

For Your Action

**2024-2028 Interlocal Agreement for  
Waterfowl  
(Canada Goose)  
Management Program**

Please Note:

Final Form Ready for Your Submittal for Signature and Funding Authorization

**2024 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR WATERFOWL (CANADA GOOSE)  
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 39.34.040 RCW (Interlocal Cooperation Act) permits local government units to make the most efficient use of their powers by enabling them to communicate and cooperate with other localities on a basis of mutual advantage and thereby to provide services in a manner pursuant to forms of government organization that will accord best with recreational, park and natural resources and other factors influencing the needs and development of local communities and

**WHEREAS**, the various agencies, cities, counties, Washington State and agencies of the Federal Government listed in Exhibit A - Page 6 of this Agreement, desire to manage waterfowl, especially Canada Geese; and

**WHEREAS**, all parties require assistance from the Wildlife Services Program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, to reduce negative impacts on water quality, minimize resource damage, ensure safety from disease for park visitors, and enhance other property managed; and

**WHEREAS**, yearly surveys by Wildlife Services indicates a stable to slightly decreasing population trend for Canada geese in Lake Washington from the previous 10 years, expanding smaller groups of geese in surrounding areas and along Puget Sound, earlier pairing and nesting activity and a larger surplus of other waterfowl species in the Seattle area; and

**WHEREAS**, this program will be an ongoing resource management activity attempting to maintain a manageable number of birds on a year-to-year basis; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the covenants herein, it is mutually agreed as follows:

SECTION I - PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to provide joint funding for an egg addling program, lethal control, population monitoring and census; mainly of Canada Geese, within King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties.

This program will assist each party in communicating, maintaining, and managing public and selected and approved private site impacts of surplus waterfowl.

## SECTION II - SCOPE OF PROGRAM

Wildlife Services (WS) will receive funds from each participating member for the continuation of an egg addling program, lethal control and evaluation during spring and summer 2024-2028.

Using best management practices WS will carry out an egg addling program, seeking as many accessible nesting areas as possible and will make every effort to minimize damage to the surrounding environment.

**To request lethal control, WMC members must contact the WS District Supervisor or Assistant District Supervisor at 360-337-2778. WS will work with the member agency to determine if removal is warranted and if the location is suitable for removal operations.**

With the assistance of Wildlife Services, the WMC members will continue a yearly program to increase monitoring activities that will enhance our location and access of nests on public and private land and to facilitate expanded egg addling program, including advertisement of an addling and nesting location hotline number for the general public and others, posters and webpage advertising and other activities to keep the public well informed of the Waterfowl Management Program.

WS will also implement a program of "lethal control" as requested by the Waterfowl Management Committee, subject to the terms and conditions of a permit to be issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This will be done on a case by case basis in situations where an over population of Canada geese may result in an impact on human health and safety, such as potable water contamination, bird aircraft strikes, disease transmission or other situations as determined by WMC members.

WS will provide an annual report to the members of the WMC which will include information regarding egg addling, the general location of nests and number of eggs added, number of geese removed, difficulties encountered and whatever other information would be valuable to the WMC.

2024 will be the 31<sup>st</sup> year of an egg addling program and the 23<sup>rd</sup> year utilizing "lethal control". All methods and tools utilized to accomplish addling and "lethal control" activities in 2019 will again be used in 2024.

WS will conduct a standardized monthly goose population survey of selected area parks and will annually conduct up to six goose surveys of Lake Washington by boat. As in previous years, census counts will be expanded using staff from local agencies and participants at times and places to be specified. Survey results will be presented annually to the WMC.

Where possible, community outreach and educational programs such as 'don't feed wildlife' and interpretive signage will be initiated to inform the public about urban Canada

Geese, the associated problems, and the efforts of this committee at addressing those problems.

### SECTION III - RESPONSIBILITIES

Each party, represented on the Waterfowl Management Committee, as shown on Exhibit "A", and incorporated by reference herein, will share in the ongoing review of the programs carried out by WS.

Each party agrees that if necessary, an Oversight Committee will be appointed to monitor and report back to the general committee on a regular basis. Three members of the Committee will make up the Oversight Committee chaired by the Seattle Parks and Recreation representative.

### SECTION IV - COMPENSATION

The total cost of the 2024 waterfowl management program shall not exceed twenty three thousand seven hundred dollars (\$23,700.00).

Each party shall contribute to the financial costs of the program. The costs are shared between the agencies. Individual costs per agency may vary year-to-year and are based upon the total number of agencies actively participating in the program and receiving services. Table 1 shows the 2024 minimum and maximum costs for each agency.

### SECTION V - TERM AND EXTENSION

The Term of this Agreement is from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2028. This Agreement may be extended in time, scope or funding by mutual written consent from all parties referenced herein.

### SECTION VI - TERMINATION

This agreement may be unilaterally terminated by any of the parties referenced herein or Wildlife Services upon presentation of written notice to the Oversight Committee at least 30 days in advance of the severance date shown in Section V.

Should termination of this agreement occur without completion of the egg addling, each party shall pay only its' pro rata share of any expenses incurred under the agreement at the date of the termination, and each party shall receive copies of all products resulting from the addling activities up to the time of the termination.

## SECTION VII - DELIVERABLE

Using best management practices Wildlife Services will carry out an egg addling program, seeking as many accessible nesting areas as possible and will make every effort to minimize damage to the surrounding environment. Field conditions or changing conditions may increase or decrease the number of eggs addled from previous years' totals. Eggs will be coated with vegetable oil on dates to be determined by USDA-Wildlife Services.

Lethal control will be implemented as requested and the total numbers are established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Permit. Participants will receive a report on the number of eggs addled and geese euthanized in 2024.

## SECTION VIII - FILING

As provided by RCW 39.34.040, this agreement shall be filed prior to its entry and force with the City or County Clerks of the participating parties, the County Auditor and the Secretary of State, and, if found to be necessary, with the State Office of Community Affairs as provided by RCW 39.34.120.

## SECTION IX - LIABILITY

Each party to this agreement shall be responsible for damage to person or property resulting from the negligence on the part of itself, its employees, its agents or its officers. No party assumes any responsibility to another party for the consequences of any act or omission of any person, firm, or corporation not at party to this agreement.

**EXHIBIT A**

2024 WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE PARTICIPANTS

City of Bellevue.....Andy  
Heider

City of Kirkland.....Jason Filan

City of Mountlake Terrace.....Ken Courtmanch

Port of Seattle – Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.....David  
Crownier

City of Renton.....Cailin Hunsaker

City of SeaTac.....Mike Fitzpatrick

City of Woodinville .....Amy Ensminger

Seattle of Parks and Recreation..... Bridget Kelsh

University of Washington.....Rodney Worden

U.S.D.A. Wildlife Services..... Mike Linnell

**TABLE I**

<b><u>PARTICIPATING AGENCIES</u></b>	<b><u>CONTRIBUTIONS</u></b>
	MAXIMUM (Total 10 agencies)
Seattle Parks and Recreation	\$3,700.00
All other agencies	\$2,500.00

All checks will be made payable to the USDA-APHIS-WS, earmarked for the Wildlife Services and sent to the following addresses, or we can invoice the charge which can be paid by credit card

Mr. Mike Linnell  
State Director -Wildlife Services Program  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
720 O'Leary Street Northwest  
Olympia, Washington 98502  
(360) 753-9884

In case of procedural questions regarding this project, please contact:

Michelle Rodriguez, Supervisory Budget Analyst  
Wildlife Services Program  
(360) 753-9884 FAX: 753-9466

For questions regarding implementation of control measures and census, please contact:

Brook Zscheile  
District Supervisor  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
10265 Central Valley Rd NW  
Poulsbo, WA 98370  
360-337-2778

**SECTION X. - SEVERABILITY**

If any section of this agreement is adjudicated to be invalid, such action shall not affect the validity of any section so adjudged.

This agreement shall be executed on behalf of each party by its authorized representative. It shall be deemed adopted upon the date of execution by the last so authorized representative.

This agreement is approved and entered into by the undersigned county and local government units, university and other private parties.

<p><b>City of Bellevue</b> By: _____ Michael Shiosaki, Director of Parks and Community Services Date: _____</p>	<p><b>Port of Seattle – Seattle-Tacoma International Airport</b> By: _____ Stephen P. Metruck, Executive Director Date: _____</p>
<p><b>City of Kirkland</b> By: _____ Lynn Zwaagstra, Kirkland PCS Director Date: _____</p>	<p><b>Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation</b> By: _____ Anthony-Paul Diaz, Superintendent Date: _____</p>
<p><b>City of Mountlake Terrace</b> By: _____ Jeff Niten, City Manager Date: _____</p>	<p><b>City of SeaTac</b> By: _____ Mike Fitzpatrick, Parks Projects &amp; Operations Manager Date: _____</p>
<p><b>City of Renton</b> By: _____ Armondo Pavone, Mayor Date: _____</p>	<p><b>University of Washington</b> By: _____ Rodney Worden Director of Facilities Maintenance &amp; Construction Date: _____</p>
<p><b>City of Woodinville</b> By: _____ Brandon Buchanan , City Manager Date: _____</p>	