

RESOLUTION R-5683

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND APPROVING PARTICIPATION BY THE CITY IN AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH PARTICIPATING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITHIN WATER RESOURCE INVENTORY AREA 8 (WRIA 8) FOR SALMON RECOVERY PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND.

1 WHEREAS, chapter 39.34 RCW authorizes the City of Kirkland to enter interlocal agreements
2 with other governmental entities; and
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4 WHEREAS, Puget Sound Chinook salmon, including the Water Resource Area 8 (WRIA 8)
5 Cedar and Sammamish populations, were listed as threatened under the Endangered Species
6 Act (ESA) in 1999; and
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8 WHEREAS, 28 local governments in WRIA 8 partner through an interlocal agreement to jointly
9 fund implementation of the WRIA 8 Plan through 2025 to advance their shared interest in and
10 responsibility for addressing long-term watershed planning and conservation of aquatic
11 ecosystems and floodplains for purposes of implementing the WRIA 8 Plan and improving
12 watershed health; and
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14 WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland is located within the watershed designated as the Lake
15 Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed by the State of Washington, and participation in
16 the WRIA 8 salmon recovery process is in the best interests of the City and its residents and
17 is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan; and
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19 WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland values ecosystem health; water quality improvement; flood
20 hazard reduction; open space protection; and maintaining a legacy for future generations,
21 including commercial, tribal, and sport fishing, quality of life, and cultural heritage; and
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23 WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland supports cooperation at the WRIA level to set common
24 priorities for actions among partners, efficient use of resources and investments, and
25 distribution of responsibility for actions and expenditures; and
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27 WHEREAS, the WRIA 8 partners recognize participating in the ILA and implementing priorities
28 in the WRIA 8 Plan demonstrates their commitment to proactively working to address the
29 Endangered Species Act listing of Chinook salmon; and
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31 WHEREAS, the Kirkland City Council on June 21, 2005, adopted the WRIA 8 Chinook Salmon
32 Conservation Plan, and on March 6, 2018, adopted the 2017 update to the WRIA 8 Plan, which
33 has the purpose of preserving, protecting, and restoring habitat with the intent to recover listed
34 species, including sustainable, genetically diverse, harvestable populations of naturally
35 spawning Chinook salmon, and which recognizes that implementation of this plan is an integral
36 part of the WRIA 8 salmon recovery process that supports implementation of the Puget Sound
37 Partnership Action Agenda for recovery of the Puget Sound; and
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39 WHEREAS, the Kirkland City Council on November 8, 2006, adopted Resolution R-4612
40 approving a similar interlocal agreement for salmon recovery that expired on December 31,
41 2015; and
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43 WHEREAS, the Kirkland City Council on October 6, 2015, adopted Resolution R-5151
44 approving a similar interlocal agreement for salmon recovery that expires on December 31,
45 2025.

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47 NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

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49 Section 1. The City Manager is authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Kirkland an
50 Interlocal Agreement in a form substantially similar to that attached as Exhibit "A," which is
51 entitled "Interlocal Agreement for Chinook Salmon Conservation Planning for the Watershed
52 Basins within Water Resource Inventory Area 8."

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55 Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 3rd day of
56 June, 2025.

57 Signed in authentication thereof this 3rd day of June, 2025.
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Kelli Curtis, Mayor

Attest:


Elizabeth Adkisson, Acting City Clerk