

# PFA Habitat Conservation Plan

Northwest Regional Forest Practices Committee

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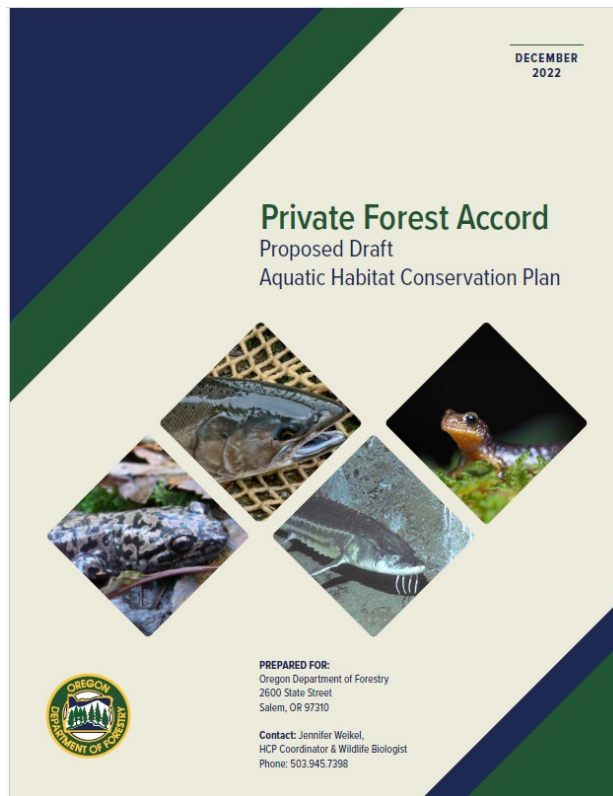




- Private Forest Accord

- Agreement between forestry and conservation groups to modify the Forest Practices Act
- Major legislative changes in 2022
- Update FPA rules, -- over 100 rule changes
- Directed ODF to develop a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and obtain Incidental Take Permits (ITPs) by December 31, 2027
- Additional rulemakings

# What is a Habitat Conservation Plan?



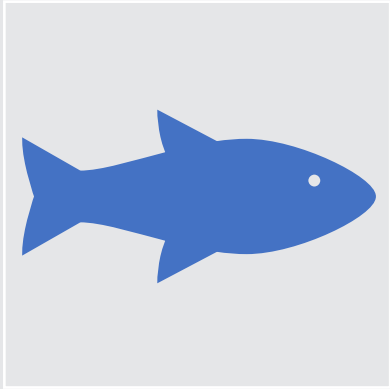
- Planning document
- Mechanism to comply with Endangered Species Act
- Describes:
  - How specific activities will be conducted
  - Conservation benefits for covered fish and wildlife species
  - How species impacts will be minimized
  - How conservation measures will be funded
- Application for an incidental take permit

# What is an Incidental Take Permit?

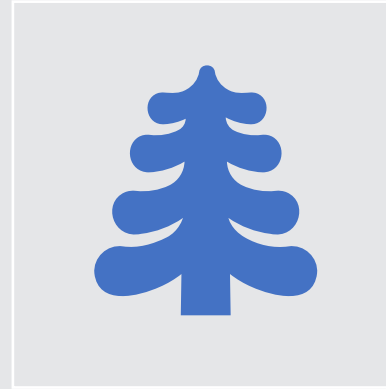
- Incidental: not purposeful
- Take: kill, harm, harass
- Relates to otherwise legal activities
- Allows for some level of take to legally occur



# What Will the Incidental Take Permit Cover?



Species



Activities

# Covered Species

## Fish (all OR ESUs)

Coho Salmon

Chinook Salmon

Chum Salmon

Sockeye Salmon

Steelhead, Rainbow Trout, Redband Trout

Bull Trout

Cutthroat Trout (coastal, westslope, Lahontan)

Mountain Whitefish

Pacific Eulachon

Green Sturgeon





# Covered Species



## Amphibians

Coastal Giant Salamander

Coastal Tailed Frog

Cope's Giant Salamander

Southern Torrent Salamander

Columbia Torrent Salamander





# Covered Activities

- Most “normal” forest management activities under FPA jurisdiction
- Also:
  - Aquatic restoration and mitigation projects
  - Monitoring and adaptive management projects
  - Fish rescue and salvage





# Examples of Activities Not Covered

- Applications of herbicides, pesticides, fertilizers
- Activities not under FPA jurisdiction
- Land use change to nonforest use
  - E.g. to agriculture/development
  - Juniper eradication



# What Do Landowners Have to Do?

- Proceed as normal
- No extra requirements to be covered under ITP
- ODF responsibility to administer HCP and ensure compliance with the terms of the ITP
- Operator responsibility to comply with FPA





# How the Pieces Come Together

State-Federal Contract



ODF administers  
Forest Practices Act

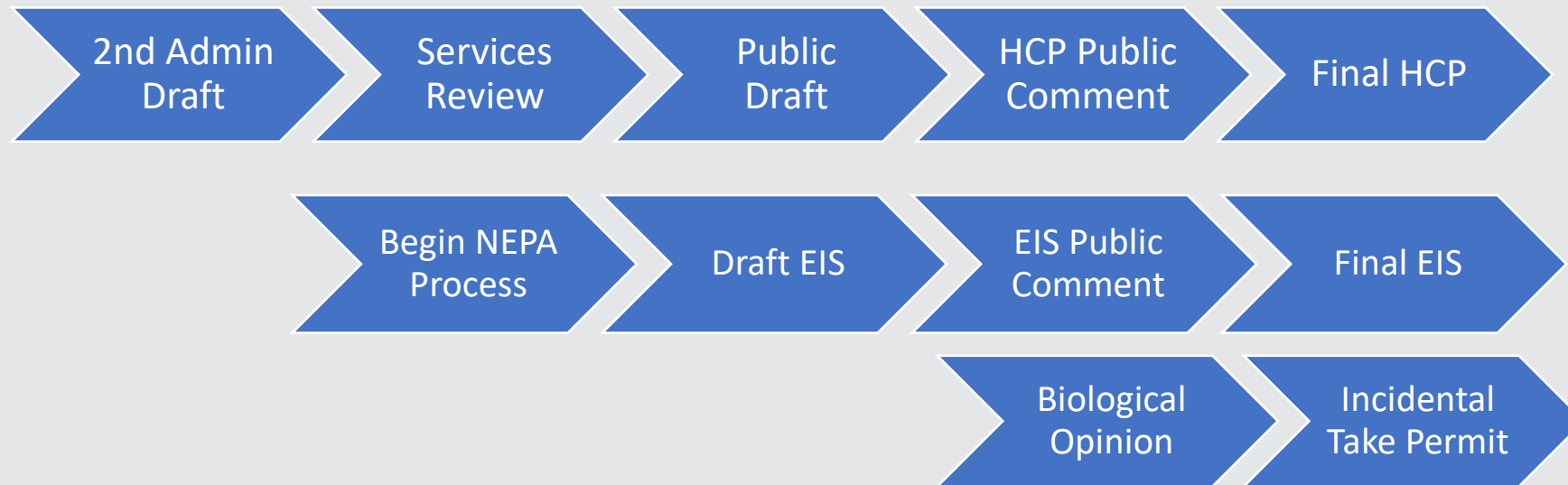


Landowners receive  
regulatory assurances



# HCP Development Timeline

## Current



**December 2027**





# Why a Second Admin Draft?

- Services had substantial comments on first draft
- ODF goal: address comments and develop a second administrative draft
- Timeline: Late summer-early fall 2025 submission



# What's Next?

- Anticipate Public Draft in 2026
- Additional federal analyses anticipated in 2026 and 2027 to support issuance of ITPs
- ODF continues to support the Board of Forestry through the additional, required rulemakings





# Status of PFA Rulemakings

## Post-Disturbance Harvest

- January 2023: The board directed ODF to start rulemaking on post-disturbance harvest activities.
- February to May 2024: The board directed ODF to file a notice of proposed rulemaking. ODF held a public comment period on the proposed rules.
- The board is required to complete the rulemaking by Nov. 30, 2025.

## Tethered Logging

- March 2025: The board fulfilled the statutory requirements by initiating rulemaking.





# Questions?

