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Service Seeks Public Comments on City of Everett Proposed Safe Harbor Agreement

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) today announced it is seeking public comments on a proposed Safe Harbor Agreement (SHA), draft Implementing Agreement (IA), and draft Categorical Exclusion (CE) related to a City of Everett application for an Enhancement of Survival Permit.

The SHA covers about 3,729 acres of forest lands in Snohomish County, Washington managed by the City of Everett. The Enhancement of Survival permit would authorize incidental take of the threatened northern spotted owl and the threatened marbled murrelet as a result of forest management activities. The permit and SHA would allow the City of Everett to improve habitat for these listed species without incurring additional restrictions if the size of the area occupied by the species increases or the species number increases.

Today, the Service opened a 30-day public comment period, and invites the public to review and comment on the draft SHA, the draft IA, and draft CE. **Written comments must be received on or before June 4, 2015.**

To request further information or submit written comments, please use one of the following methods, and note that your information request or comment is in reference to the City of Everett Proposed Safe Harbor Agreement:

- *Internet:* Documents may be viewed on the internet at http://www.fws.gov/wafwo/everett_sha.html
- *Email:* WFWOComments@fws.gov. Include "Everett draft SHA" in the subject line.
- *U.S. Mail:* Mark Ostwald, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington Fish and Wildlife Office, 510 Desmond Dr. SE, Suite 102, Lacey WA 98503
- *In-Person Drop-off, Viewing, or Pickup:* Call (360)753-9440 to make an appointment (necessary for view/pickup only) during normal business hours at the Washington Fish and Wildlife Office, 510 Desmond Dr. SE, Suite 102, Lacey, WA 98503.

For more information about permits and the Endangered Species Act, visit:
<http://www.fws.gov/ENDANGERED/permits/index.html>.

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