



# US FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

## Western Washington Fish and Wildlife Office

### LISTING AND RECOVERY DIVISION

#### Background

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and NOAA Fisheries implement the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The Division of Listing and Recovery's activities are covered under sections 4, 6, and 10 of the ESA. We work to protect species through prelisting and candidate conservation, listing, recovery planning and implementation, and grant programs, as well as through conservation activities under the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972.

#### Who We Are

We are a diverse group of fish and wildlife biologists and ecologists with broad experience and expertise who specialize in the conservation of threatened and endangered species and marine mammals.



*Northern Spotted Owl (Karl Vogel)*

#### Who We serve

- The Public
- Other Federal, State or local agencies
- Tribes
- Non-governmental organizations
- Other FWS Divisions and programs
- National Fish Hatcheries
- National Wildlife Refuges



*Golden paintbrush, a threatened species (USFWS, Ted Thomas)*

#### What We Do

- Prelisting conservation of candidate species and species of concern.
- Add species to, and remove species from, the lists of threatened and endangered species.
- Maintain comprehensive lists of Washington's ESA-listed species and species of conservation concern.
- Develop recovery plans, implement recovery tasks, and periodically review and update recovery plans
- Coordinate grants to State agencies and their partners.

- Protect marine mammals.
- Provide technical assistance to other divisions, agencies, and the public.
- Issue recovery permits for research activities and habitat restoration and management for listed species and species of conservation concern.

### Recent Projects and Accomplishment

- We were the lead office for developing a proposal to designate critical habitat for the marbled murrelet, a threatened species.
- Generated \$97.7 million in conservation dollars for Washington through our grants programs
- Developed a conservation plan with the National Park Service to protect and recover the Island Marble butterfly, a recently-rediscovered species thought to have been gone from Washington for nearly a century.



*Island Marble butterfly (USFWS, Ted Thomas)*

- Contributed to a proposal to designate critical habitat for the northern spotted owl, a threatened species.
- Completed a status review and developed a nuisance response plan for northern sea otters in Washington waters.
- Developed a brochure to inform landowners about golden paintbrush, a threatened plant.

- Launched a public outreach campaign to find and identify populations of golden paintbrush on private land in north Puget Sound, southwest Washington and the Willamette Valley of Oregon.



*Learning about rare plant species in Washington's Boistfort Valley (USFWS, Ted Thomas)*

- Provided funding in excess of \$460,000 for 29 recovery actions for listed species and species of conservation concern in Western Washington. These projects benefit the marbled murrelet, northern spotted owl, bull trout, western snowy plover, Columbia white-tailed deer, grizzly bear, golden paintbrush, Oregon Silverspot butterfly, Mardon Skipper butterfly, Taylor's Checkerspot butterfly, Kincaid's lupine and Bradshaw's desert parsley. Actions include habitat restoration projects, outreach, monitoring, predator control, and research at both the ecosystem and the species level.

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