



Tacoma Water Habitat Conservation Plan

Green River Water Supply and Watershed Protection

Green River, King County, Washington

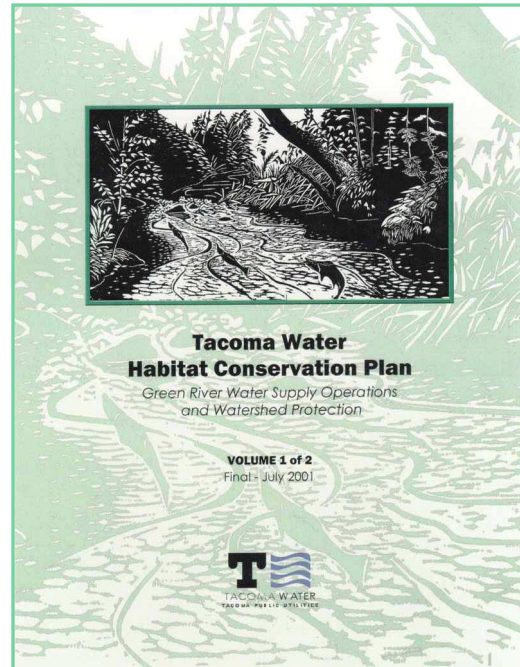
R2 coordinated the development of a multi-species Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) to address Tacoma Water's use of the Green River as a primary source of municipal water. In addition to project management, R2 staff provided the technical lead for fisheries and ecosystem restoration issues. R2 staff worked with staff from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, NMFS, USFWS, tribal, state, county, and private interest groups to develop conservation and monitoring measures that minimized the effects of Tacoma's actions on covered species.

Major issues of the HCP included fish passage, flow modeling and management, floodplain development, ecosystem restoration, and monitoring and adaptive management. Detailed discussions with counsel for Tacoma and the Services also addressed the contractual implementation agreement and identification of Section 7 and Section 10 responsibilities under the ESA.

In support of the HCP, R2 staff also prepared the fisheries, riparian functions, and cumulative effects analysis of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the NMFS and USFWS,

Project Elements:

- Reservoir and River Flow Management
- ESA Consultations
- Upstream/Downstream Fish Passage
- Watershed Analysis
- Monitoring and Adaptive Management



and participated in public scoping and public comment meetings addressing the interests of private citizens and non-governmental organizations.

After the draft HCP and draft EIS underwent review by federal, state, county, tribal, and public representatives, both the HCP and EIS were revised and formally approved by the NMFS and USFWS. An Implementing Agreement was subsequently signed by the Services and the City in July 2001.