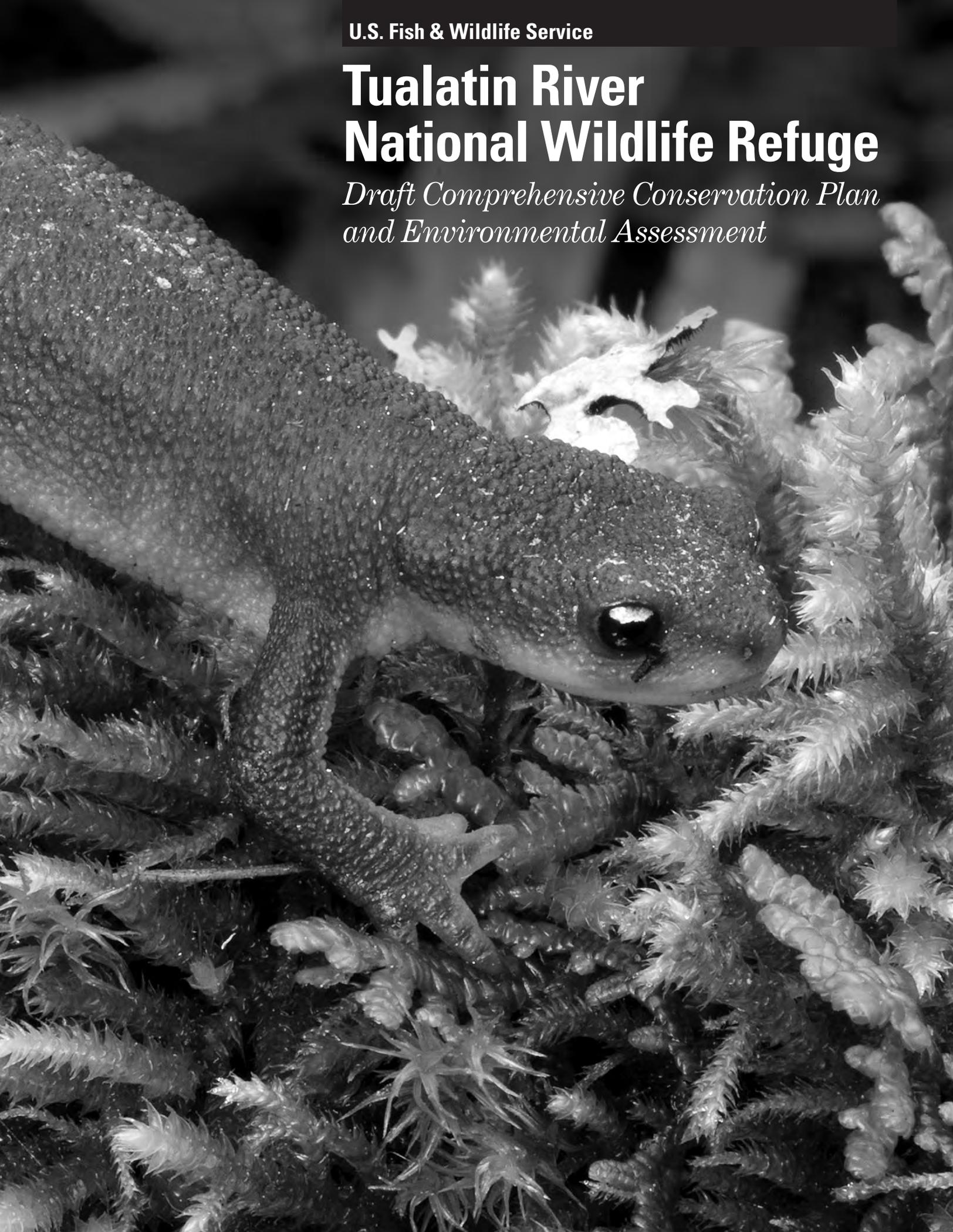


U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge

*Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan
and Environmental Assessment*



An Image of the Future

Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge is a natural treasure where an abundance of native wildlife thrive in a mosaic of wetland, prairie, forest and stream habitats characteristic of the Willamette Valley that the Atfalat'i people knew. The refuge is a sanctuary for both wildlife and people, a place where the ebb and flow of the river marks the natural rhythms of the refuge through the seasons. It's a special place, an icon where the stories of the refuge reflect the importance of the National Wildlife Refuge System. The refuge has a rich history of community vision where friends and neighbors helped create, and continue to care for, this urban refuge and the watershed that supports it. It's a model that combines excellence in landscape conservation, learning, and partnerships to strive for a healthy natural world. Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge is a place where rich traditions, outdoor learning experiences, and discovery foster a love of and caring for nature that endures for generations to come.

Comprehensive Conservation Plans provide long-term guidance for management decisions and set forth goals, objectives, and strategies needed to accomplish refuge purposes and identify the Service's best estimate of future needs. These plans detail program planning levels that are sometimes substantially above current budget allocations and, as such, are primarily for Service strategic planning and program prioritization purposes. The plans do not constitute a commitment for staffing increases, operational and maintenance increases, or funding for future land acquisition.

