

PFA Habitat Conservation Plan

Northwest Regional Forest Practices Committee

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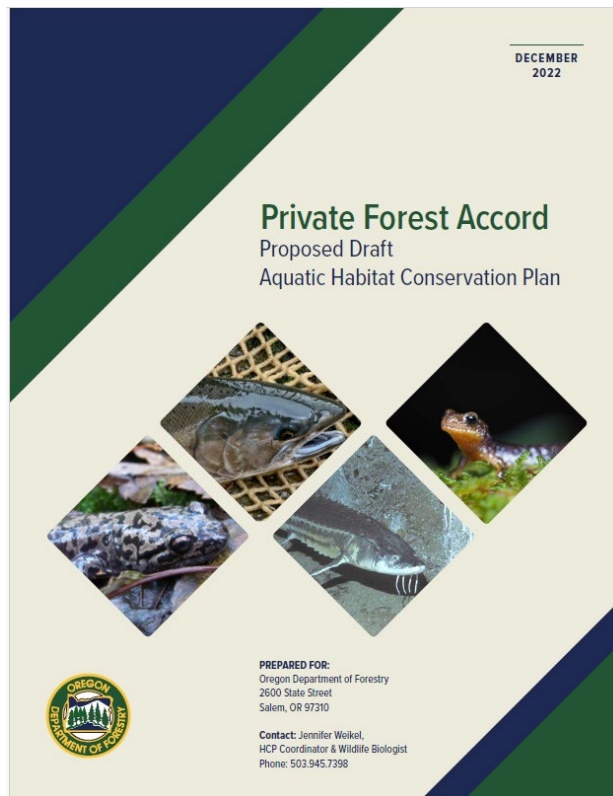




- Private Forest Accord

- 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?



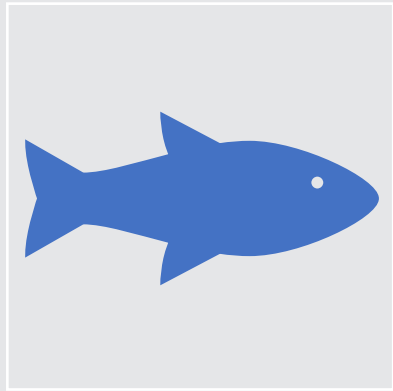
- Planning document
- Mechanism to comply with Endangered Species Act
- Describes:
 - How specific activities will be conducted
 - Conservation benefits for covered fish and wildlife species
 - How species impacts will be minimized
 - How conservation measures will be funded
- Application for an incidental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

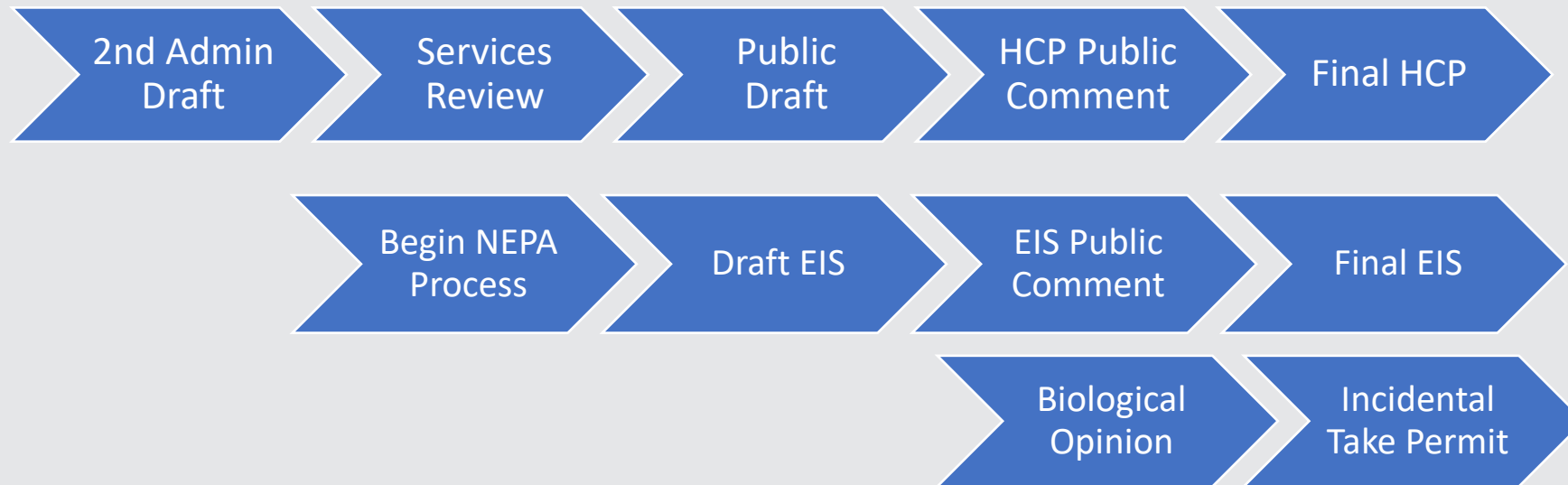


Landowners receive
regulatory assurances



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?

