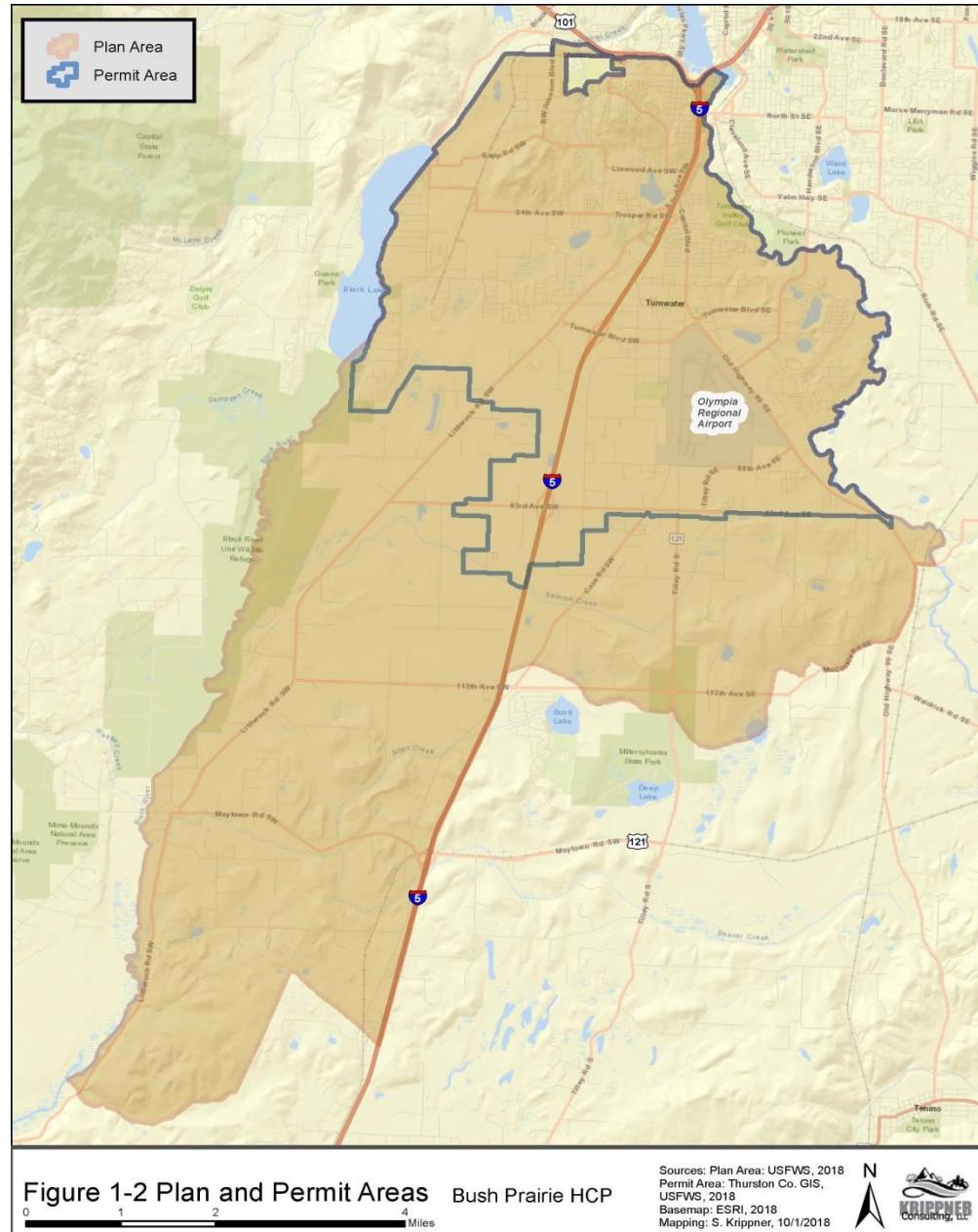
Plan Area

- Area of analysis
- May go beyond the Permit Area where covered activities will occur
- Necessary if any conservation actions are expected to occur outside of the Permit Area

Permit Area

- Area where HCP applicants have jurisdiction
- Area where covered activities occur

Plan Area & Permit Area



Permit Area = City of Tumwater urban growth area, west of the Deschutes River

Plan Area = Olympia Pocket Gopher Range

Covered Activities Criteria

- **Activities must meet all six criteria**
 1. Control: City or Port will perform or issue a permit for the activity
 2. Location: Activity is within Permit Area
 3. Timing: Activity is during 30-year permit term
 4. Impact: There is a reasonable risk of take
 5. Definition: Activity is defined well enough to assess its impacts on the species
 6. Practicable: More feasible to include the activity in the HCP than to not do so

Covered Activities

City of Tumwater

- Urban Development Projects
- Resource Development Projects
- Operations and Maintenance
- Conservation Strategy Implementation



Covered Activities Port of Olympia

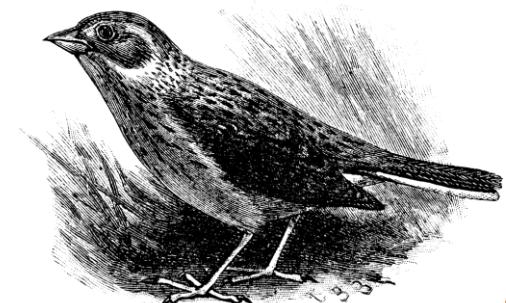
- **Aeronautical Activities**
 - Aeronautical activities are under the authority of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
 - Include capital improvements as well as operations and maintenance
 - Capital improvements identified in *Olympia Regional Airport Master Plan*
 - HCP will address these activities in order to facilitate a streamlined federal (Section 7) consultation process

Non-Covered Activities

- Activities not inside the City limits
- Private construction that does not need a building permit
- Agricultural activities that do not require City approval
- Mining, including aggregate mining
- Landfills and hazardous waste
- Emergency activities

Covered Species

- Utilized a proven process for determining covered species
- Coordinated with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service & Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife on species list
- Will analyze the effects of covered activities on each covered species
- Will develop a conservation strategy for each covered species



Covered Species Selection Criteria

- **Status:** Is the species listed or likely to become listed during the permit term?
- **Impact:** Is the species likely to be impacted by covered activities?
- **Range:** Does the species occur in the permit area?
- **Data:** Is there enough data available for the species to assess impacts and develop a conservation strategy to offset the effects of those impacts?

Covered Species

Covered Species	Federal Listing Status	State Listing Status
Olympia pocket gopher	Threatened	Threatened
Oregon spotted frog	Threatened	Endangered
Oregon vesper sparrow	Under Review	Species of Concern
Streaked horned lark	Threatened	Endangered



NEPA & SEPA

- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) & State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) can be completed concurrently or not
- NEPA & SEPA may be accomplished using a single document or separate documents
- Federal NEPA streamlining efforts make joint NEPA/SEPA documents challenging
 - Timing restrictions
 - Page limits

Department of Interior (DOI) Secretarial Order 3355

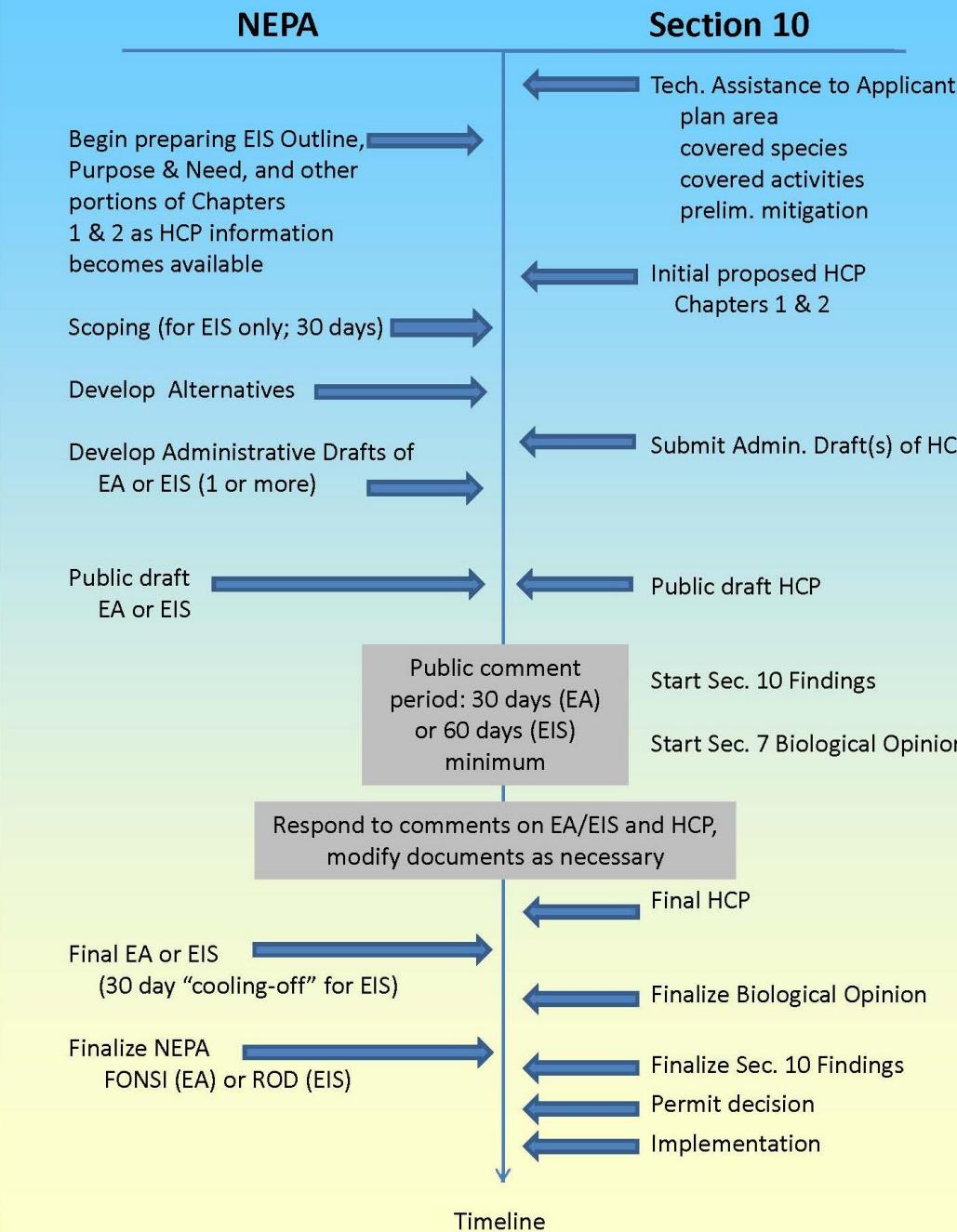
- Issued August 31, 2017
- Purpose: enhance and modernize DOI NEPA processes
- Sets timelines and page limits for Environmental Impact Statements
- April 27, 2018 memorandum from USFWS Deputy Secretary clarified SO3355
- Page limits:
 - 150 pages for standard EIS
 - 300 pages for “unusually complex” projects
- Time limits
 - 1 year from Notice of Intent (NOI) to completion of Final EIS (issuance of Record of Decision)
 - EISs already in process may have different requirements

NEPA & SEPA

- NEPA/SEPA process can start during HCP preparation
 - Most efficient if started after HCP is defined
 - Most efficient when it builds on work of HCP
- Public draft NEPA document always released with public draft HCP
- Final HCP and NEPA document together but NEPA decision necessary for permit issuance

NEPA Streamlining

NEPA/Sec. 10 Timing: The What and When



Discussion



What's Next?

- Continue to develop the draft HCP document
- Continue coordination with USFWS and WDFW
- Expect to have a draft HCP completed for USFWS and WDFW review in Spring 2019
- Will initiate NEPA and SEPA in Spring 2019
- Conduct stakeholder meetings quarterly during 2019

Timeline

