# Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board



Celebrating 20 Years
Working to Recover Salmon,
Steelhead & Bull Trout
and
Improving Watershed Health

## WA's Salmon Network Starts With Regional Organizations



## Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board

- Established by State statute in 1998
- 15-member Board
- 12-member Technical Advisory Committee
- 5-member Clean Water Review Committee
- 3 Multi-WRIA Watershed Planning Units

## Our Region

- 5,700 sq. miles
- 7% of WA State
- 17 subbasins & the estuary
  - \*2,882 tributary miles
  - \*268 marine shoreline miles
- 74/distinct populations of ESA-listed Chinook,
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   5/4/distinct populations of ESA-listed Chinook,
- 8 tributary dams, 4 Hydro-electric operators
- Bonneville dam in Columbia Gorge
- One of the fastest growing areas in state

### Integrated Programs

Salmon Recovery

Federal Subbasin

<u>Plans</u>

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Water

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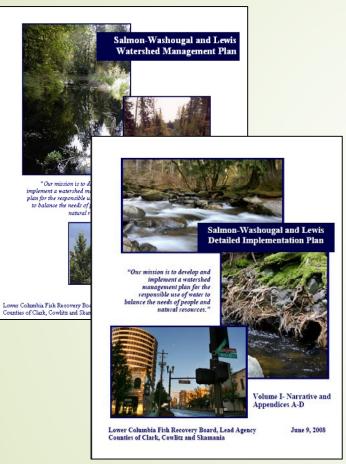
Habitat

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Watershed Planning



# Watershed Management Plan – Water for People and Fish



- Water Supplies
- Water Quality
- Instream Flows
- Surface and Ground
- Fish Habitat Conditions



Water rights rules: Chapters 173-527 & 173-528 WA Administrative Code

# Watershed Management Plan – Water for People and Fish

- Regional Water Supply Projects
  - Clark Public Utilities Paradise Point
  - City of Camas Washougal River
  - City of Washougal Steigerwald
- Water Right Permitting & Mitigation

### Salmon Recovery – Getting to "Healthy & Harvestable"

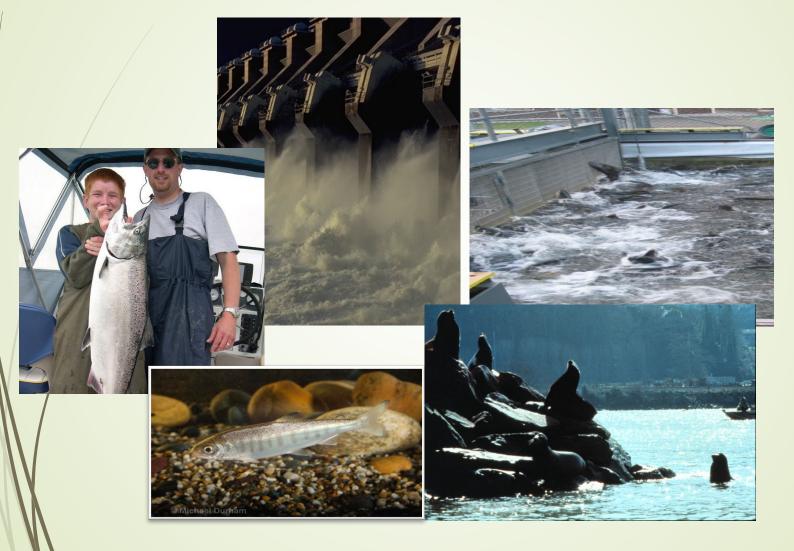
Low Viability limited indirect harvest Viable without directed harvest

Viable with directed harvest

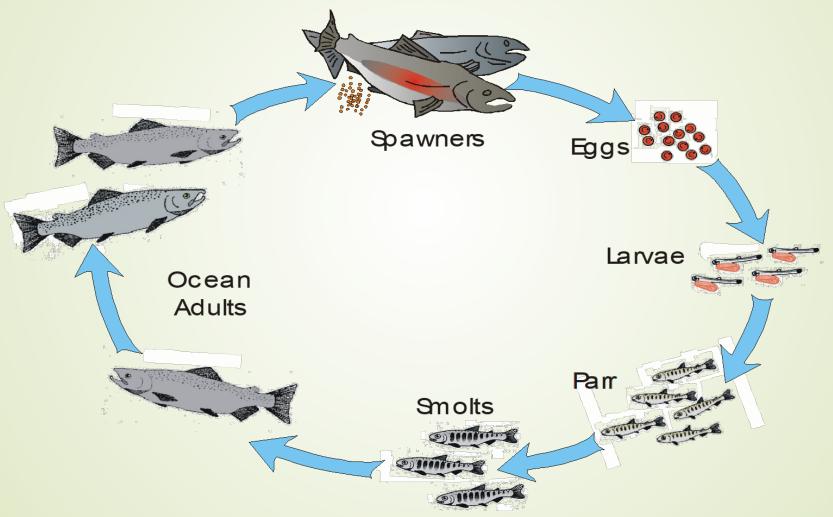
Harvestable "surplus"

Viability "threshold"

# Salmon Recovery A Shared Responsibility



## Salmon Recovery Life Cycle Approach

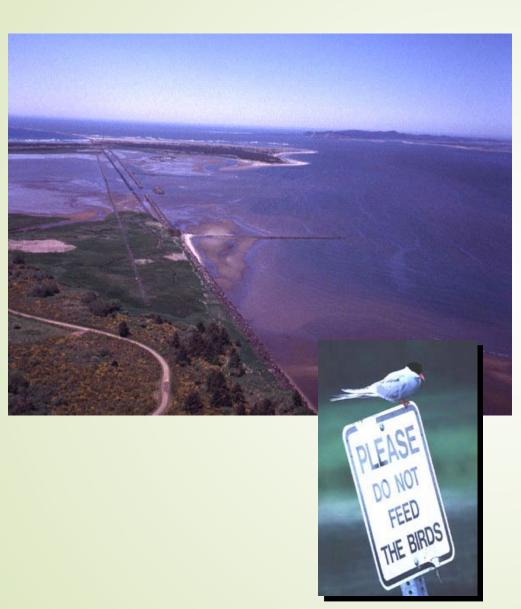


# Tributary Habitat Strategies



- Protection
- Access
- Restoration

# Estuary/Mainstem Strategies

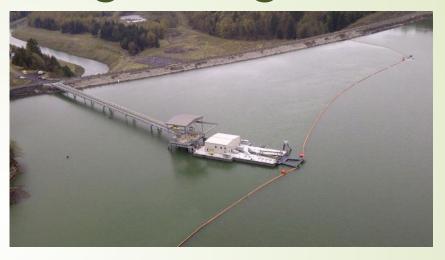


Flow Sediments Structures Food-web Water quality

## Hydro Strategies

Reintroduction, Fish Passage, Mitigation







## Harvest and Hatchery







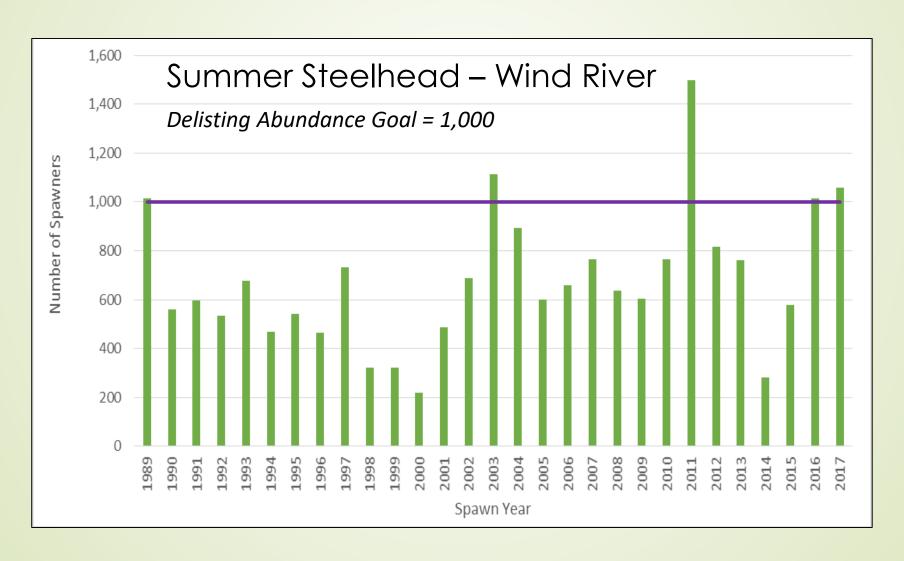


## Ecological Strategies

Exotics
Food Web
Predators



# Current Initiatives Assess Progress Toward Recovery Goals



# Current Initiatives – Assess Recovery Plan Implementation

- Land Use Local, State & Federal
- Harvest and Hatcheries (in process)
- Ecological Interactions Predation
- Hydro



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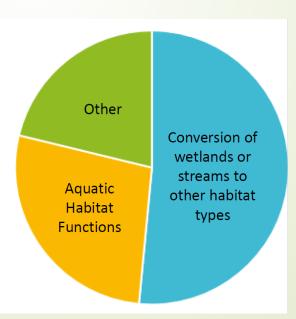
- Land Use Local, State & Federal
  - Shoreline Master Programs
  - Critical Areas Ordinances
  - Comprehensive Plans
  - Open Space, Parks, Greenways
  - Water Management Programs



### Current Initiatives – Assess Recovery Plan Implementation

- Clean Water Act Permit Streamlining
- Landowner Incentives Evaluation
- Updating Habitat Strategy to Focus PCSRF and other Habitat Investments

What were the reasons cited for requiring compensatory mitigation or design changes?





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