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# 1. Acknowledgments

The City of Portland would like to acknowledge the many dedicated individuals and organizations that have contributed to the development of the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for the Bull Run Water Supply.

## 1.1 Sandy River Basin Agreement Policy Committee and Technical Team (Now Sandy River Basin Partners)

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Two committees were formed under auspices of the 1999 memorandum of understanding known as the Sandy River Basin Agreement, a Policy Committee and a Technical Team. The Policy Committee represented policymakers in the represented organizations. The Technical Team was composed of staff scientists and resource planners. The mission of these two committees was to collaboratively develop strategies for recovering native fish species in the entire Sandy River as well as to assist the City of Portland to develop a draft strategy for the Bull Run HCP. Over time, the number of organizations involved has grown. The group is now known as the Sandy River Basin Partners (SRBP, [www.sandyriverpartners.org](http://www.sandyriverpartners.org)).

### 1.1.1 SRBP Membership

Over the almost 10-year period since work began, individuals involved in the Partners and the predecessor committees have included the following (by organization):

**Clackamas County:** Commissioner Larry Sowa, Karen Streeter, Ginny Van Loo, Bob Storer and John Borge

**Columbia Land Trust:** Dan Roix

**Multnomah County:** Virginia Bowers, Kim Peoples and Roy Iwai

**East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District:** Jean Fike

**Metro:** Charlie Ciecko, David Moskowitz and Angie Kimpo

**NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service:** John Volkman, Michelle Day, Melissa Jundt, Michael Tehan, Ben Meyer, Dan Tonnes, and Nancy Munn

**The Nature Conservancy:** Jonathan Soll

**Northwest Steelheaders:** Mike Myrick, Gary Benson, and Phil Donovan

**Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality:** Andy Schaedel, Greg Geist, Karen Williams, Avis Newell and Manette Simpson

**Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife:** Al Smith, Greg Robart, Jim Muck, Dick Caldwell, Jeff Boechler, Todd Alsbury, Jim Brick, and Danette Ehlers

**Oregon Trout:** Jim Myron, Jason Miner, Brett Brownscombe, and Mark McCollister

**Portland General Electric:** Julie Keil, John Esler, and Doug Cramer

**Portland Water Bureau:** Rosemary Menard, Eddie Campbell, Steve Kucas, Janet Senior, Sarah Santner, Terry Black, and Jessica Letteney

**Sandy River Basin Watershed Council:** Russ Plaeger and George Hoyt

**USDI Bureau of Land Management:** Scott Abdon, Rudy Hefter, Dave Roberts, Laura Dowlan, Mark Brown, John Barber, and Dick Todd

**USDA Forest Service, Mt. Hood National Forest:** Lisa Norris, Dan Shively, Duane Bishop, Ivars Steinblums, and Todd Parker

**USDI Fish and Wildlife Service:** Gary Miller, Ron Garst, Ann Gray, Stephen Zylstra, Joe Zisa, Timmie Mandish, Kemper McMaster, and Janine Castro

**Western Rivers Conservancy:** Sue Doroff and Josh Kling

Note: Our apologies to any of our colleagues who may have been inadvertently left off this list.

### **1.1.2 USFWS Grant**

One of the Partners' early accomplishments was receiving a \$459,000 Habitat Conservation Planning Grant (Section 6) from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). This grant funded a video about the Sandy River, a characterization report about resource conditions in the basin, an on-line atlas of maps, initial work on a coordinated monitoring strategy, as well as a facilitator for the early Partners' meetings. The atlas is available on the Partner's website. Copies of the characterization report and video are available through the Portland Water Bureau.

The products of this grant have been useful during development of the HCP and will continue to be valuable during implementation. The City appreciates the administrative assistance of Rachel Miller and Heather Hollis at USFWS and of the following ODFW staff: Martin Nugent, Charlie Corrarino, Gail Samura, and Diana Butts. The Section 6 grant is administered through the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife.

## **1.2 Sandy River Working Group**

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In 2004, a group of fish biologists affiliated with the SRBA Technical Committee decided to form a separate working group to identify and evaluate anchor habitats for salmonids in the Sandy River Basin. Anchor habitats are defined as distinct stream reaches that currently harbor specific life stages of salmon and steelhead to a greater extent than the stream system at large. The resulting Anchor Habitats report is available on the Partners' website.

As a second step, the working group developed a hierarchical framework for restoring habitat in the basin. The framework is based on the latest available scientific literature and is consistent with direction provided in the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds. The framework report is in final editing and will be posted on the Partners' website when complete.

Both of these products have been instrumental in guiding the ongoing work of the Partners and have contributed to choices the City made when developing the HCP. The working group was led by Dan Shively from the Mt. Hood National Forest and by Jason Miner and

Mark McCollister from Oregon Trout. Members of the working group also included the following:

**Northwest Steelheaders, Sandy Chapter:** Mike Myrick

**Bureau of Land Management, Salem District:** Dave Roberts

**Clackamas County:** Mark Mouser

**East Multnomah County Soil and Water Conservation District:** Julie Dileone

**National Marine Fisheries Service:** Rob Markle

**Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife:** Todd Alsbury and Danette Ehlers

**Sandy River Basin Watershed Council:** Russ Plaeger and George Hoyt

**The Nature Conservancy:** Jonathan Soll

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service:** Brad Goerhring

**Mt. Hood National Forest:** Duane Bishop and Todd Parker

**Portland Water Bureau:** Steve Kucas

### **1.3 Sandy River Monitoring**

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Fish population monitoring elements of the HCP (see Chapter 9) are designed to be part of a larger cooperative basin-wide effort. The approach was developed by fish biologists from key participating agencies with help from a variety of monitoring experts. Participants included the following:

**Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife:** Todd Alsbury, Danette Ehlers, Kirk Schroeder, Jeff Rogers, and Julie Firman

**National Marine Fisheries Service:** Dan Tonnes and Rich Turner

**Mt. Hood National Forest:** Duane Bishop, Dan Shively, and David Saiget

**USFS Pacific Northwest Research Station (Corvallis):** Gordon Reeves

**Bureau of Land Management:** Dave Roberts

**Oregon Department of Environmental Quality:** Mike Mulvey

**Portland Water Bureau:** Steve Kucas and Burke Strobel

### **1.4 Community Involvement in Portland and in the Sandy River Basin**

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Since 1999, the City of Portland has reached out to the broader community to provide information and to seek input and ideas as we developed the HCP. Water Bureau staff sponsored numerous field trips, half-day classes, and open houses attended by residents of both Portland and of the Sandy River Basin. Staff also consulted with the Portland Utility Review Board and with a variety of government agencies, university researchers and non-profit organizations involved in salmon recovery.

## 1.5 Consulting Team

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The City would also like to thank the consulting staff who contributed time, technical and regulatory expertise, facilitation support, and project experience to the City's work on the HCP. Individuals who made major contributions include:

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## 1.6 Staff of the City of Portland

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