



# Bush Prairie Habitat Conservation Plan

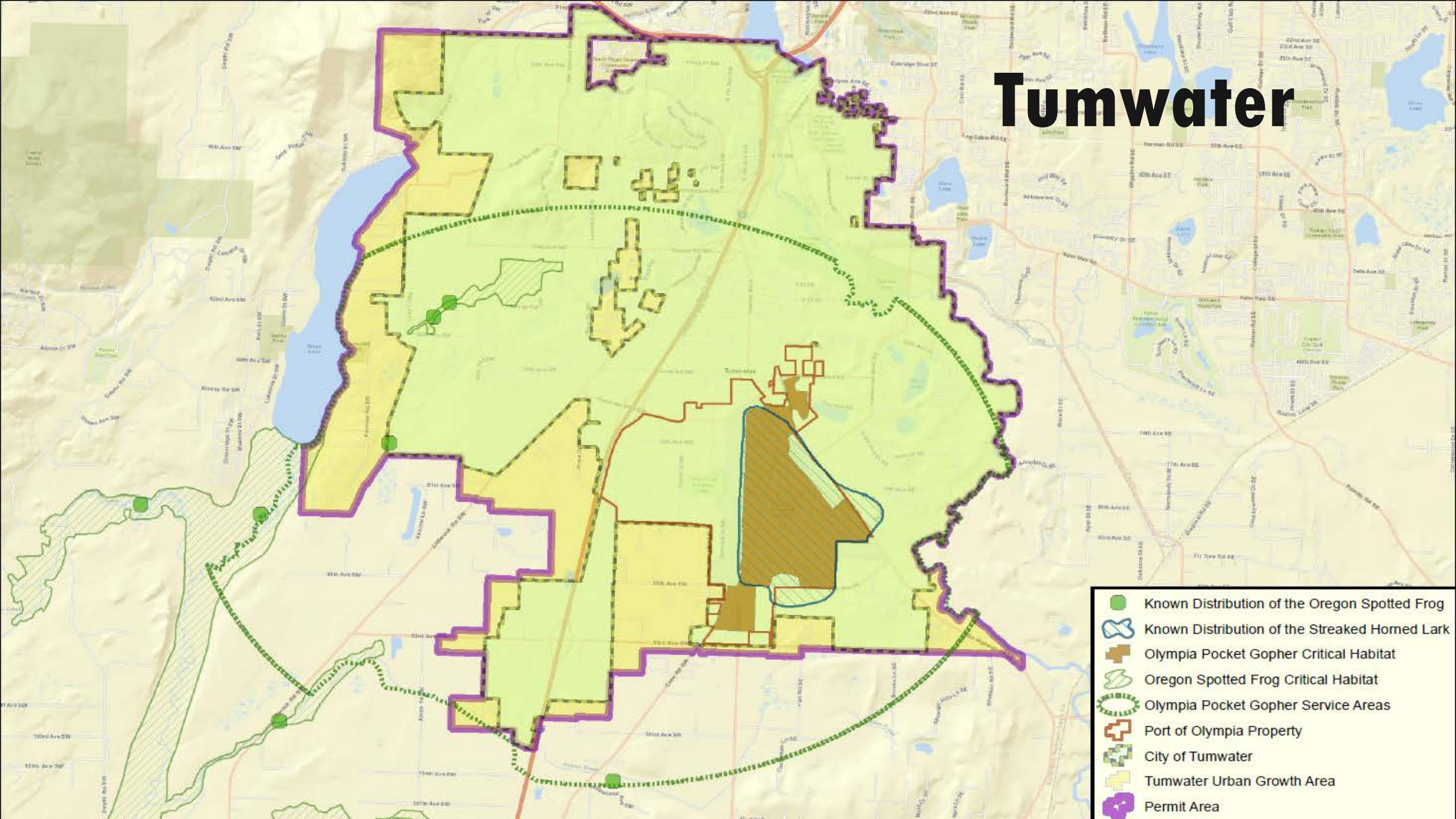
Stakeholder Meeting, March 31, 2017

- **Our Last Meeting**

- Meeting 1 held December 2016
- Meeting 1 minutes distributed
- Written comments on memoranda received from Thurston County and LOTT
- Also discussed stakeholder group membership, need for an HCP, and next steps



# Tumwater



- Known Distribution of the Oregon Spotted Frog
- Known Distribution of the Streaked Horned Lark
- Olympia Pocket Gopher Critical Habitat
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- Olympia Pocket Gopher Service Areas
- Port of Olympia Property
- City of Tumwater
- Tumwater Urban Growth Area
- Permit Area

## Our Last Meeting

- **Comments posted on website: [bushprairiehcp.org](http://bushprairiehcp.org)**
  - Will you use mitigation banks?
    - If available, they could be used. Existing mitigation is generally preferable.
  - Will you use gopher relocation?
    - Unlikely; not demonstrated to be a successful technique.
  - How will you pay for mitigation land?
    - Not yet determined; most existing HCPs emphasize development fees.

**Covered  
Activities  
Definition**

- There is some risk of take
- Activity is otherwise lawful
- Activity is nonfederal
- Activity is under direct control of the permittee



## Covered Activities Criteria

- **Activities must meet all six criteria**
  1. Control: City or Port will perform or authorize the activity
  2. Location: Activity is within Permit Area
  3. Timing: Activity is during permit term
  4. Impact: There is a reasonable risk of take
  5. Definition: Activity is defined well enough to assess its impacts on the species
  6. Practicable: More feasible to include the activity in the HCP than to not do so

# Covered Activities Categories

- **Urban Development Projects**
  - Almost anything needing a building permit
  - Both private and public (nonfederal)
- **Resource Development Projects**
  - Agriculture, forestry and aquaculture that needs a site plan or building permit
- **Recurring Activities**
  - Public or private events that need a City permit



# Covered Activities Categories



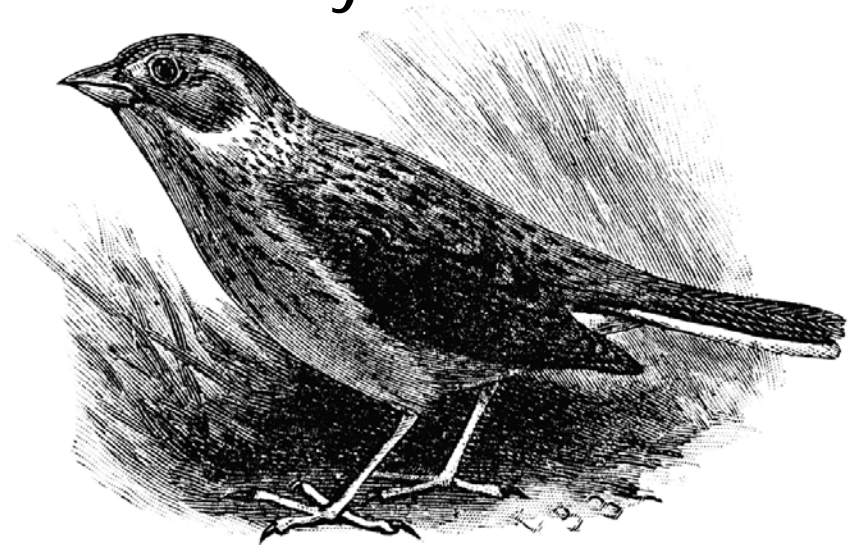
- **Operations and Maintenance Activities**
  - Activities controlled by the City or Port
    - Parks and open space
    - Public Services, Infrastructure, and Utilities
    - Transportation
  - “Opt-in” provisions for other parties
- **Conservation Strategy Implementation**
  - Construction and maintenance of mitigation sites
  - Also covers conservation easements
  - Neighboring landowner protection



# Port Activities

## Non-Aeronautical

- Non-aeronautical means non-federal
- Urban development needs City permits
- Recurring activities need City permits
- Operations and Maintenance use same procedures as City
- Conservation Strategy Implementation uses same procedures as City



**Port  
Activities  
Aeronautical**

- Aeronautical activities are under the authority of FAA
- Include capital improvements as well as operations and maintenance
- Capital improvements identified in *Olympia Regional Airport Master Plan*
- HCP will address these activities in order to facilitate a streamlined federal (Section 7) consultation process

## **Non-Covered Activities**

- Private construction that does not need a building permit
- Activities not inside the City limits
- Agricultural activities that don't require City approval
- Mining, including aggregate mining
- Landfills and hazardous waste
- Emergency activities

**Covered  
Activities**

## Discussion



## What's Next?

- One more Phase 1 stakeholder meeting (tentatively July) to discuss effects on species and conservation strategy
- Phase 2, beginning late 2017, will include the draft and final HCP and NEPA/SEPA document
- Stakeholder participation will be continuing throughout the process.
- Thank you!