



MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 26, 2018
TO: Mayor Chelminiak and Councilmembers
FROM: Joyce Nichols, Director of Intergovernmental Relations
RE: Regional Issues Committee Items February 26, 2018

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Briefing on the 10-year Update of the Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan for Watershed Resource Inventory Area 8 (WRIA

The Puget Sound chinook salmon were listed as “threatened” under the federal Endangered Species Act in 1999. Bellevue, other local governments and stakeholders formed the WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council and in 2005 developed a 10-year plan of strategies and actions for restoring chinook salmon habitat. This plan is based on local control and voluntary actions to improve habitat within the constraints of a heavily urbanized watershed. The 10-year plan was updated last year by the WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council, and the policy consideration for the Bellevue City Council is whether Bellevue should endorse the plan update. No formal action is requested tonight. Pursuant to Council direction, action to ratify the plan update will be requested at a future Council meeting.

LEGISLATIVE STATUS REPORTS

State Legislative Session Update: Staff has provided a written legislative update on recent activities of the State Legislature regarding Bellevue’s interests and priorities.

Federal Legislative Update: Staff has provided a written update on recent activities at the federal level covering Congress and the Administration.

STAFF REPORTS / INFORMATION ITEMS

Monthly Council Summary Background Briefings: Included are updated Council summary background briefings on the King County Regional Committees (RPC, RTC, RWQC), the King County Regional Affordable Housing Task Force, the One Table Community Action Workgroup for Affordable Housing, the King County Flood Control District and the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC).