

PFA Habitat Conservation Plan

Update to Committee for Family Forestlands
January 2026





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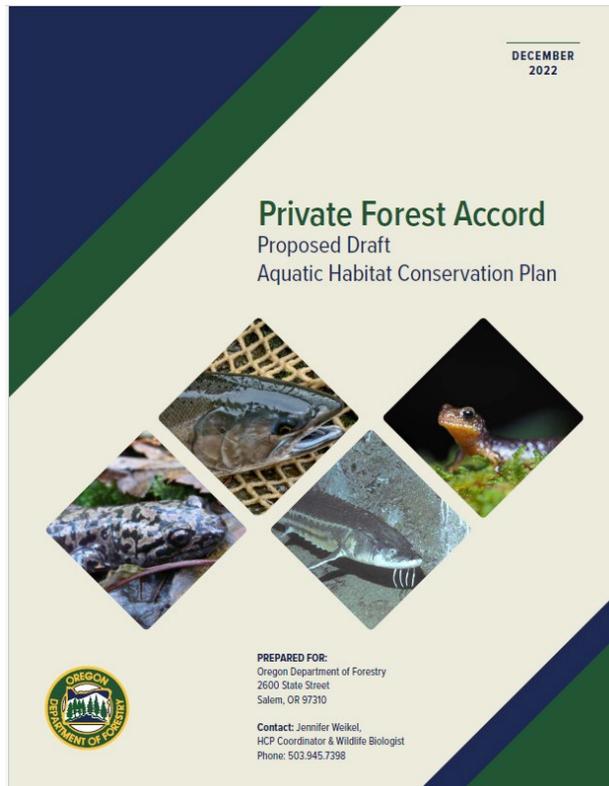
- Private Forest Accord
 - Agreement between forestry and conservation groups to modify the Forest Practices Act
 - Major legislative changes in 2022
 - Update to FPA rules -- over 100 rule changes
 - Directed ODF to conduct 2 additional rulemakings



Why are we doing this?

- Legislative mandate
- Key part of Private Forest Accord
- Rules roll back if not successful

What is a Habitat Conservation Plan?



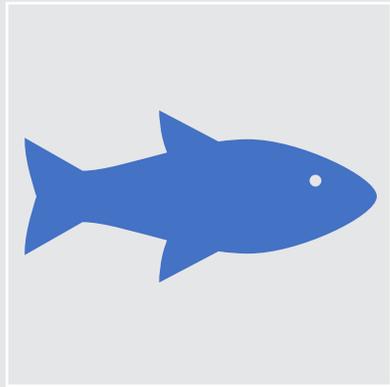
- Part of a federal permit application under Endangered Species Act
 - Describes “otherwise legal” activities that may result in take of T&E species
 - Describes conservation measures to minimize or offset effects
- Acceptance results in issuance of an incidental take permit*

What is an Incidental Take Permit?

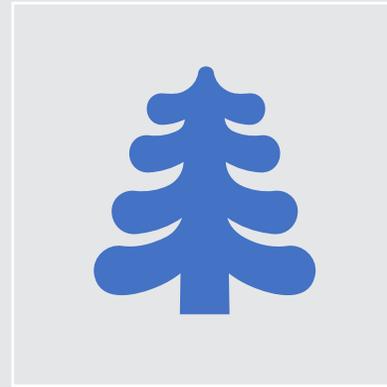
- Incidental: not purposeful
- Take: kill, harm, harass
- Relates to otherwise legal activities
- Allows for some level of take to legally occur



What Will the Incidental Take Permit Cover?



Species



Activities

Covered Species



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- Salmonids (salmon, steelhead, bull trout)
- Mountain whitefish
- Green sturgeon
- Eulachon (smelt)
- 4 salamanders, 1 frog

Covered Activities

- Timber harvest
- Early stand management
- Road building and maintenance
- Restoration and mitigation projects
- Monitoring
- Fish rescue/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



Conservation Strategy

Riparian management areas

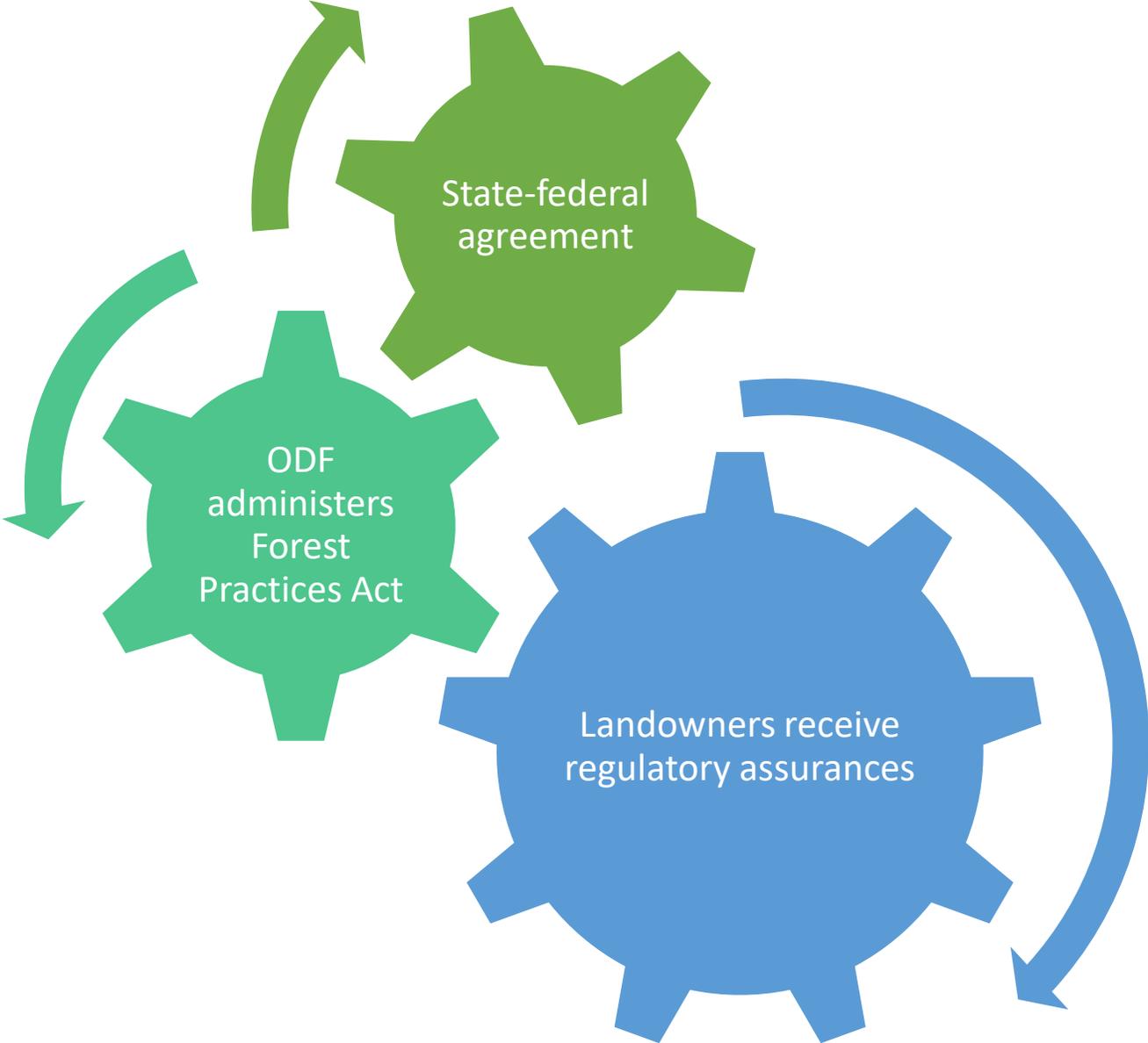
Timber harvest on steep slopes

Forest road improvements

Beaver conservation

Restoration and conservation funding

How the pieces come together

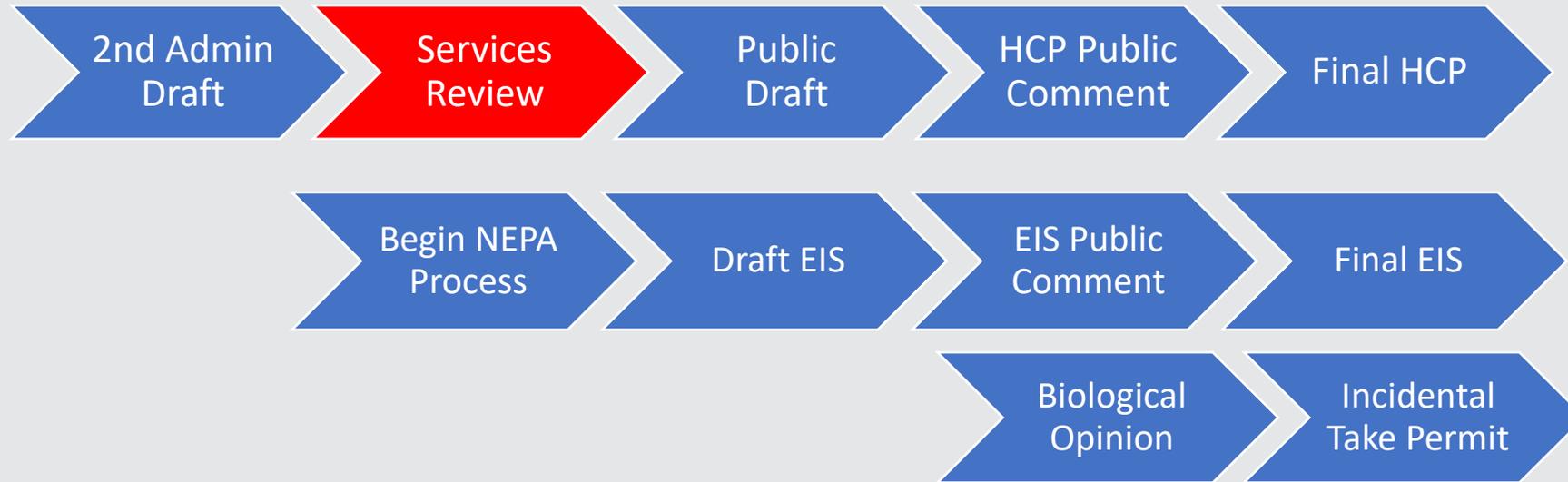


What Do Landowners Have to Do?

- 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



Where are we now?



December 2027



Why Multiple Drafts?

- Need a document that clearly describes the Forest Practices Act and forestry in Oregon
- Need to fully describe our “business”
- Need a document that meets the federal requirements for a HCP to obtain Incidental Take Permits



What's Next?

- At the moment:
 - Wait for Services' input
 - Do background things that keep the project moving
 - Plan next steps
- Longer term:
 - Work with Services to develop Public Draft
 - Services lead NEPA process
 - Public comment period on HCP and EIS
 - Develop Final HCP



Questions?



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