TO: City Council

FROM: Brad Medrud, Community Development Director

DATE: November 2, 2026

SUBJECT: Agreement with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife for the Habitat Conservation Plan Phase 3 Amendment 2

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1) Recommended Action

Authorize the Mayor to sign the Second Amendment to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife agreement for Phase 3 of the Bush Prairie Habitat Conservation Plan, extending the agreement period with no additional funding.

The agreement was recommended for approval on the consent calendar at the October 21, 2026, General Government Committee meeting.

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2) Background

The City of Tumwater is developing the Bush Prairie Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) in coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Port of Olympia, and other partners. The HCP is intended to support planned growth and development while protecting federally listed species and their habitats, consistent with the Endangered Species Act.

Phase 3 of the HCP includes continued development of the HCP and associated environmental review and permitting activities. The proposed Second Amendment extends the agreement period to allow the City to complete the remaining Phase 3 work. The amendment is limited to a time extension and does not change the scope of work or increase the grant award.

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3) Policy Support:

Conservation Element Policy C-15.2 Protect, preserve, and restore habitats for species identified as endangered, threatened, or sensitive by the State or federal government, giving special consideration to measures necessary to preserve or enhance suitable habitat.

Conservation Element Policy C-15.3 Maintain habitats that support the greatest diversity of fish and wildlife through conservation and enhancement of critical areas.

Conservation Element Policy C-15.5 Protect, preserve, and restore native vegetation and control invasive species to preserve and enhance fish and wildlife habitat.

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4) Alternatives:

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5) Fiscal Notes:

The Second Amendment extends the existing agreement period. No additional funding is requested, and the amendment does not increase the City's financial obligations.

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6) Attachments:

A. Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife Second Amendment – Bush Prairie Habitat Conservation Plan Phase 3