



Keeping Skagit Valley Wild and Cool

Improving water quality through increased community involvement and awareness

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The problem of warm water

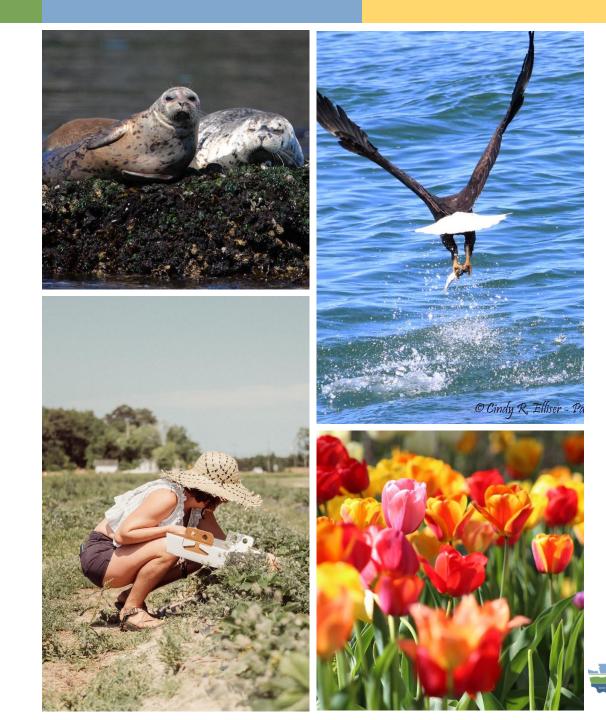
- Lower Skagit Tributaries Temperature Implementation Strategy -Actions to Revitalize Regional Efforts to Reduce Water Temperatures
- Not meeting water quality standards for temperature:
 - Fisher Creek, Carpenter Creek, Hansen Creek, Red Creek, Nookachamps Creek, Otter Pond Creek, Lake Creek, East Fork Nookachamps Creek, and Turner Creek

?? So many questions ??



Skagit Public Opinion Survey

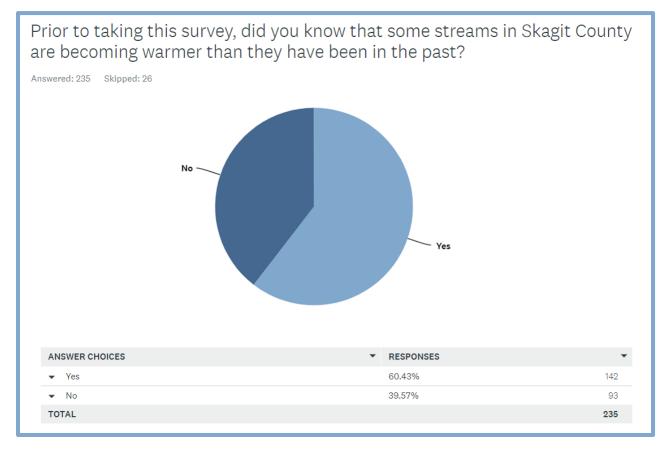
- Developed in collaboration with local partners:
 - Skagit Conservation
 District
 - Skagit Watershed Council
 - Skagit Fisheries
 Enhancement Group



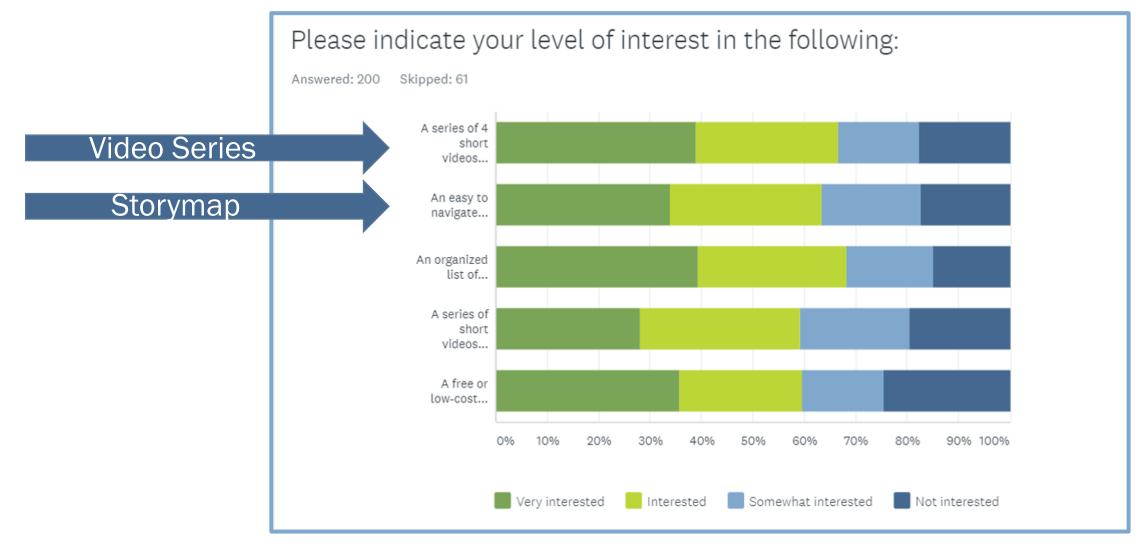
Survey Results

- Received 261 responses
- Performed 7 follow up interviews, primarily with agricultural producers to increase understanding of ag barriers and motivators

*Need to increase community awareness



Survey Results



Storymap



Video Series



Ongoing & Upcoming Projects

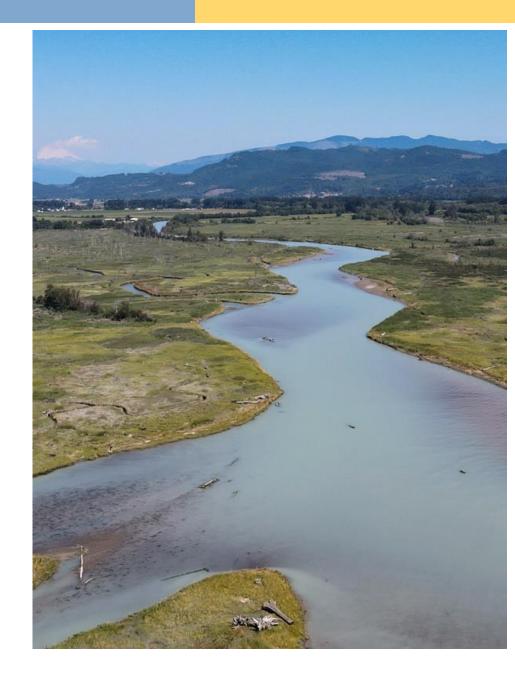
- Community listening sessions performed by Veda and Peak Sustainability Group
- Feasibility study with local practitioners
- Restoration mapping tool and public facing map to celebrate work accomplished
- Pilot incentive projects (SCD & Ecology)



Ongoing & Upcoming Projects

Questions about these projects?

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