

Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed (WRIA 8) Salmon Recovery



Interlocal Agreement Briefing

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Presentation Outline

Goal: Provide Council context for consideration of 2026-2035
Interlocal Agreement (ILA) Renewal

- I. Salmon Recovery Context
- II. WRIA 8 Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan
- III. ILA Overview
- IV. Funding & Accomplishments
- V. Looking Forward



Salmon Recovery Timeline

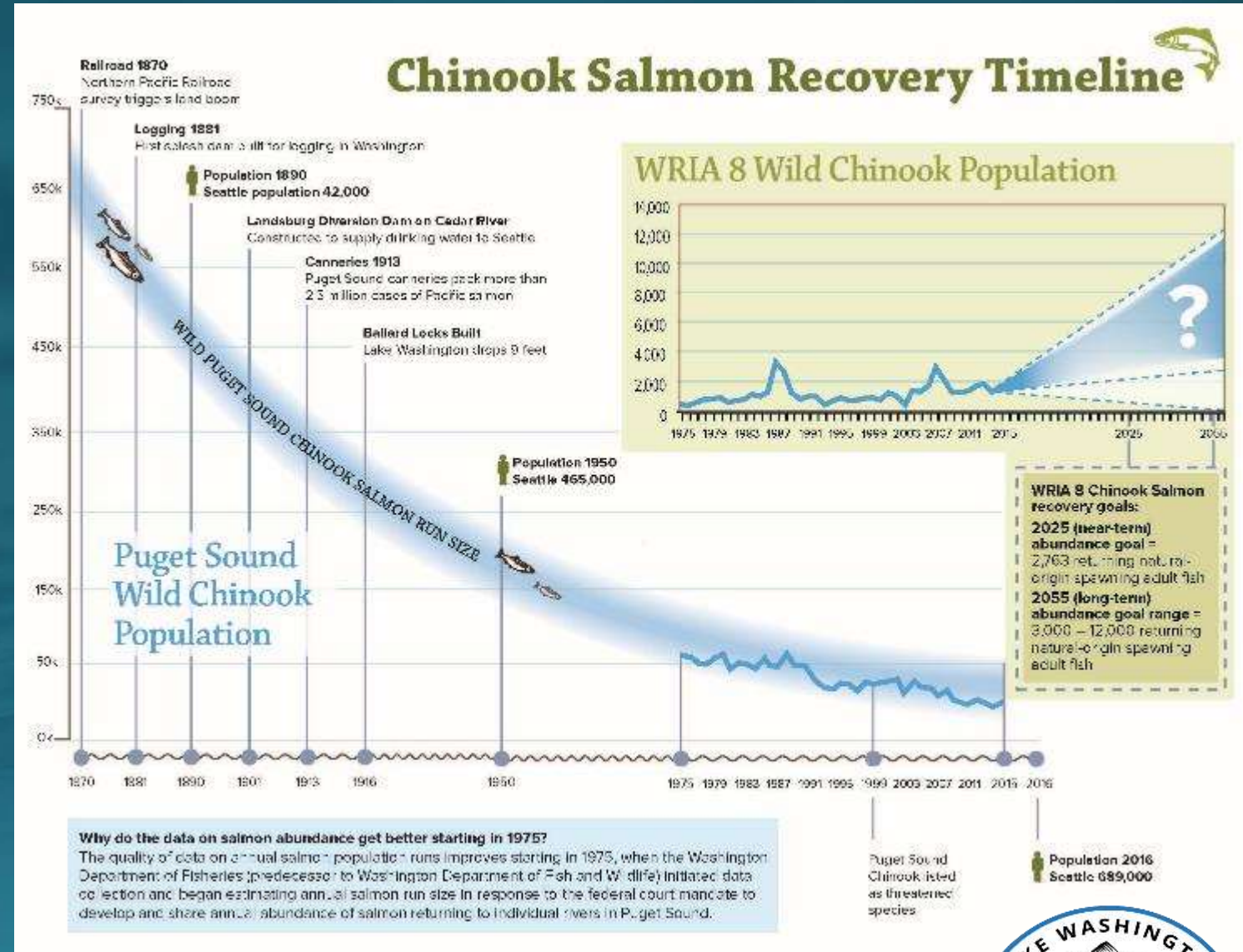
1998 WA State Salmon Recovery Act

1999 Chinook salmon ESA listed

2005 WRIA 8 Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan

2007 Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Plan

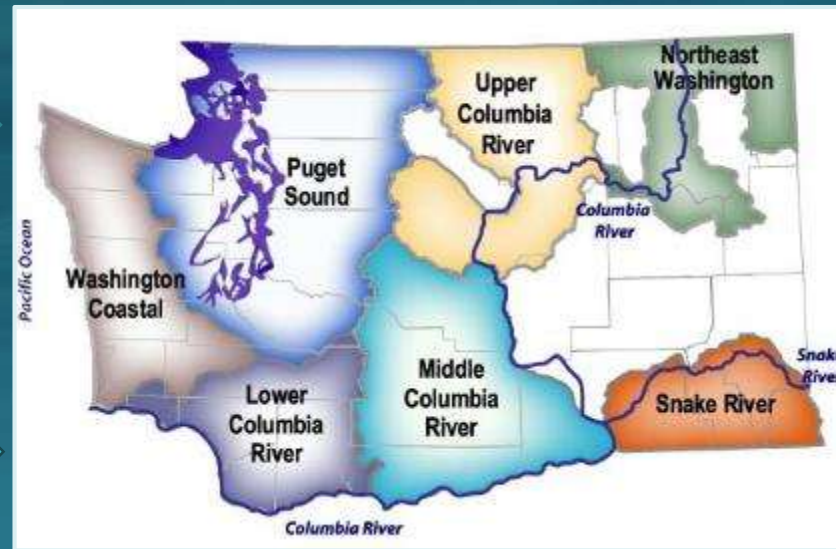
2017 WRIA 8 Plan Update



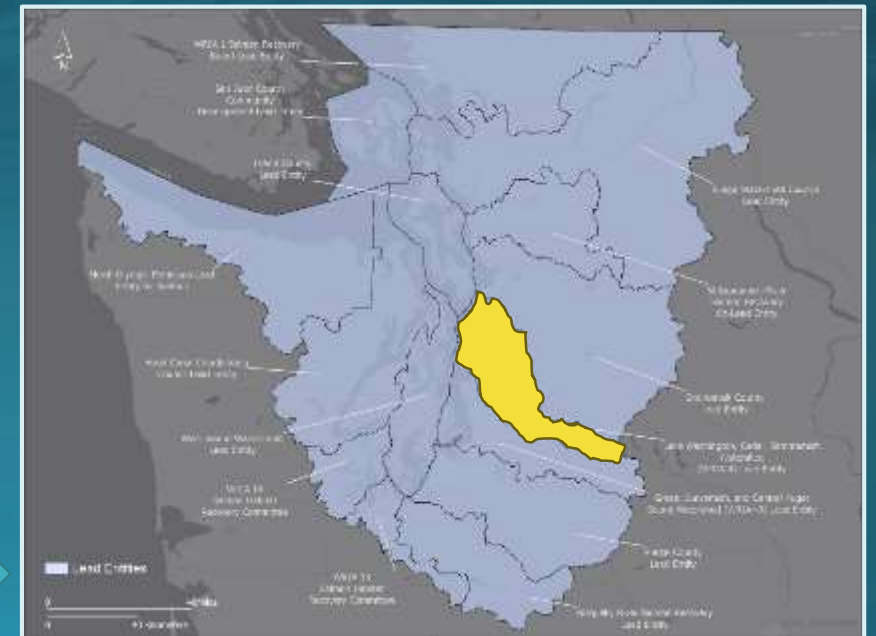
Salmon Recovery Framework



8 Regions
Puget Sound Partnership

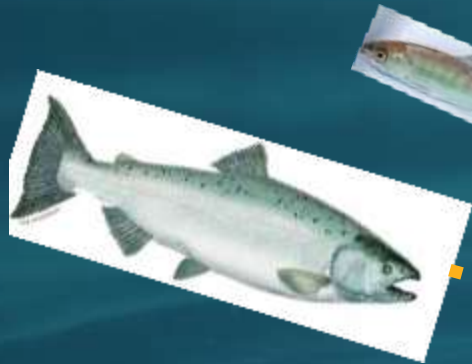


15 Lead Entities
WRIA 8



NOAA Fisheries
(Fed. Gov't)

WRIA 8 - Watershed-Based Approach



WRIA 8 Plan

Chinook salmon status assessment

Best available science

Habitat goals

Recovery strategies

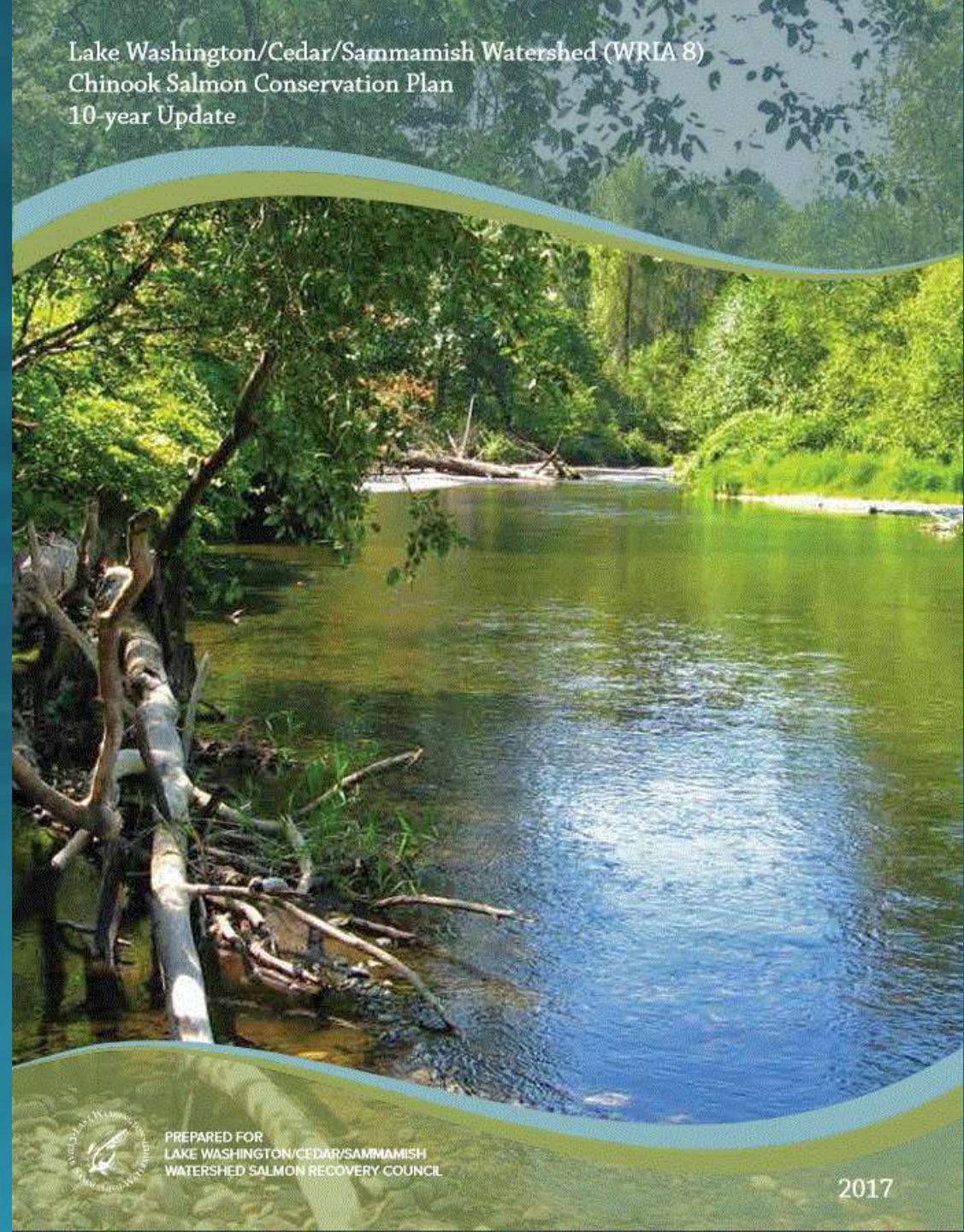
Capital project list

Land use recommendations

Outreach and education

Monitoring & adaptive management

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LAKE WASHINGTON/CEDAR/SAMMAMISH
WATERSHED SALMON RECOVERY COUNCIL

2017



WRIA 8 ILA

2026-2035

- ✓ Implementation & adaptive management of WRIA 8 Plan
- ✓ Governance structure – Salmon Recovery Council
- ✓ Funding mechanism
- ✓ Annual work plan & budget
- ✓ Technical & regional coordination
- ✓ Previous ILAs: 2001-2006, 2007-2015, 2016-2025



2025 WRIA 8 Work Plan

Watershed coordination & policy decisions

- Salmon Recovery Council

Project coordination & implementation

- Project development, funding strategy & annual grant round

Monitoring & adaptive management

- Implementation Technical Committee

Telling the salmon recovery story

- Coordinated communications & legislative outreach



Doyle Project – Bear Creek

2025 Funding

ILA Funding – WRIA 8 program

- \$760,366 (incl. \$5,409 Lake Forest Park's cost share)
- Cost Share = Average (% Population + % Assessed value + % Area)

Grant Funding – Pass through to partners

- \$4.2 Million Cooperative Watershed Management (King County Flood Control District)
- \$1.45 Million Puget Sound Acquisition & Restoration (state)
- \$526,634 Salmon Recovery Funding Board (state & federal)



Accomplishments 2016-2024

- Over \$38 million awarded in grants
- 200 projects with 22 project sponsors
 - 1.2 miles of levees removed or setback
 - 70.3 acres floodplain reconnected
 - 45.3 miles streamside revegetated
 - 4,228 pieces of large wood installed
- 53 outreach & education grants with 13 sponsors
- 48 monitoring grants with 10 sponsors



Looking Forward

- Habitat protection & restoration
- Lake Washington Ship Canal
- Addressing key survival issues – predation, elevated water temperature, artificial light at night, disease
- Improving integration – habitat restoration & stormwater management
- Supporting equity and inclusion in salmon recovery
- Monitoring and best available science



Questions?

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