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Good day, Linda,

Thank you for submitting these comments regarding the Council Hearing to select the Preferred Alternative for the 2025 Comprehensive Plan.

I am forwarding to additional members of Staff ahead of today's Hearing. This will also be added to the Index of Record.

Best regards,



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Please see attached our comments on the preferred alternative for the Clark County public hearing, April 27, 2026.

Thank you.

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**Comments on the preferred alternative for the Clark County public hearing on April 27, 2026, on the Clark County Comprehensive Plan Update**

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the preferred alternative for the Clark County comprehensive plan update. I represent Northwest Wild Fish Rescue which is a non-profit organization based in Clark County. Our focus is protecting and restoring wild fish to the local streams and rivers.

We support Alternative 1 for the following reasons:

- (1) We are not convinced that expansion of the urban growth boundaries is necessary. We believe that existing capacity can accommodate or mostly accommodate projected growth. Vancouver is in the process of updating their codes so that more and varied housing can be built. It is also our understanding that some housing can be constructed up to 75 feet in height.
- (2) We cannot support expanding onto agricultural lands of long-term commercial significance. Expansion onto agricultural lands historically has been the strategy for urban sprawl. To prevent this convenient mechanism from being used to promote urban sprawl and degrade the environment is at the heart of the Growth Management Act. We need agricultural land to feed our population in a stable fashion, one that does not rely on the extended food supply chains but one that supports local farmers. As we have mentioned before in other comments, agricultural lands also decrease pollution and support lower temperatures.
- (3) More development around streams and rivers means more pollution. More vehicle miles traveled pose a significant danger to wild fish due to the toxic effects of pollution from car tires, as well as dirt and road dust, etc. Also more concrete translates to higher air temperatures which can result in water temperatures to warm for fish to survive.
- (4) More development around streams and rivers raises the risks to the fish. Housing development, commercial development means more concrete, more pollution from run-off, fewer trees, etc. Our fish are already suffering due to habitat degradation, higher water temperatures, pollution, illegal water withdrawals, climate change, etc. Forecasts would suggest that the coming summer could be especially challenging due to low water levels and high temperatures. Last year the East Fork of the Lewis was near historic low levels and warm temperatures. With these type of environmental challenges, we need

to exercise caution about increasing environmental risks. We should be focusing on ways to build smarter, to protect our wetlands and our ground water, and to increase conservation measures and education.

As a result of all of the above, Northwest Wild Fish Rescue supports Alternative !.

Thank you for your attention to our comments. If you have questions please contact me at (360) 910-7177 or e-mail me at [lconaway50@aol.com](mailto:lconaway50@aol.com).

Yours truly,

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