### **Chehalis River Basin**

Reducing Flood Damage <u>and</u> Enhancing Aquatic Species

3:30 p.m., February 12, 2015 Commissioner Bud Blake

#### Today's Presentation . . .

- Provide update
- Encourage discussion
- Key messages . . .

**1. Broad agreement --** For first time in a century there is progress across the Basin on <u>next steps</u> to reduce flood damage and enhance salmon and aquatic species.



**2. Basin-wide strategy --** An <u>action-oriented</u>, <u>multi-phased</u> Basin-wide strategy is needed to protect communities along the river and to enhance aquatic species.</u>

**3.** Collaboration is key -- WA State Legislature, Governor's Office, Governor's Chehalis Basin Work Group, Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority, and WA State Agencies all working together = <u>Action</u>!

4. Fundamental principle -- Solving one's problems doesn't increase another's.



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#### Action . . .



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### "Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority"

- Formed in 2008
- Formal body focused on: (1) flood hazard mitigation throughout the Basin; and (2) decision-making that is . . .
  - □ informed by science.
  - protective of Basin residents/communities.
  - environmentally appropriate.

#### Basin jurisdictions represented

- Grays Harbor County
  - City of Aberdeen
  - City of Cosmopolis
  - City of Montesano
  - City of Oakville

- Lewis County
  - City of Centralia
  - City of Chehalis
  - City of Napavine
  - Town of Pe Ell
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#### "Governor's Chehalis Basin Work Group"

- Appointed by Gov. Gregoire (2012); Re-confirmed by Gov. Inslee (2013).
- Developed Next Steps Framework, \$28.2 capital budget request (2013-15).
- Looking Forward → Tasked by Gov. Inslee to <u>oversee implementation of 2013-15</u> <u>budget</u>, <u>recommend next steps by mid-November 2014\*\*</u> for: Water retention; I-5; Other Basin improvements; Aquatic species enhancement.

#### Members are:

- □ Vickie Raines (Grays Harbor Commissioner, Chair Flood Authority).
- □ Karen Valenzuela (Former Thurston County Commissioner, Vice-Chair Flood Authority).
- David Burnett (Former Chairman Chehalis Tribe).
- □ J. Vander Stoep (Private Attorney, Pe Ell Alternate Flood Authority).
- □ Jay Gordon (President Washington Dairy Federation and Chehalis Farmer).
- □ Rob Duff (Governor's Natural Resources and Environment Advisor).
- □ Keith Phillips (Governor's Climate and Energy Advisor).
- \*\* Note: Next steps delivered and accepted by Governor on 11/24/2014 (see slide 25).



#### 2007 Storm -- \$938M Basin-wide damage, \$300M lost economic activity (WA).



Exit 77 (I-5) in Chehalis STEVE RINGMAN / SEATTLE TIMES



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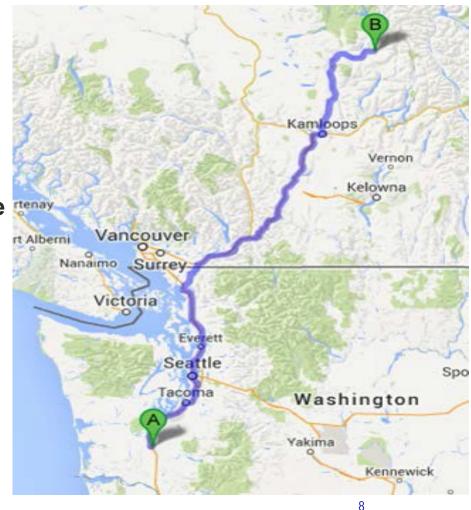
#### **2007** Flood -- I-5 and Hwy 507 Interchange looking South.



**City of Centralia and I-5** STEVE RINGMAN / SEATTLE TIMES



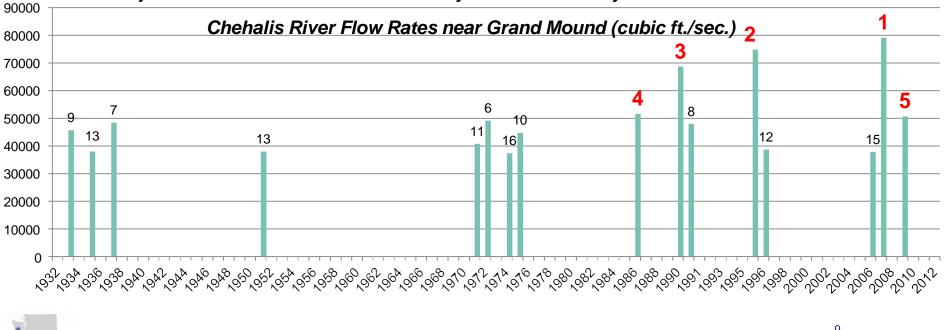
- 289,983 acre feet of measured water (12/03-08/2007).
- Equivalent to covering roadway between Chehalis and North of Kamloops with 1 foot of water 1-mile wide or covering ...
  - 80% of Kitsap County.
  - 69% of Clark County.
  - 59% of Thurston County.





#### Ranked high flow events (1932 - 2012) ...

- I-5 closed 1990, 1996, 2007, 2009.
- Five largest events since 1986 -- Frequent floods are getting worse and damage is increasing . . .
- 100 year flood estimate -- Increased by 33% in last 30 years.

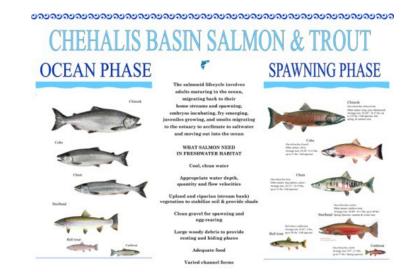




- Chehalis is the second largest river basin in the state, rich in natural resources . . .
- Salmon populations are 15-25% of historic levels.
- **TMDL for the basin** (<u>http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/tmdl/ChehalisRvrTMDLSummary.html</u>).



Upper Chehalis (5/31/2010) JAMES E. WILCOX / WILD GAME FISH CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL



www.chehalisbasinpartnership.org



#### Salmon-habitat potential

Species	Current (#fish)	Natural Conditions (#fish)	Habitat Impairment
Spring Chinook Salmon	3,349	15,287	78%
Fall Chinook Salmon	25,459	46,052	45%
Coho Salmon	24,144	78,986	69%
Winter-run Steelhead	4,557	8,102	44%

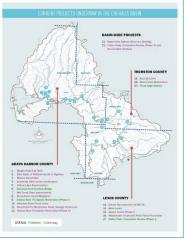


### Solution = Basin-Wide Approach

#### Action-oriented. Multi-phased Approach

- 1. Basin-Wide Relationships
- 2. Hydraulic Understanding
- 3. Large Capitol Projects
- 4. Smaller-Scale Local Projects
- 5. Land Use, Floodplain Management
- 6. Enhance Salmon and Aquatic Species
- 7. Early Flood Warning
- 8. Outreach, Education and Communication







#### 1. Basin-Wide Relationships



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#### 2. Hydraulic Understanding

- Science-based model -- To inform decision-makers on hydraulic effects of potential flood relief options (at basin-wide and localized scales).
- 108 miles -- Mouth of Chehalis River upstream to Pe Ell (108 miles).

Draft Report - Chehalis River Hydraulic Model Development Project

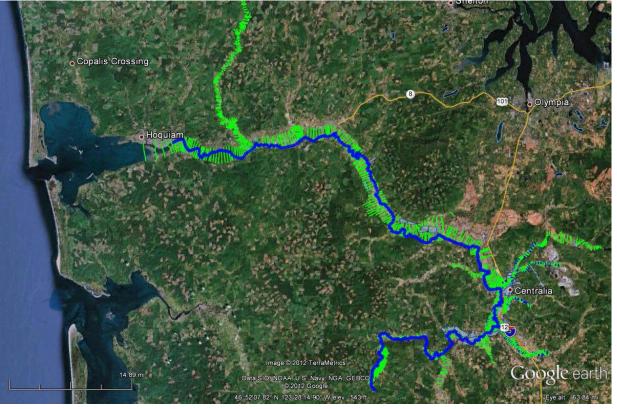




Prepared by: WATERSHED Science & Engineering and WEST Consultants

Prepared for: Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority

July 23, 2012



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### 2. Hydraulic Understanding

#### Example: Basinwide effects analysis

(Governor's Chehalis Basin Workgroup, 2014 Recommendations Report, 11/25/2014)

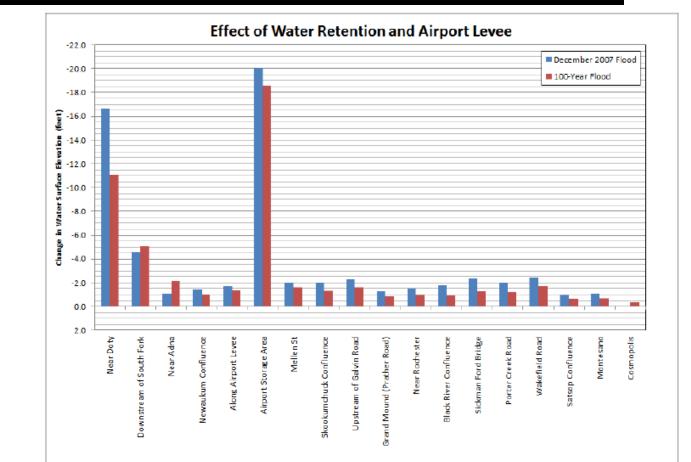


Figure 2: Predicted Changes in Water Surface Elevations from Water Retention and Airport Levee



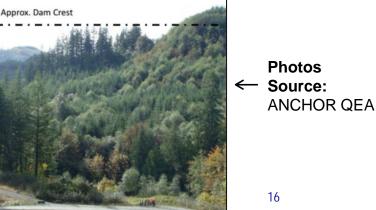
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### 3. Large Capitol Projects

- Technical team evaluating safety, feasibility of upper basin water retention **structure** -- field visits, site and design considerations, world-wide research, etc.
  - Permanent reservoir with fish passage or Run-of-the-river without permanent reservoir.
  - Roller compact concrete or Earthen fill.
  - Flood-control only or Multi-purpose.
- **WSDOT evaluating alternatives to protect Interstate 5** levees, walls, raise, etc.
- Comprehensive set of recommendations to Governor, Legislature (11/2014).

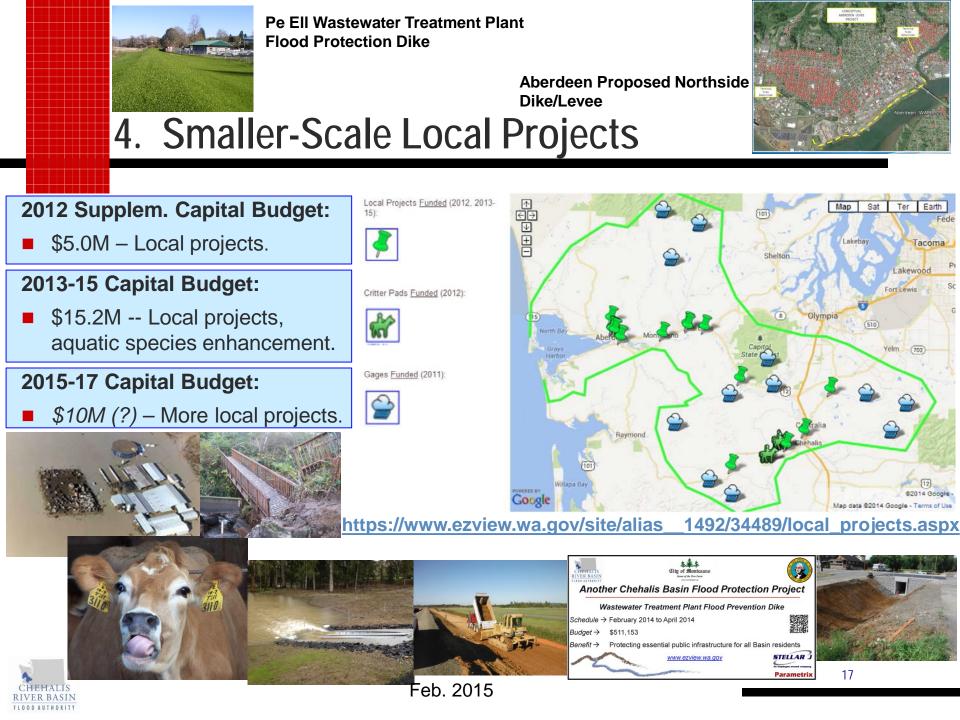
Governor's Work Group Final Documents (2013-15 biennium) File Size Description **File Name** Categ ry Date Added 🔁 Gov Inslee Letter of Support -- 11-24-2014.pdf 810.1 KB None 12/02/14 08:55 AM 🔁 Governor's Chehalis Basin Work Group Press Release -- 11-24-2014.pdf 37.2 KB None 12/02/14 08:56 AM 🔀 Chehalis Basin Work Group Recommendations Report -- Final 11-25-2014.pdf 1.2 MB None 12/02/14 08:56 AM 🔁 Aquatic-Species-Restoration-Program-Effects-Report Final.pdf 5.3 MB None 12/08/14 10:28 AM 🔊 Aquatic-Species-Restoration-Program-Report Final.pdf 8.4 MB None 12/08/14 10:29 AM 🔀 Chehalis-Basin-Strategy-2015-2017-Biennium-Scope-and-Budget Final.pdf 287.2 KB 12/08/14 10:29 AM None Comparison-of-Alternatives-Report Final.pdf 6.9 MB 12/08/14 10:29 AM None 🔁 Hydraulic-Model-Report Final.pdf 1.5 MB None 12/08/14 10:30 AM 🔊 Small-Projects-Report 🛛 Final.pdf 11.2 MB 12/08/14 10:30 AM None Structures-in-Floodplain-Survey-Report Final.pdf 305.7 KB None 12/08/14 10:30 AM 12/08/14 10:32 AM 🕺 Water-Retention-and-Fish-Passage-Report Final.pdf 47.6 MB None 🔀 WSDOT-I-5-Chehalis-Flood-Report Final.pdf 4.6 MB None 12/08/14 10:32 AM Basin-Wide Report 11-30-14.pdf 1 MB None 12/16/14 06:11 AM 675.1 KB 12/16/14 06:11 AM 🔁 <u>CRS Report 11-30-14.pdf</u> None 12/16/14 06:11 AM 🔁 Rep Loss Strategy 11-30-14.pdf 1.2 MB None



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#### 4. Smaller-Scale Local Projects

- Revetment to Protect Montesano Road, Adjacent Facilities
  - □ Mary's River Lumber = 120 family wage jobs.
  - **\Box** State Highway (SR 107) = At risk of damage.
  - □ Montesano STP = Risk of overtopping.
  - □ Solutions and Alternative = Balance time, cost, results.
  - Project <u>website</u>.











### 5. Land Use, Floodplain Management

- Analyze local floodplain management programs across the Basin and, <u>where appropriate</u>, make recommendations to:
  - protect existing homes/businesses.
  - ensure new development does not increase flood hazard risk.
  - identify ways to reduce flood insurance rates.
  - address properties that are repetitively flood damaged.

#### LEWIS COUNTY NOTICE TO CONSULTANTS FOR:

#### Request for Proposals (RFP) Floodplain Management Analysis

Lewis County is seeking a qualified consulting firm or team to provide professional services to complete a floodplain management analysis report for jurisdictions in the Chehalis Basin.

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Lewis County, Fiscal Agent for the Chehalis River Basin flood Authority, is seeking a qualified consulting firm or team to provide professional services to complete a floodplain management analysis report for jurisdictions in the Chehalis Basin; provide technical assistance to explore potential local and regional cooperative efforts that allow jurisdictions to improve local floodplain management, and work with the local governments in the Basin to develop a strategic approach for buyouts, elevating structures, and other techniques to address repetitive loss properties. The work in this proposal is part of the 2013-2015 Chehalis Basin Strategy, a State of Washington effort to reduce flood damage and enhance aquatic species in the Chehalis River Basin. For more information, view the Ruckelshaus Center's Chehalis Basin project site: <a href="http://ruckelshauscenter.wsu.edu/ChehalisFlooding.html">http://ruckelshauscenter.wsu.edu/ChehalisFlooding.html</a>

Interested consultants shall provide a letter of interest, approach/methodology, budget, personnel resume(s), experience related to this project, and client references.

Contract work to be completed by August 31, 2014.



### 6. Enhance Salmon (Aquatic Species)

- Collect aquatic species, water quality, hydrologic data.
- Model analyses to understand impacts/benefits on fish, wildlife, water quality, sediment, streamflow and flooding.
- Develop DRAFT and FINAL aquatic species enhancement plan.
- **Comprehensive set of recommendations to Governor, Legislature (11/2014).**





### 6. Enhance Salmon (Aquatic Species)

## **Other Fish and Aquatic Species**







**Olympic Mudminnow** 

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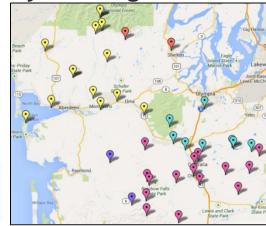
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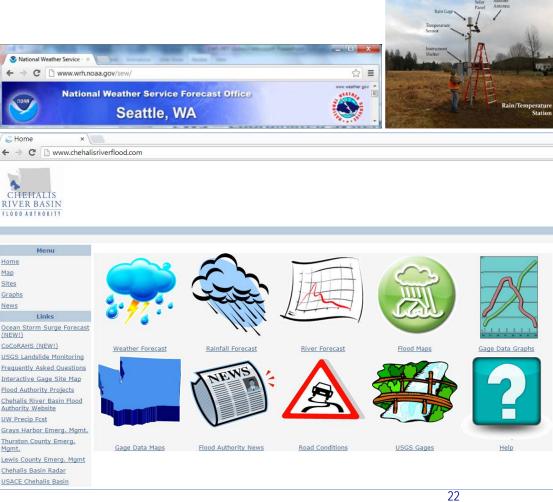




### 7. Early Flood Warning

- www.chehalisriverflood.com
- Front-facing website.
- Data collection, data synchronization.
- Improved forecasting, early-warning.

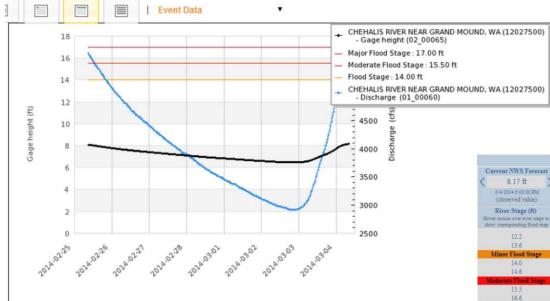




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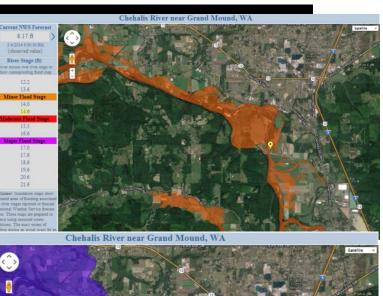
#### 7. Early Flood Warning

#### Localized tracking, forecasting . . .



Daily discharge, cubic feet per second -- statistics for Mar 4 based on 84 years of record more

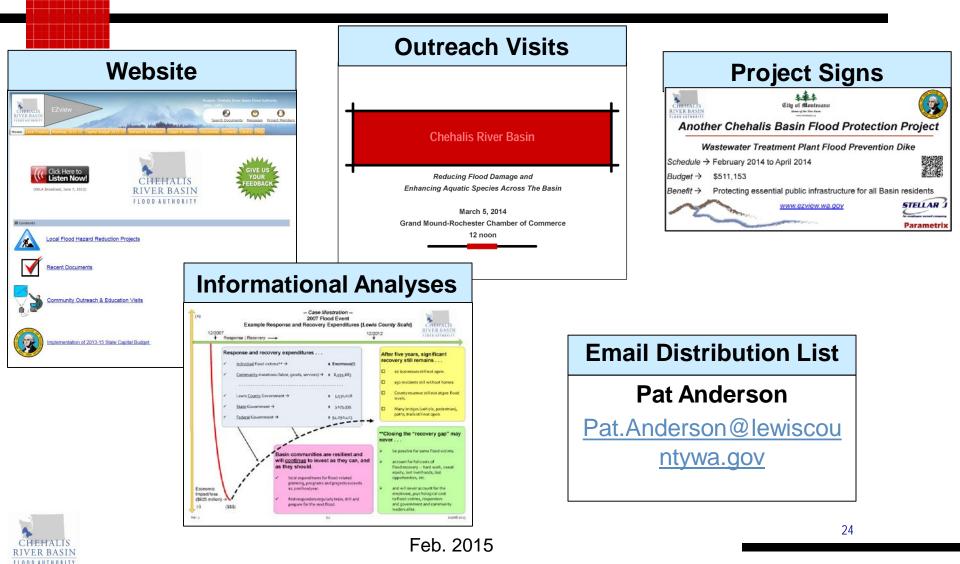
Min (2005)	25th percen- tile			Most Recent Instantaneous Value Mar 4		Max (1987)
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### 8. Outreach, Education and Communication



### Chehalis Basin Next Steps 2015-17

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Cost = \$500–600 million.		P.O. Box 40002 • Olympia, Washington 98504-0002 • (960) 902-4111 • www.governor.wa.gov         Image: Chehalis River Basin         ★       C         Image: https://www.ezview.wa.gov/chehalisfloodauthority         Image: Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority
Benefit = \$720 million (over net)		
No Action = \$3.5 billion (over not set in the set of	ext 100 years.	Image: Check and for control the co
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### Chehalis Basin Next Steps 2015-17

#### **Recommended Package of Actions:**

- 1. Concrete flood retention dam on upper Chehalis River.
- 2. Chehalis-Centralia Municipal Airport levee improvements.
- 3. Basin-wide aquatic species restoration, including 100+ miles of spawning, rearing habitat.
- 4. Smaller-scale flood-damage reduction projects, including raising homes, flood-proofing businesses and public structures.

**5.** Local action to protect natural floodplain functions, ensure future development doesn't create more harm.

#### Recommended Next Steps (2015-17):

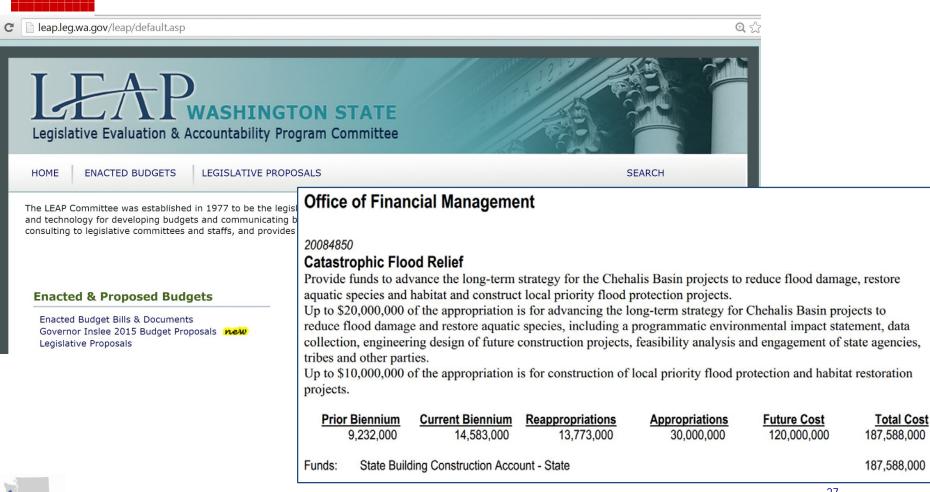
a. Initiate programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate and further vet timing and cost of recommended package of flood-damage reduction and aquatic species restoration actions in preparation for permitting the individual components of the project.

**b.** Further investment in laying the technical groundwork for successful implementation of water retention and aquatic species restoration efforts.

c. Further investment in near-term, on-the-ground projects such as smaller-scale flood damage reduction, floodplain management, flood-proofing, flood warning and preparedness.



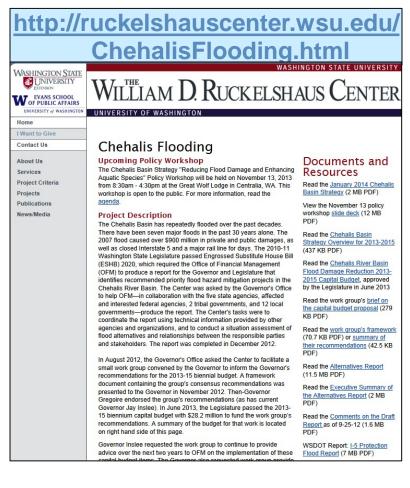
### Governor Inslee Proposed Budget -- 2015-17





### Resources, Additional Information . . .







Chehalis River near Doty USGS





Clearing Mud in Curtis, WA STEVE RINGMAN / SEATTLE TIMES





Curtis, WA, Aftermath of 7 Feet of Water STEVE RINGMAN / SEATTLE TIMES





Chandler Road Bridge near Doty, WA STEVE RINGMAN / SEATTLE TIMES











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Jackson Street, Centralia, WA STEVE RINGMAN / SEATTLE TIMES





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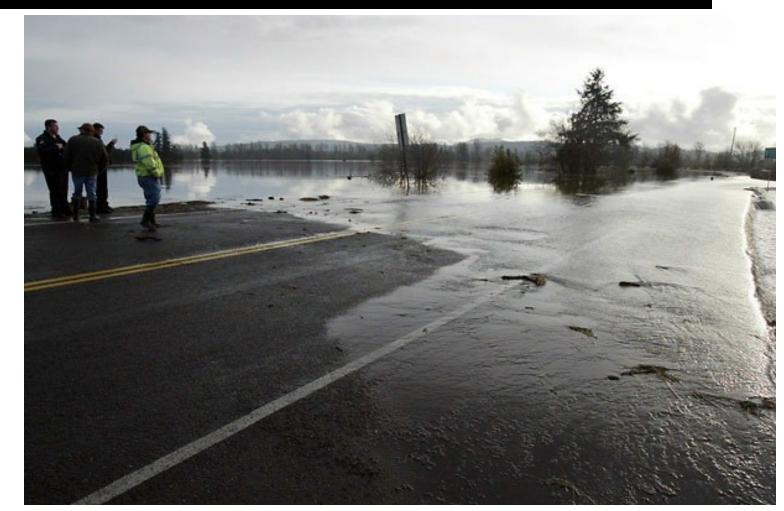








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#### For Further Information . . .

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