

Private Forest Accord Habitat Conservation Plan

Presentation to the Board of Forestry

December 19, 2022

SB1501 and HCP Mandate

- Directed the Board to develop a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)
 - In close coordination with the authors of the Private Forest Accord (PFA) report
- Board must submit a proposed draft HCP to Services by December 31, 2022



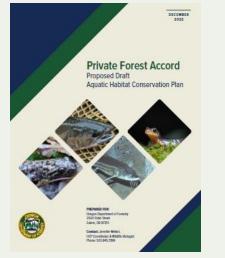
Basics of PFA HCP

- Incorporate new rules into HCP document. Form basis for Conservation Measures
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- Describe and quantify benefits and impacts to the covered species
- Must meet regulatory requirements of the Services (National Marine Fisheries Service [NMFS] and US Fish and Wildlife Service [USFWS])



Basics of PFA HCP

 ODF is the applicant for the Incidental Take Permits (ITPs)



• The Services are the decision makers

• Will determine if ITPs will be issued



Programmatic HCP

- The Services issue incidental take permits to ODF
- ODF holds the incidental take permits
- ODF administers the HCP through the Forest Practices Act (FPA) and rules
- Landowners receive Endangered Species Act (ESA) regulatory assurances through compliance with FPA



Purpose of HCP

- To obtain Incidental Take Permits (ITPs)
- The ITPs will provide ESA take coverage
 - For the covered aquatic species
 - When implementing the covered activities
 - Within the permit area





Photo: Oregon Conservation Strategy

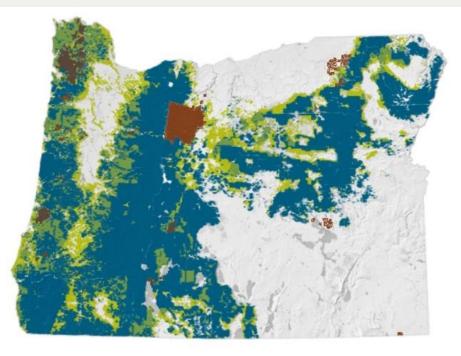


Covered Species

Fish	Amphibians
All native trout and salmon	Columbia torrent salamander
Bull trout	Southern torrent salamander
Mountain whitefish	Coastal giant salamander
Pacific Eulachon/smelt	Cope's giant salamander
Green Sturgeon	Coastal tailed frog



Plan & Permit Area



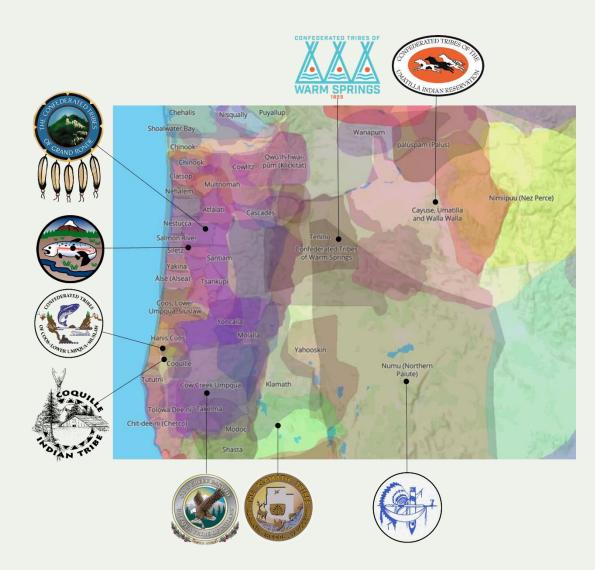


Map: Oregon Forest Resources Institute



Nine federally recognized tribes in Oregon

- 1. Confederated Tribes of the **Umatilla** Indian Reservation
- 2. Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
- Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon
- 4. Confederated Tribes of **Siletz** Indians
- Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians
- 6. Coquille Indian Tribe
- 7. Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians
- 8. Klamath Tribes
- 9. The Burns Paiute Tribe





HCP Development

- Steering committee formed to provide input on HCP. Members include:
 - PFA Author representatives
 - ODF Forest Resources Staff
 - Salem technical staff
 - Stewardship Foresters
 - State Agencies (Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Environmental Quality)
 - Federal Agencies (NMFS, USFWS)



HCP Chapters

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Environmental Setting
- 3. Covered Activities
- 4. Conservation Strategy
- 5. Effects Analysis
- 6. Monitoring & Adaptive Management
- 7. Assurances
- 8. Implementation
- 9. Costs and funding
- 10. Alternatives to take



Timeline: Phases 2 - 3

		202		20	24		2025					2026				2027				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Project Management and Advisory Meetings																				
Administration and Internal Meetings																				
Steering and Agency Meetings																				
Board and Advisory Meetings																				
Complete 1st Administrative Draft HCP																				
1st Admin Draft Complete																				
Complete Public Draft HCP																				
Revise all HCP Chapters																				
Submit ITPs ahd Public Draft HCP to Services																				
Complete Final HCP																				
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ITP Issued to ODF																				Х
NEPA																				
Early NEPA Planning and Scoping																				
Administrative Draft EIS through Public Draft EIS and 60- day review period (with HCP)								NOI												
Response to Public Comments, Final EIS, and ROD																				
	Key review periods ICF, ODF, & Author co-authoring and integrated review Major milestone delivery X Date tied to legislative mandates																			



Recommendation & Next Steps

- Recommendation:
 - The Board directs the Department to submit the attached draft Habitat Conservation Plan to the Services by December 31, 2022.
- Next Steps
 - Submit HCP
 - Start formal discussions with Services to obtain ITP

