

# **RESPONSE TO COMMENTS**

## ***WRIA 7 Geographic Response Plan Update***

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We wish to thank all contributors for their time and expertise in providing the comments or data sets below. Their contributions have significantly improved this new draft of the North Puget Sound Geographic Response Plans (GRP).

The Washington Department of Ecology reviewed all comments/recommendations.

**Comment:** Verify the phone number in 4A-6 for the Parks Department.

**Response:** Thank you for the clarification.

**Comment:** Correct the ownership of the Mukilteo Lighthouse (owned by the city)

**Response:** Ownership corrected.

**Comment:** Correct the phone number for WDFW in the Contact Sheet.

**Response:** Phone number corrected.

**Comment:** Hyperlinks in the document would be helpful.

**Response:** The document now has bookmarks and is interlinked.

**Comment:** Clarify in Chapter 1 that this document does not include the Snoqualmie River. There were suggestions to use maps to better indicate what is and isn't included in the GRP

**Response:** The lack of work to date on the Snoqualmie has been clarified, but at this time we don't have the resources for additional mapping of this kind.

**Comment:** There are four additional restoration sites within the WRIA which should be considered for GRP protection (Qwuloolt Marsh restoration, Union Slough Dike Breach, Smith Island Estuarine restoration Project, Howart Park and Snohomish County Beach Nourishment)

**Response:** These sites are now included in Chapter 6.2.2.

**Comment:** Chapter 1, page 1-2 would be easier to follow with a map. A better map of the WRIA should be found for the title page.

**Response:** The title page was redesigned with a better map.

**Comment:** Sections 2.3. and 2.4 are redundant.

**Response:** Thank you; the redundant parts have been combined.

**Comment:** Section 2.6 should refer to rail movement of bitumen; the word allusion is misspelled.

**Response:** The spelling error has been corrected. It is premature to add bitumen as a known oil type being moved by rail through WRIA 7.

**Comment:** There were several comments about a lack of an explanation for the prioritization in the tables in Chapter 4b.

**Response:** There is already an explanation in Chapter 4.3.2 concerning why strategies are prioritized the way they are. Notification strategies are always number one because there are no resources dedicated and they can be done very quickly.

**Comment:** Section 6.2.1b Remove the species starry flounder from list of anadromous fish.

**Response:** Corrected.

**Comment:** There was a question about whether responders would have difficulty with this document's format for Chapter 4. There were numerous comments about confusion over redundancy and section numbering.

**Response:** Chapter 4a and 4b were written years apart. While they contain the same general information and serve the same purpose, we cannot reconcile them at this time due to lack of resources. In a future update, this will be corrected. We cannot make changes to 4a at this time to reconcile differences or correct formatting, wording changes or other information.

**Comment:** Add all of the Olympic Pipeline control points.

**Response:** Unfortunately we do not have the resources at this time to incorporate all of the Olympic control points into the GRP. That work will be done at a later time.

**Comment:** It appears that the WRIA 7 and North Central Puget Sound overlap. Perhaps use I-5 as a break point between the two.

**Response:** We are aware of this issue. Unfortunately we cannot change Chapter 4a at this time.

**Comment:** On page 4-1 of Chapter 4b, the third bullet has too little information about HPAs.

**Response:** The third bullet is advice to responders, not relating to HPAs. The fourth bullet relates to HPAs. No change.

**Comment:** A change made in the North Central Puget Sound GRP eliminated strategies NC-26 through 31....Chapter 4a still depicts these strategies. Can it be reconciled?

**Response:** The strategies have been removed from the sector map in Chapter 4a.

**Comment:** Add photo points to the aerial photos in Chapter 4b.

**Response:** Corrected.

**Comment:** Driving directions on page 4-241 appear to be incomplete, lack driving distance.

**Response:** Corrected.

**Comment:** Correct the wildlife contact info on page 7-10.

**Response:** Corrected.

**Comment:** Page 1-1; consider changing the word "minimize" to "reduce", given the limitations of current response technology.

**Response:** Corrected.

**Comment:** Page 2-1, should say Snoqualmie River, not Snohomish.

**Response:** Corrected.

**Comment:** Section 2.5, suggest some edits to the language on tides.

**Response:** Corrected.

**Comment:** There were several comments about language in Chapter 5A concerning volatility of oil, and impact to wildlife of various types of oil.

**Response:** The language used is taken directly from the Northwest Area Contingency Plan and a NOAA publication, which would need to be updated first.

**Comment:** On page 6.4 delete the reference to vulnerability to spilled oil.

**Response:** Corrected.

**Comment:** On page 6.9 add sentence about consultation between wildlife, NRDA and EU about pre-cleaning.

**Response:** This will be achieved during the ICS process.

**Comment:** Page 6.A3 add Field's Riffle Park.

**Response:** Corrected