

Resolution No. 167

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODINVILLE,  
WASHINGTON, ADOPTING KEY EARLY ACTIONS  
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A RECOVERY PLAN IN  
RESPONSE TO THE LISTING OF PUGET SOUND  
CHINOOK SALMON AS THREATENED UNDER THE  
ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT.**

**WHEREAS**, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) listed Puget Sound Chinook salmon as threatened under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in March 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, the health and sustainability of salmon are important to the citizens of Woodinville; and

**WHEREAS**, Woodinville is committed to working collaboratively with NMFS, the State of Washington and other public and private partners to develop a recovery plan for Puget Sound Chinook salmon; and

**WHEREAS**, Woodinville is a partner in a collaborative effort involving local governments, Tribes, and other public and private agencies, know as the Cedar/Sammamish Watershed Resource Inventory Area Steering Committee, to develop a watershed based recovery plan for Puget Sound Chinook salmon; and

**WHEREAS**, Woodinville has worked diligently to develop a credible approach, and substantive package of key early actions contained in the ESA Overview, Audit and Strategy (Strategy) which demonstrates the City's good faith and commitment to recover the Puget Sound Chinook salmon; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's Strategy includes a comprehensive set of actions and projects which the City has authority to undertake for salmon protection and recovery as a single jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, the Strategy includes early actions for the years 1999-2000, and a series of further actions over the following two to five years;

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODINVILLE, WASHINGTON, DOES  
RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

The City Council hereby adopts the key early actions, as set forth on Attachment A for the recovery of Puget Sound Chinook salmon. The Woodinville City Council understands that the key early actions are based on a scientific framework for assessing actions that will significantly benefit Chinook. The

Woodinville City Council recognizes that the key early actions are subject to further Council action which include but are not limited to the following:

- **Do No Harm**

Develop/revise policies for capital improvements, maintenance activities, development review standards (discharge quantities, riparian corridor protection, tree retention, etc).

Increase use of the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) to better protect salmon habitat. Evaluate programs and regulations to determine their effectiveness in contributing to the conservation of Chinook. Enhance enforcement of existing protective regulations.

- **Conservation**

Develop a science-based comprehensive surface water management plan.

Identify priority habitat and watershed areas in Woodinville. Evaluate habitat conditions in Little Bear Creek, Woodin Creek, and Tributary 090. Fill critical gaps in scientific and institutional information.

- **Remediation**

Identify and develop capital improvements, aquatic habitat enhancement, and sensitive lands acquisition.

Remove barriers to fish passage, acquire key habitat parcels, increase standards for riparian protection, revegetate stream and river banks with native species, and construct engineered habitat structures.

- **Public Outreach and Education**

Initiate community action programs and volunteer efforts to educate our citizens on how they can help protect salmon and salmon habitat.


- **Participate in Regional Efforts**

Coordinate City efforts with other local governments and resource agencies to participate in a regional, coordinated response to ESA.


**ATTACHMENT A**  
**EARLY ACTION STRATEGY**

City Activity	Description	Early Action Strategy
Capital Improvements	Runoff from existing and proposed streets, parks and other city facilities increases peak flows and carries pollutants that damage fish-bearing streams.	Seek opportunities to retrofit facilities as they are developed or upgraded. <b>(Public Works, Parks)</b>
City Operations	The City contracts for maintenance of our streets, parks, and drainage systems. Because we contract for these services, the City has reduced some of its risk under ESA.	Develop and implement an education program for city staff that covers ESA issues, protection of water quality, and riparian habitat. <b>(Public Works, Planning, Parks, Building)</b>
Land Use	The Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan represents the City's plan, goals and policies for land use growth over the next 20 years. Generally, the Comprehensive Plan contains adequate policies to protect endangered species habitat.	Include specific policies to protect endangered species habitat when the Comprehensive Plan is updated. <b>(Planning)</b>
Land use and Density	Woodinville's land use designations and densities are appropriate for an urban area. Lowering densities would encourage sprawl which would have a greater overall adverse impact on fish.	Consider increasing densities as the comprehensive land use plan is updated. <b>(Planning)</b>
Platting and Subdivision	Proposed subdivisions must conform to the City's Comprehensive Plan, zoning, and other City goals, standards, and specifications. The subdivision process offers an opportunity to assure protection of riparian habitat.	Review the subdivision ordinance in 2000 and consider requirements to dedicate riparian areas as open space through fee simple conveyance. <b>(Planning)</b>
Streams and Wetlands	Minimum buffers for streams and wetlands on development sites are established as 100 feet for a class 1 stream or wetland. The appropriate regulations are in place but stream buffer widths should be increased for certain stream areas and variances should not be granted.	Complete the stream corridor plans and the surface water comprehensive plan in 2000. Increase stream buffers to recommended widths. Allow for executive oversight of variances to the buffer zone. <b>(Planning, Public Works, Executive)</b>
City Operations	In shoreline areas along the Sammamish River and portions of Little Bear Creek, the Shoreline Master Program regulations supersede any other City ordinances. The appropriate regulations are in place but stream buffer widths should be increased for certain stream areas and variance should not be granted.	Revise the City's zoning code and Shoreline Master Program in 2000 to <u>include all portions of Little Bear Creek</u> . Revise the City's zoning code and Shoreline Master Program to include re-development projects. Strictly enforce riparian buffers along <u>all</u> stream reaches. <b>(Planning)</b>
Geologically Hazardous Areas	The City has requirements for development proposals and mitigation plans in geologically hazardous areas.	Revise zoning and shoreline regulations in 2000 to strengthen clearing and grading limits on undeveloped land. <b>Enforce specific regulations in critical areas. (Planning)</b>
Parks and Open Space	Recreation space may be dedicated or purchased for open space to provide shoreline access or habitat linkages.	Complete stream corridor plans in 2000. Identify and acquire key parcels in 2000. <b>(Public Works, Parks)</b>

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND SIGNED IN  
AUTHENTICATION OF ITS PASSAGE THIS 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1999.

  
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Donald J. Brocha  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk/CMC