# Recovery Program Review EF Lewis Pilot

Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board February 26, 2019





## **Goals and Objectives**

**Goal:** This scope of work is meant to inventory and evaluate the current status of program implementation since the recovery and watershed plans were adopted.

**Objective:** This evaluation is intended to help answer key questions regarding broad-scale program implementation, including:

- what activities have been implemented,
- what achievements have been accomplished,
- what challenges partners face in implementation.



# Why the East Fork Lewis?

- Supports five primary populations
  - Fall Chinook
  - Chum
  - Winter Steelhead
  - Summer Steelhead
  - Coho
- Can largely be divided into three unique sections (east to west)
  - Forestland
    - Federal
    - State owned
    - Private ownership
      - Small Forest Landowner (SFLO)
      - Industrial
  - "Transitional"
  - Lowlands
- No hatcheries or large dams in basin



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# **Recovery Plan- Key Priorities**

## Program Review

- 1. Protect Intact Forests in Headwater Basins
- 2. Restore Lowland Floodplain Function, Riparian Function and Stream Habitat Diversity
- 3. Manage Growth and Development to Protect Watershed Processes and Habitat Conditions
- 4. Manage Forest Lands to Protect and Restore Watershed Processes
- 5. Restore Passage at Culverts and Other Barriers
- 6. Address Immediate Risks with Short-term Habitat Fixes



## **Recovery Plan- Key Priorities**

- Conservation and Sustainable Fisheries
- 7. Align Hatchery Priorities with Conservation Objectives
- 8. Manage Fishery Impacts so they do not Impede Progress Toward Recovery
- 9. Reduce Out-of-Subbasin Impacts so that the Benefits of In-Basin Actions can be Realized



# Entities Interviewed (examples)

| REGULATORY   | RESTORATION          |
|--------------|----------------------|
| USACE        | LCFRB                |
| EPA          | RCO                  |
| NMFS         | BPA                  |
| WDFW         | WDOE                 |
| CLARK COUNTY | COWLITZ INDIAN TRIBE |
|              |                      |

Please see handout for complete list





# Program Review within a Population Context (OFM estimates)

| Jurisdiction |              | 2004        |              | 2018 Postcensal   |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|
|              | 2000         | Intercensal | 2010         | Estimate of Total |
|              | Census Count | Total       | Census Count | Population        |
|              | of Total     | Population  | of Total     |                   |
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|              |              |             |              |                   |
| Clark County | 345,238      | 385,370     | 425,363      | 479,500           |



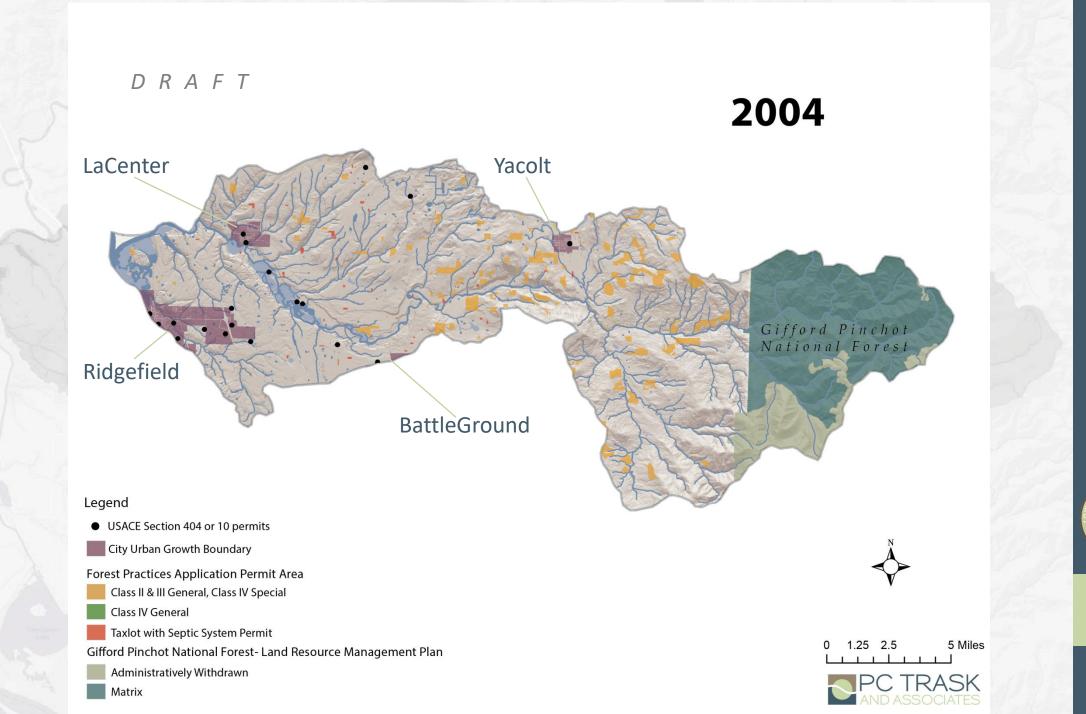
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|              | Census Count of Total |                        | Census Count of Total |                          |
|              | Population            |                        | Population            |                          |
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|              |                       |                        |                       |                          |

| Clark<br>County | Projection<br>2020 | Projection 2025 | Projection<br>2030 | Projection 2035 | Projection 2040 |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Low             | 472,573            | 494,459         | 511,964            | 528,125         | 540,963         |
| Medium          | 499,400            | 540,344         | 576,879            | 611,968         | 643,552         |
| High            | 549,964            | 608,158         | 661,898            | 714,065         | 762,479         |

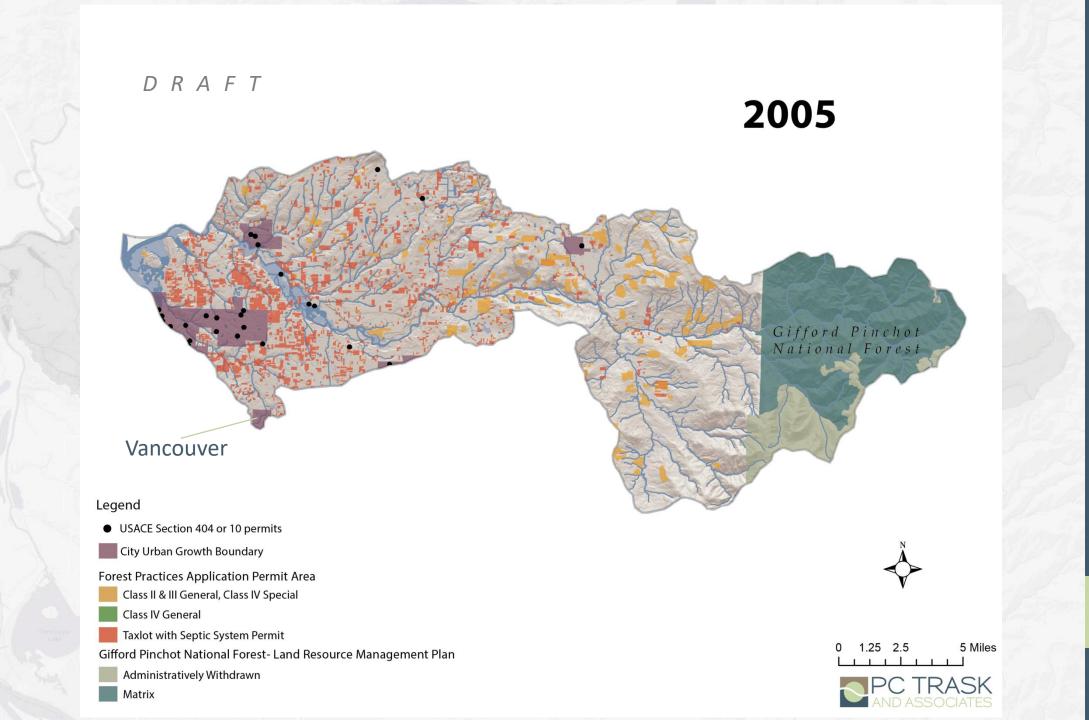


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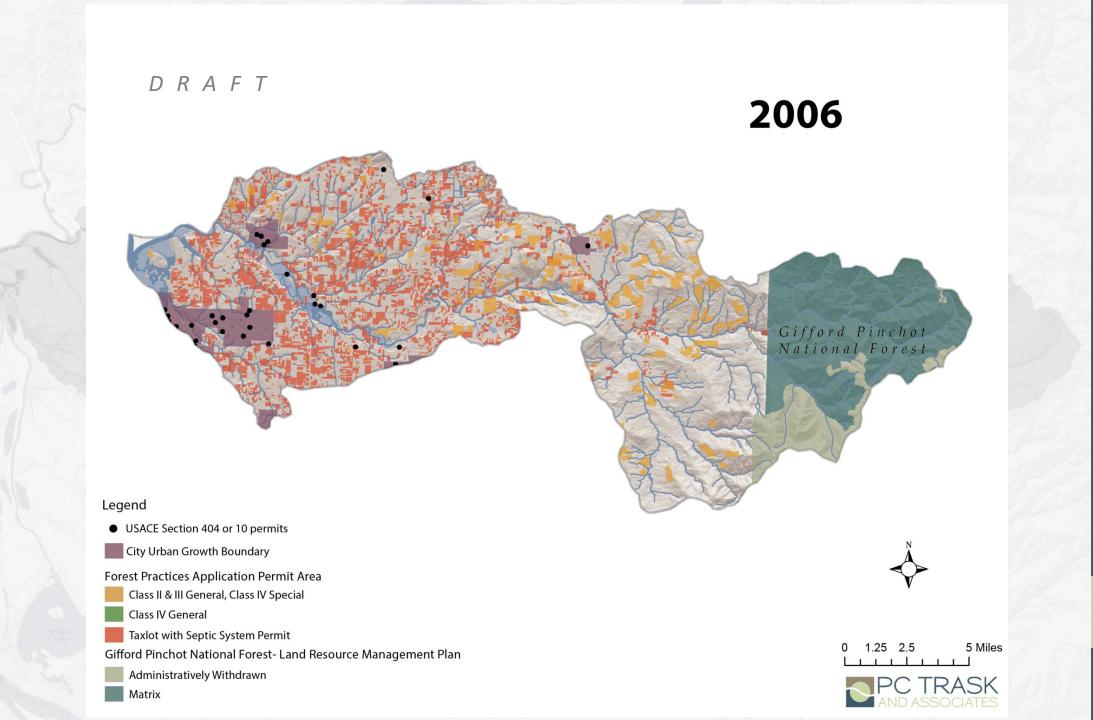


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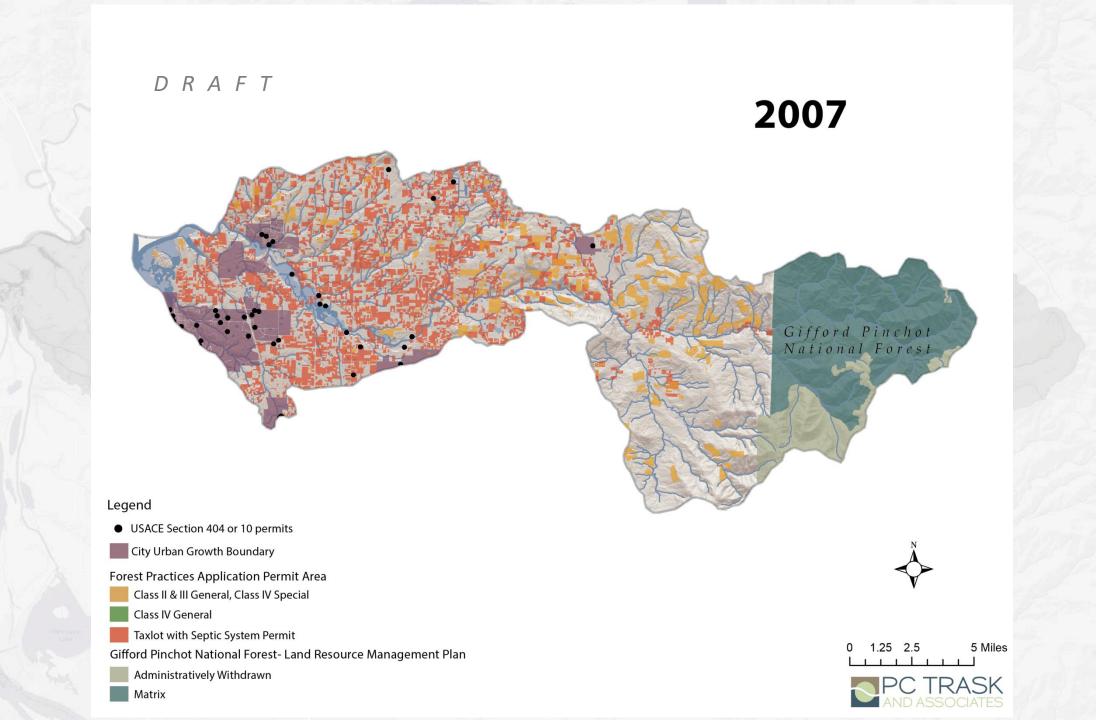


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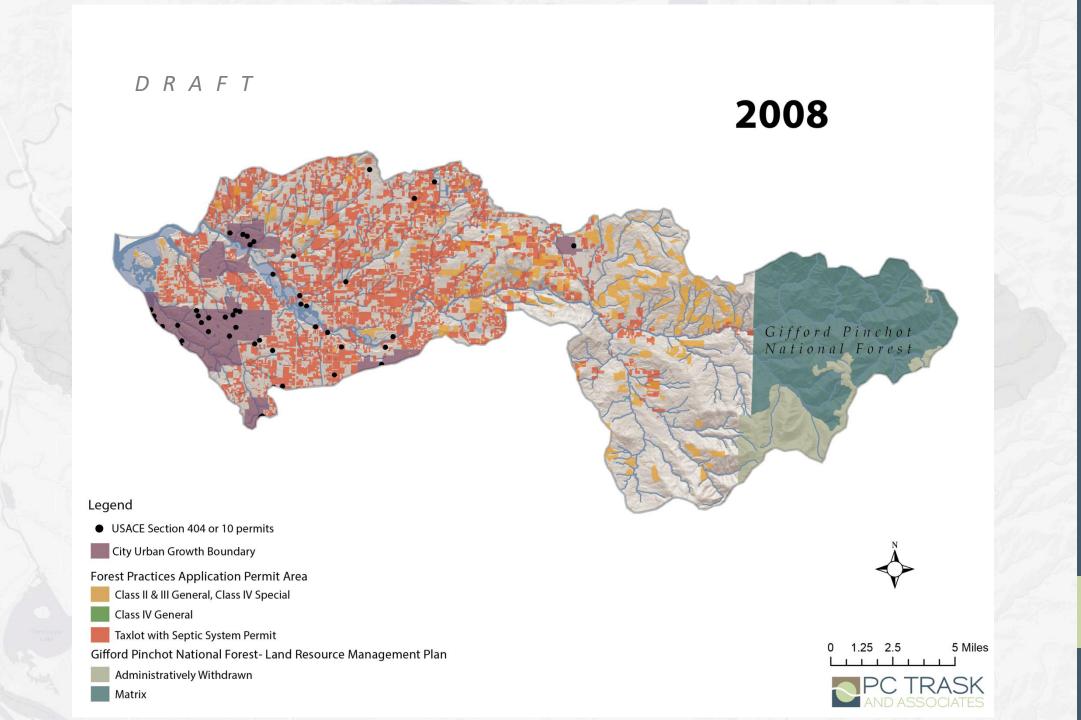


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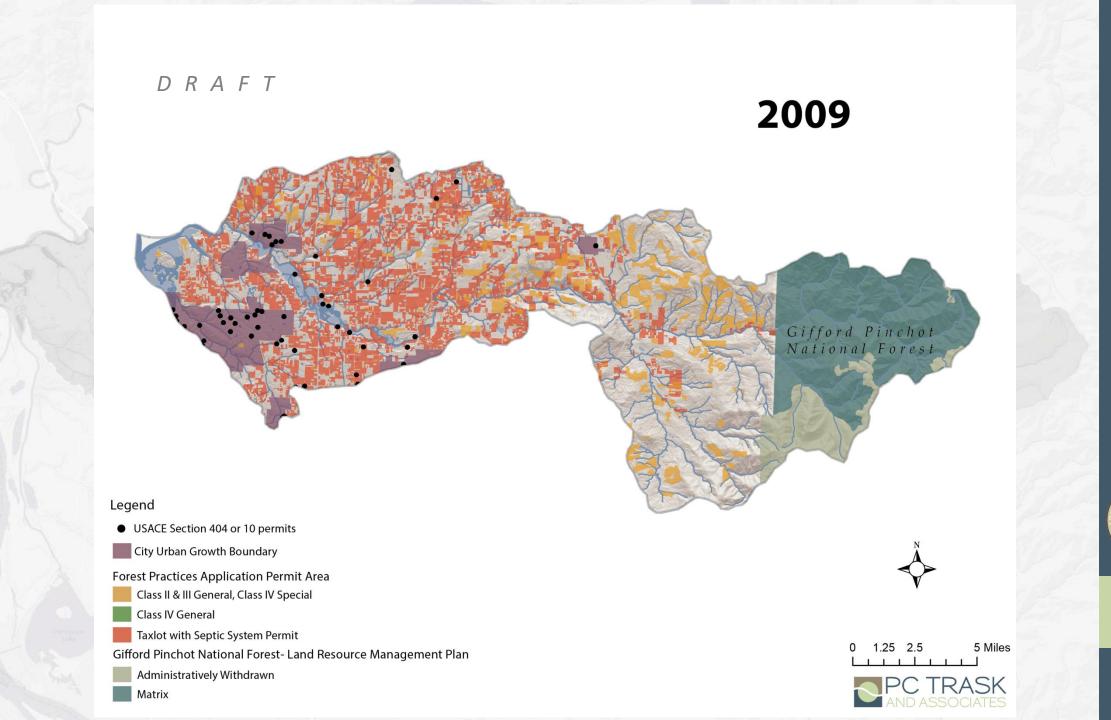
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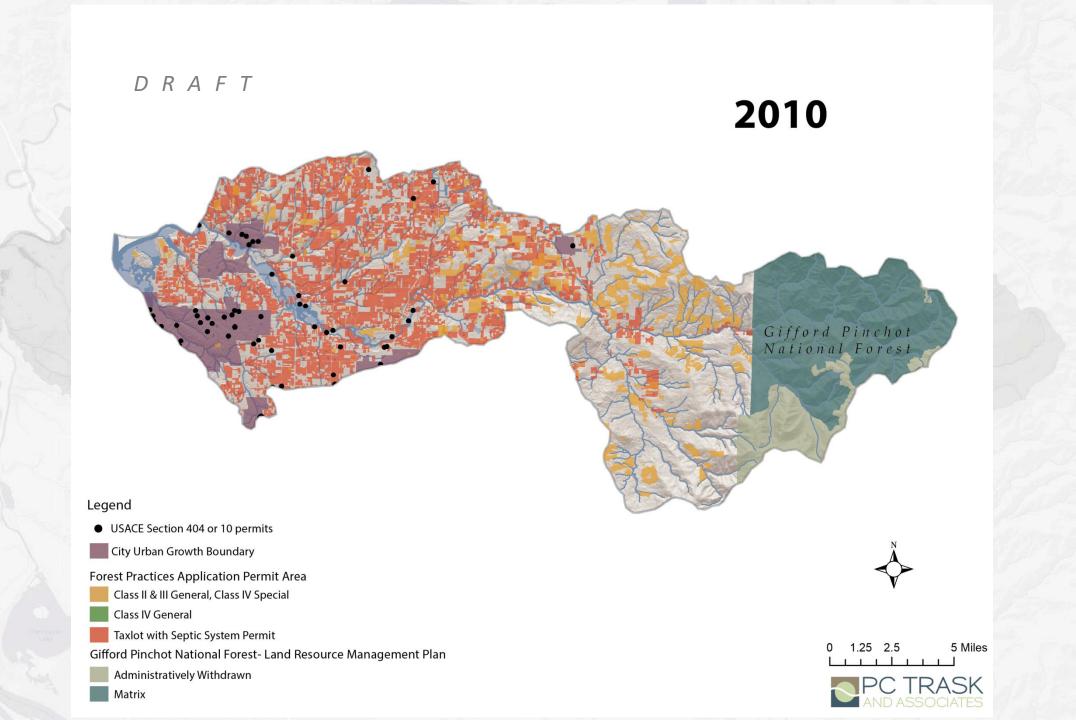


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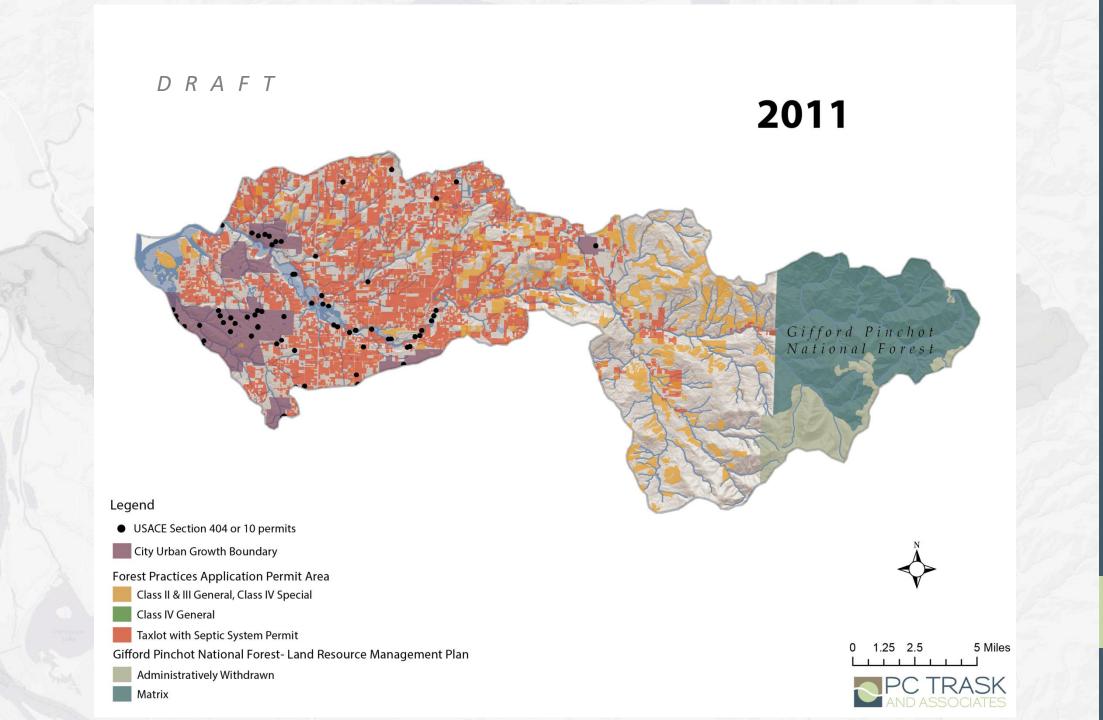


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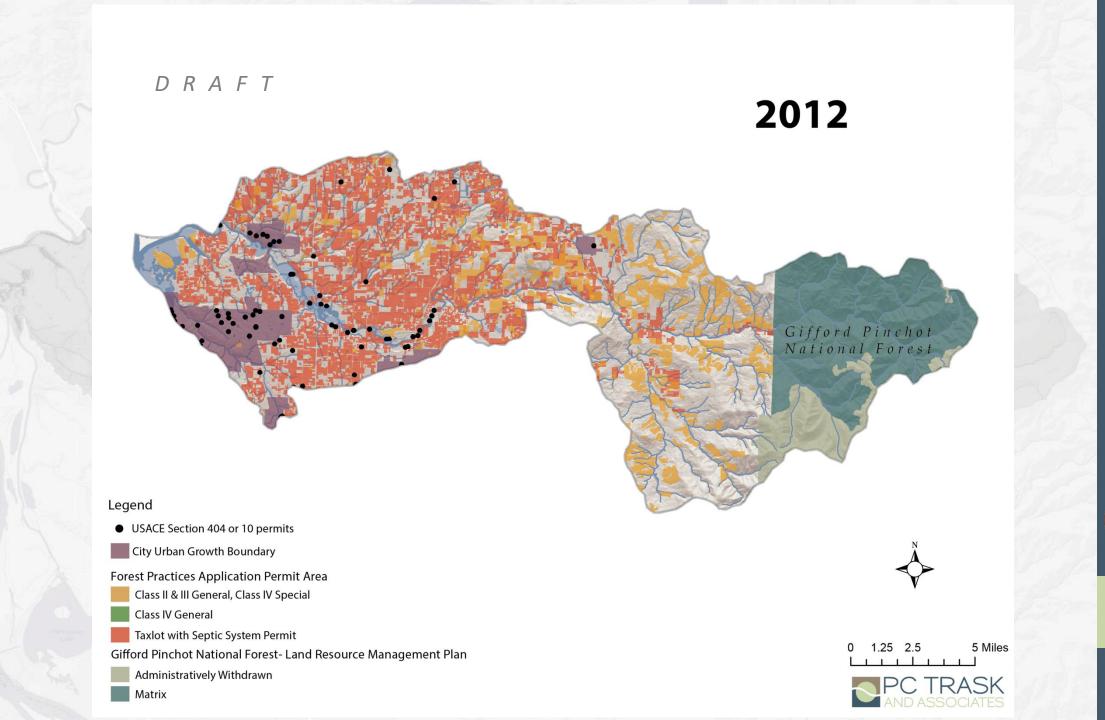
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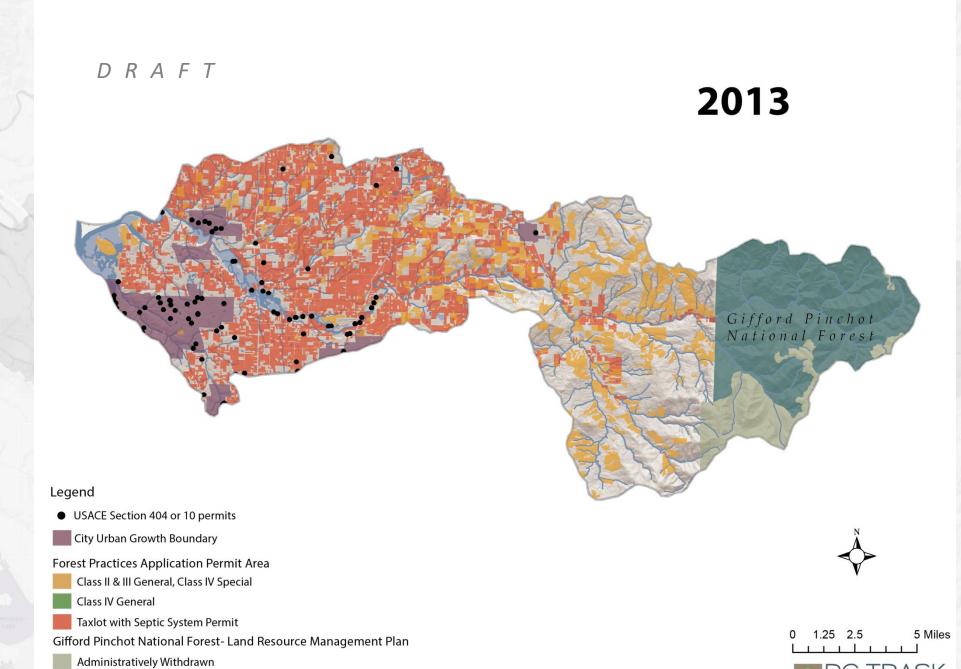


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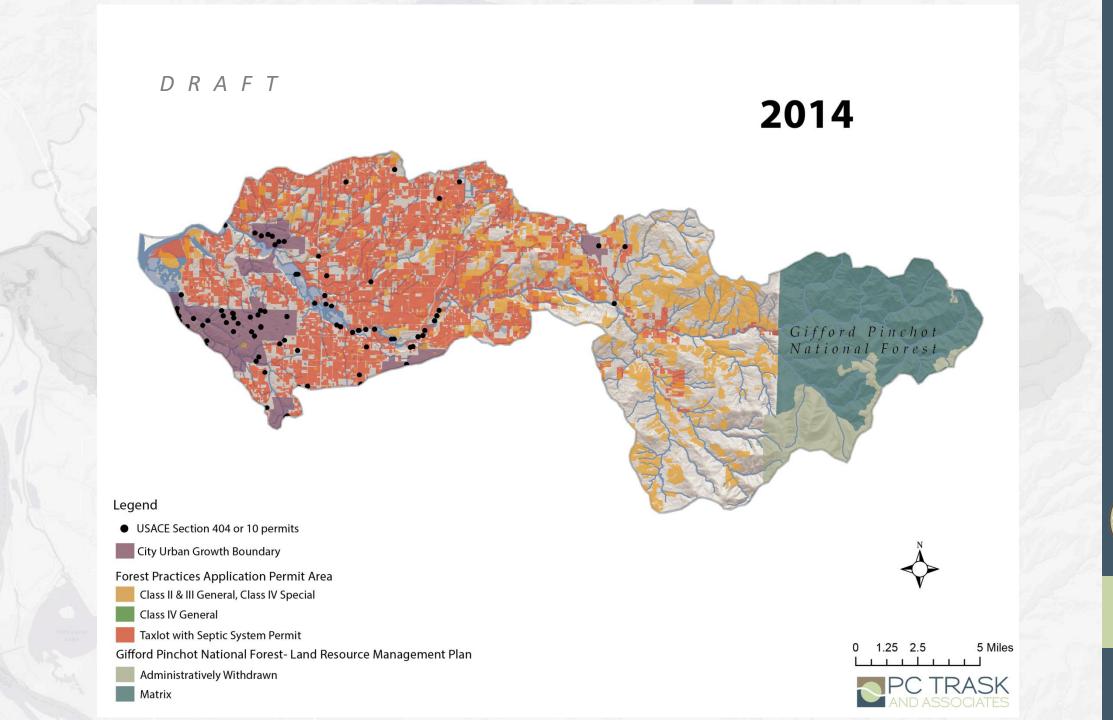
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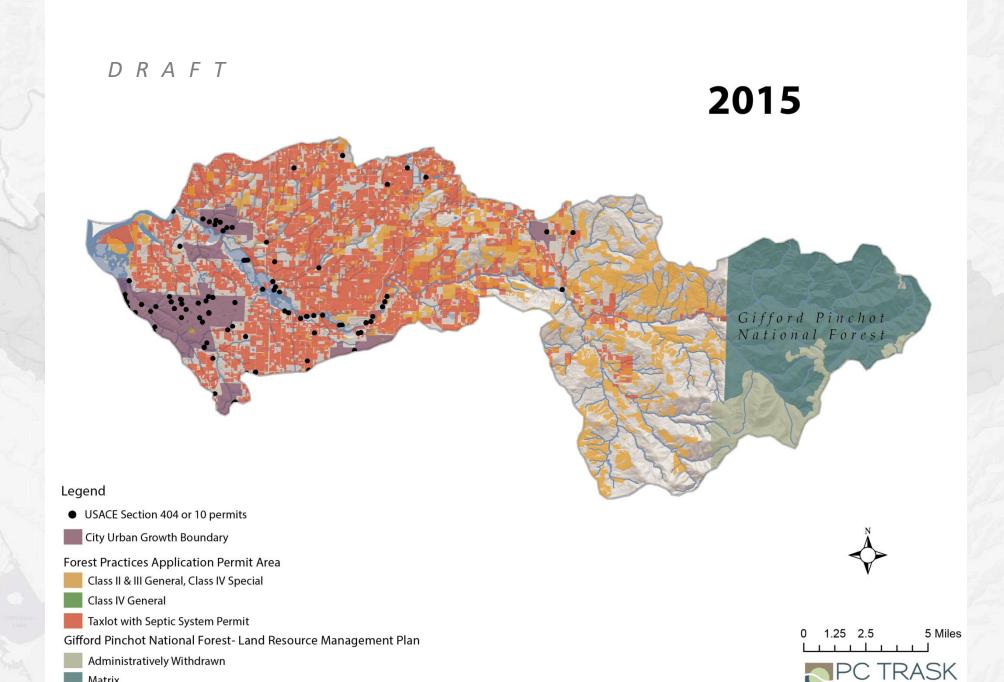




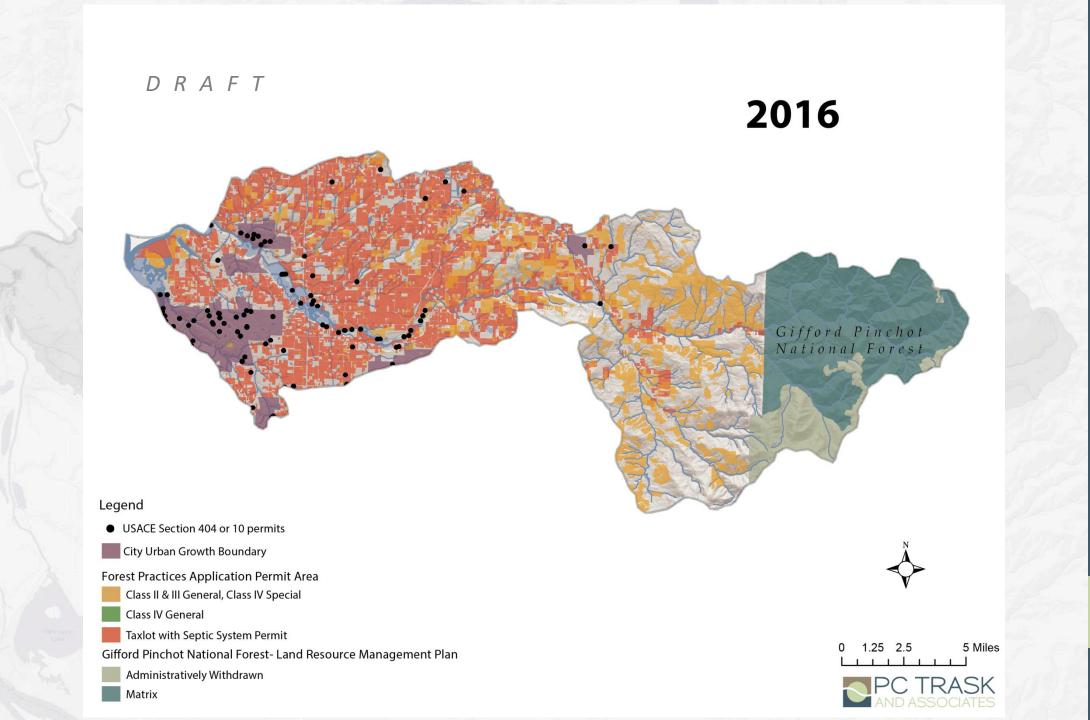
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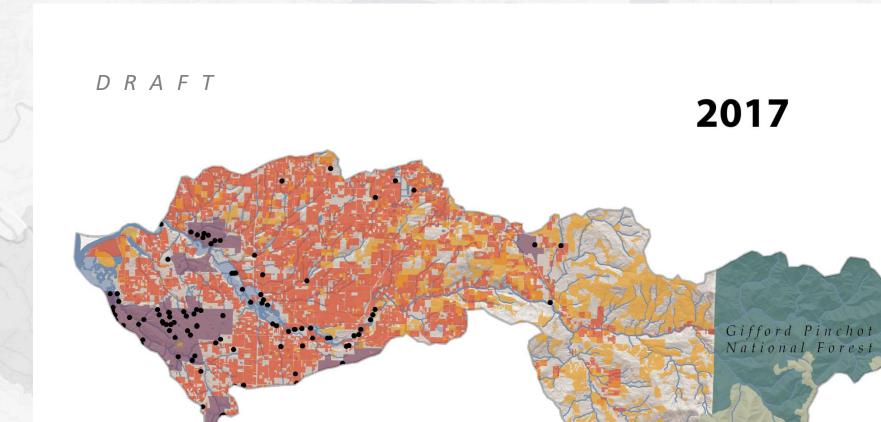


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- City Urban Growth Boundary

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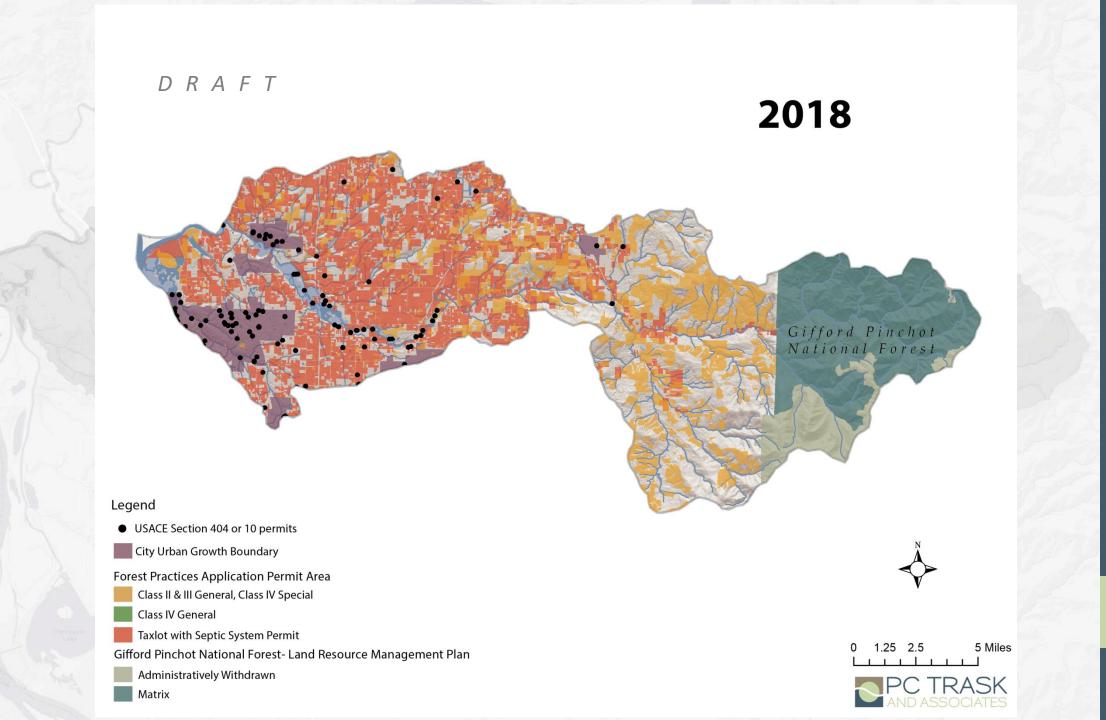
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Taxlot with Septic System Permit

Gifford Pinchot National Forest- Land Resource Management Plan

Administratively Withdrawn

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# Gifford Pinehot National Forest

## Legend

- WDFW HPA permits (Pre-2014 permits are located using a township/range/section centroid, and the size of the dot represents the # of permits in that section. Post-2014 permit points have a discrete latitude/longitude location)
- USACE Section 404 or 10 permits
- City Urban Growth Boundary

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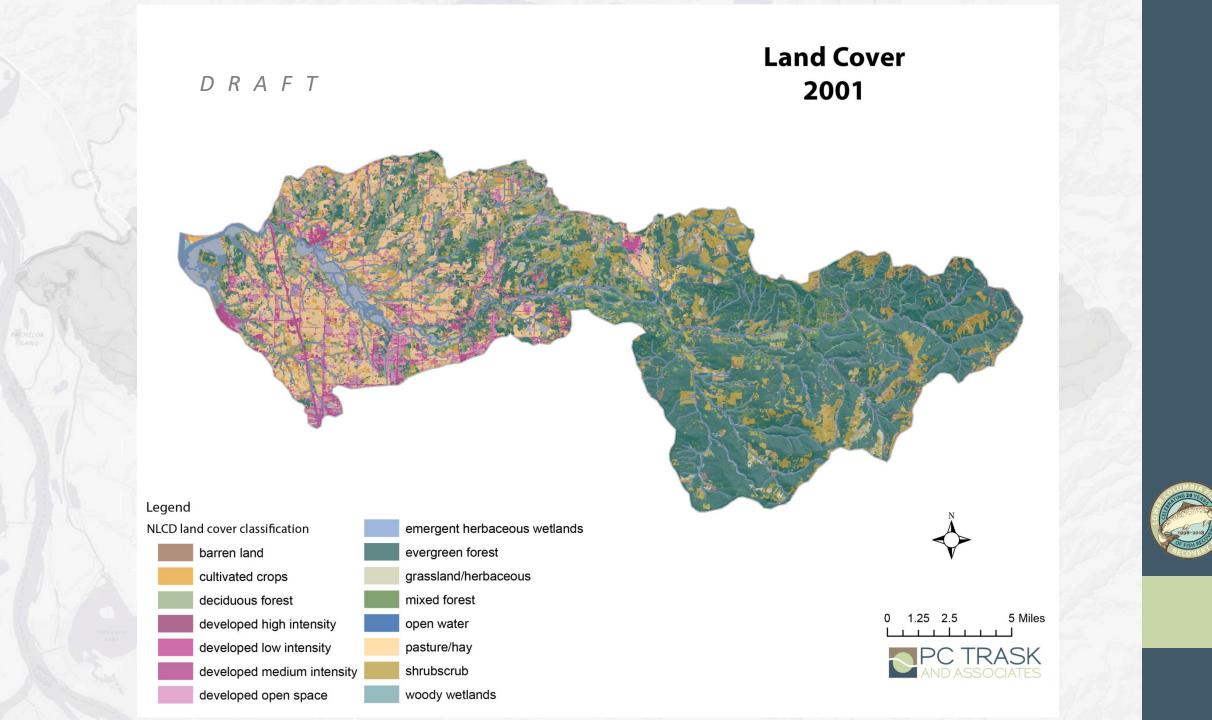
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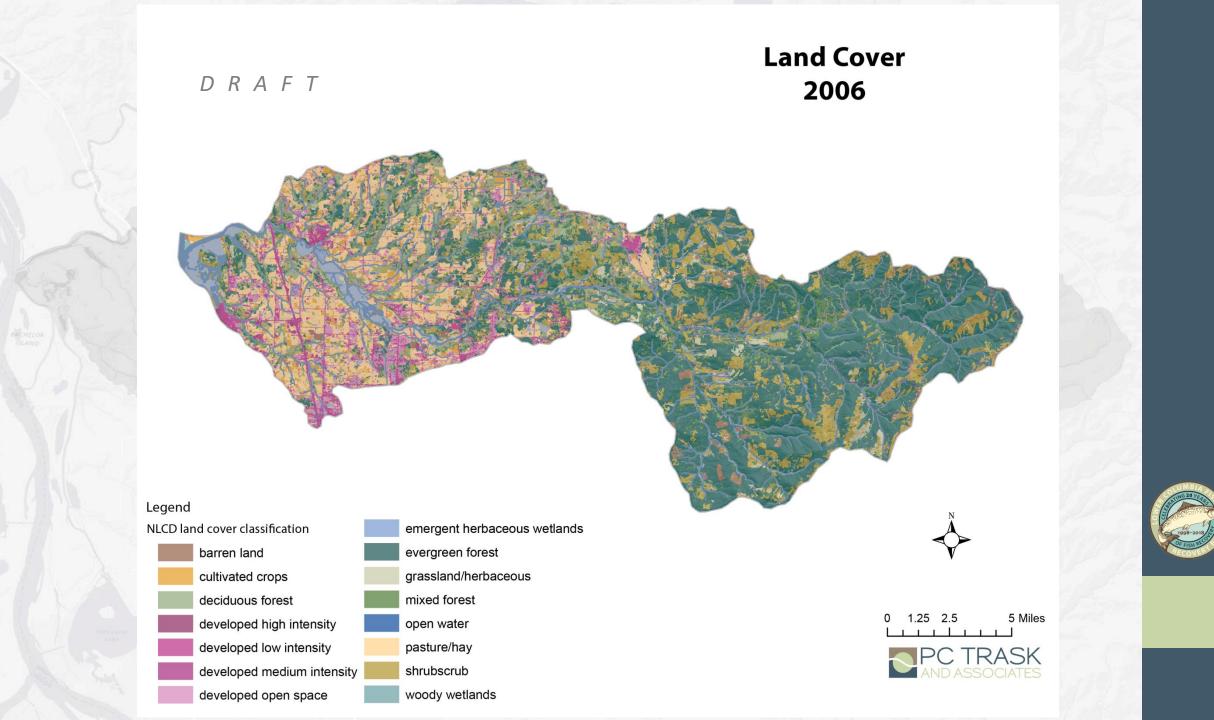
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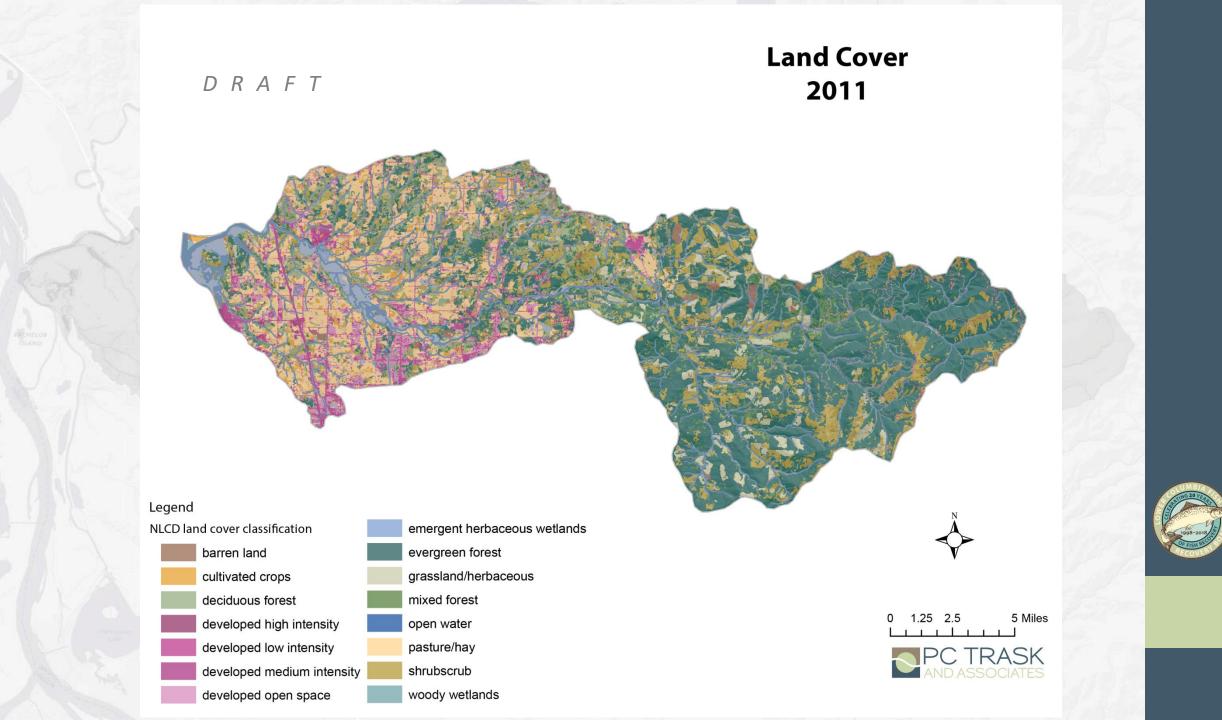
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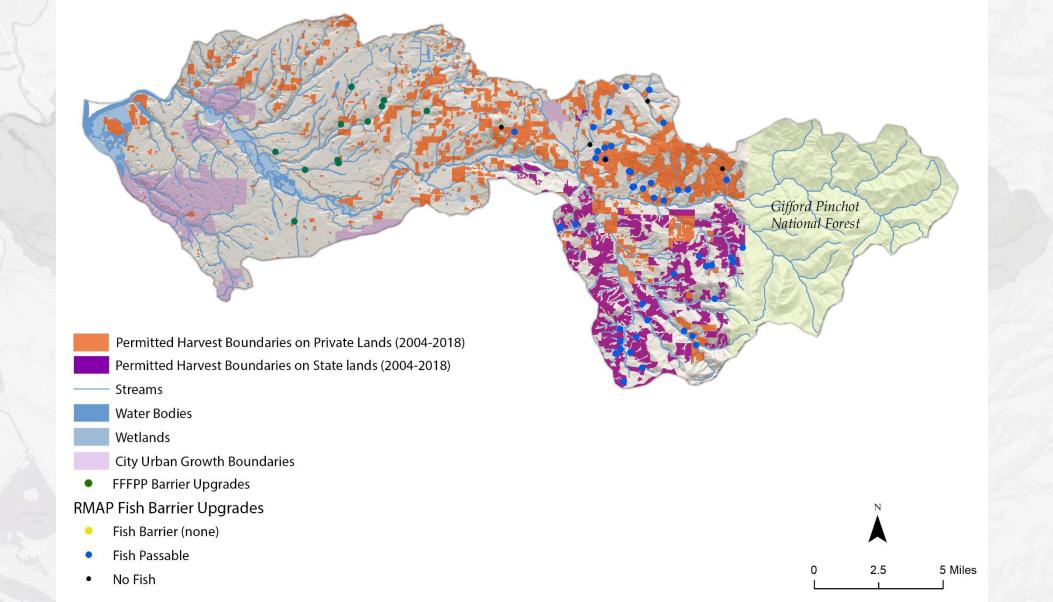
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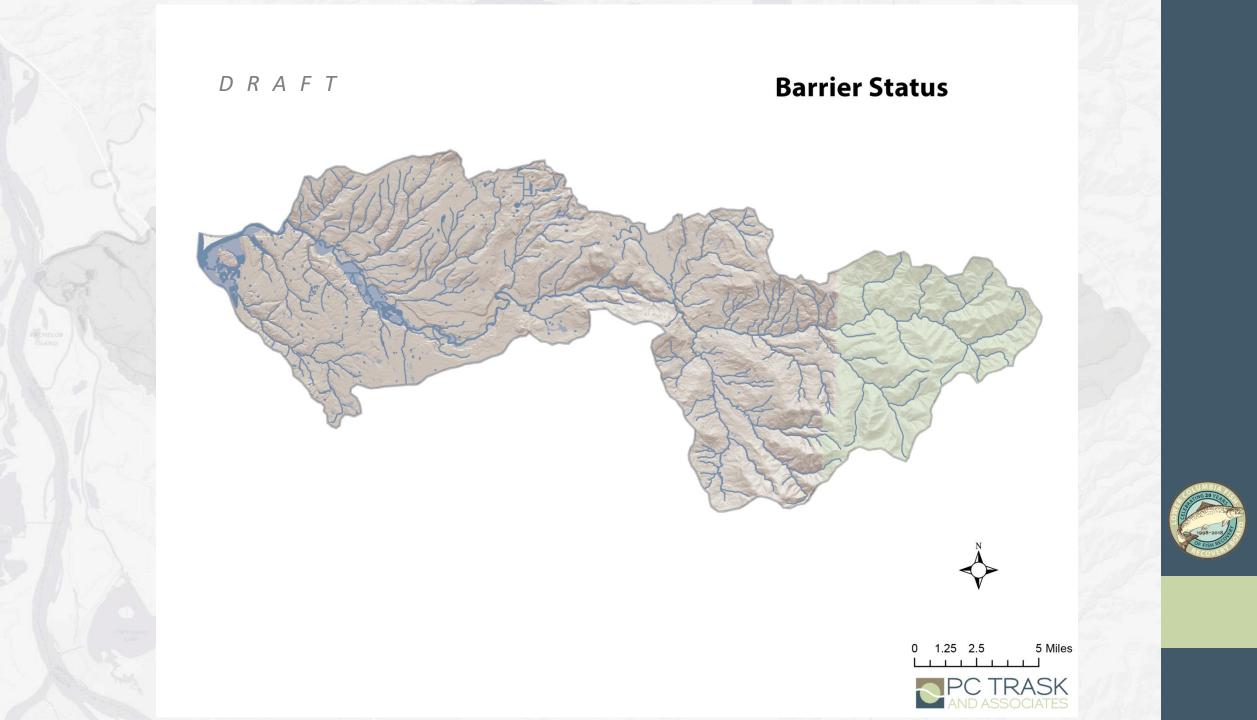


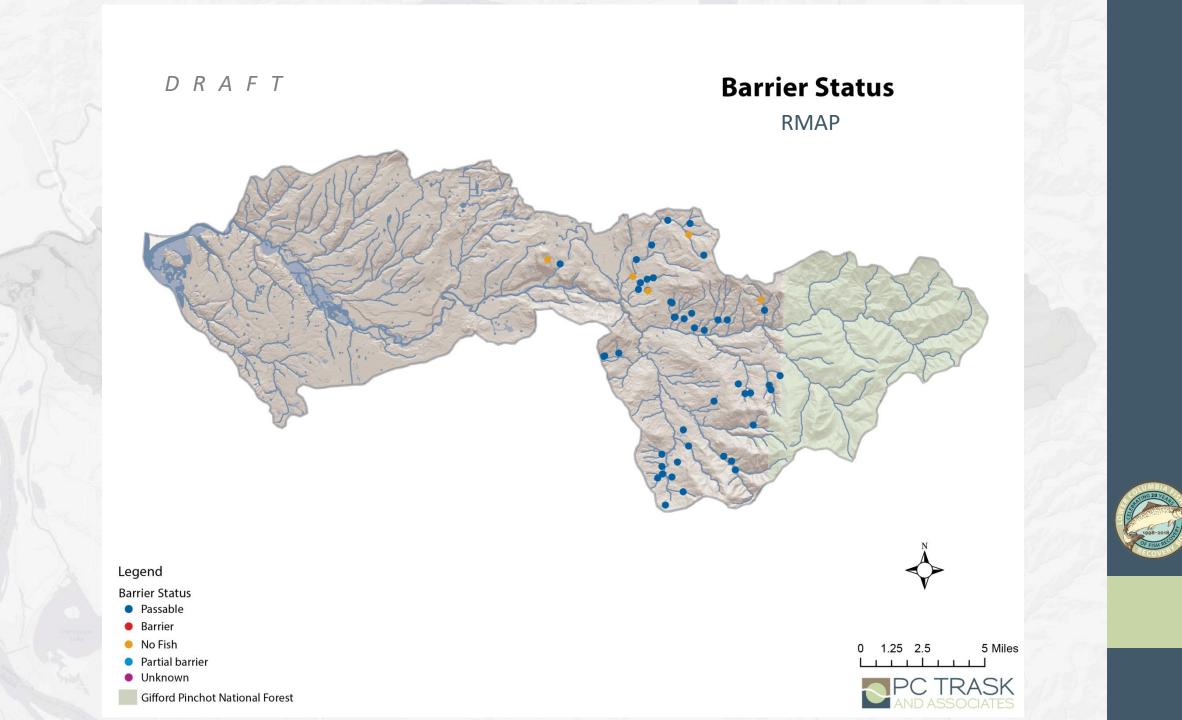


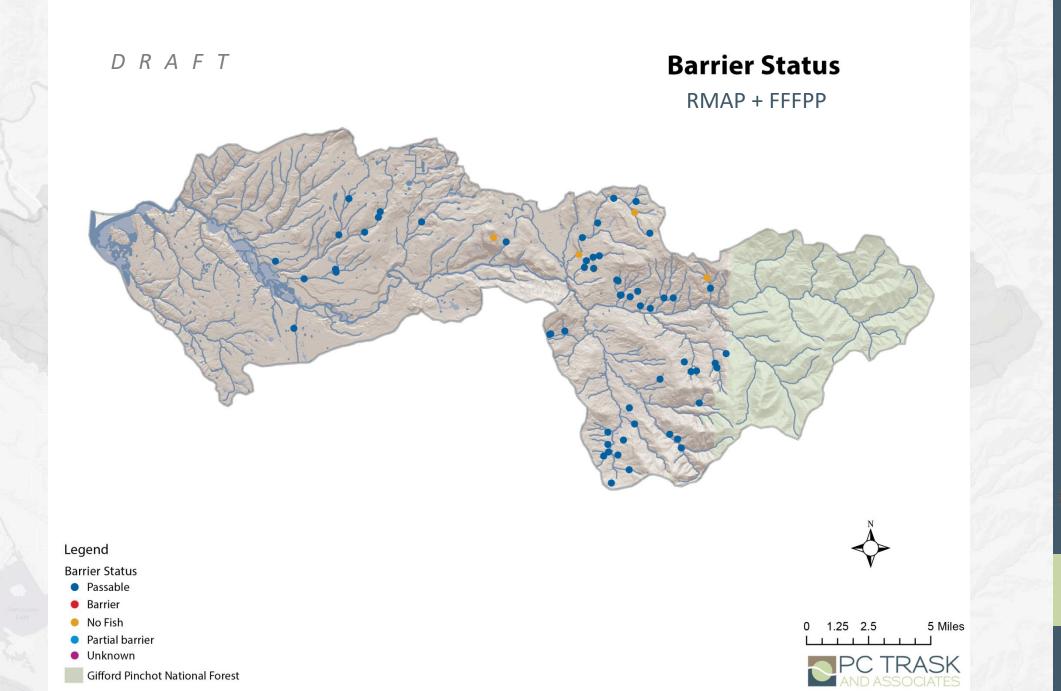
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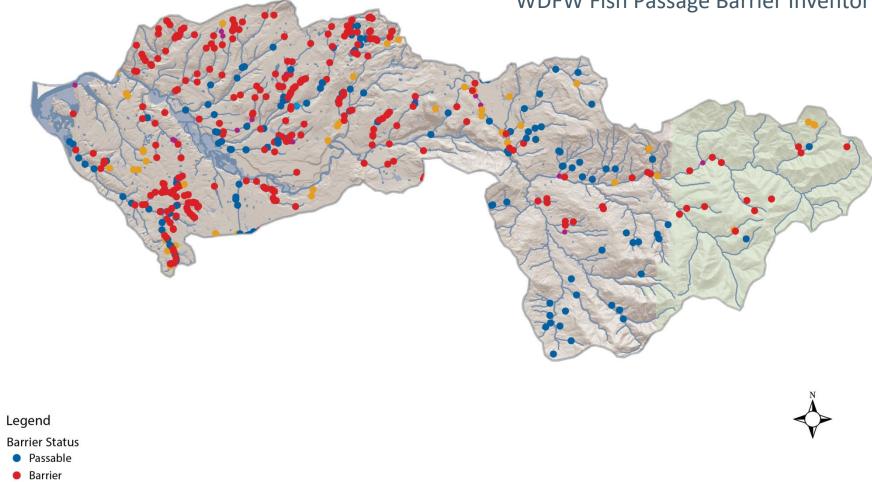
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RMAP + FFFPP + WDFW Fish Passage Barrier Inventory

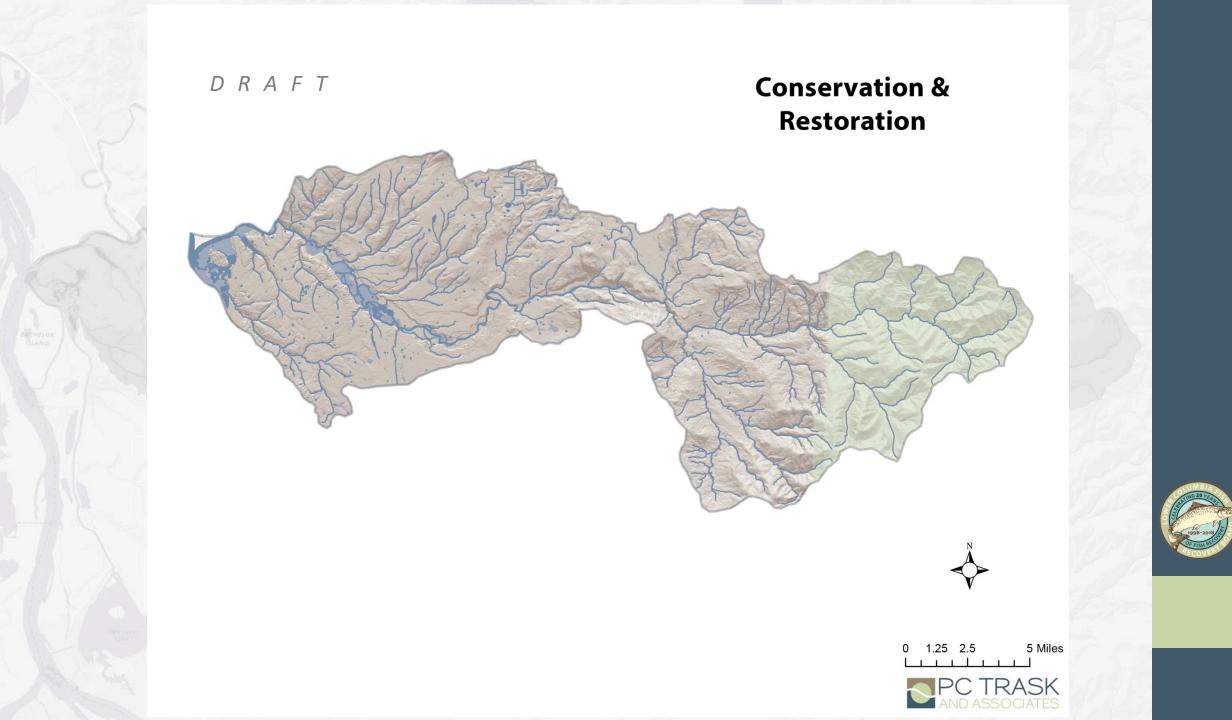
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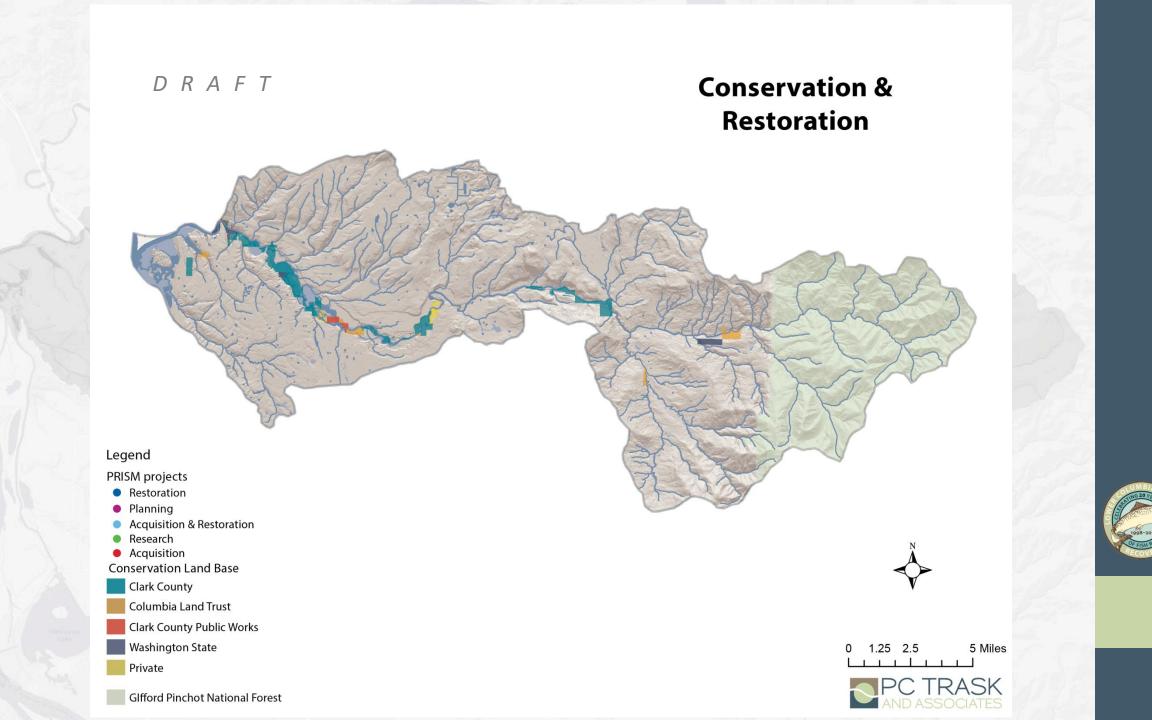
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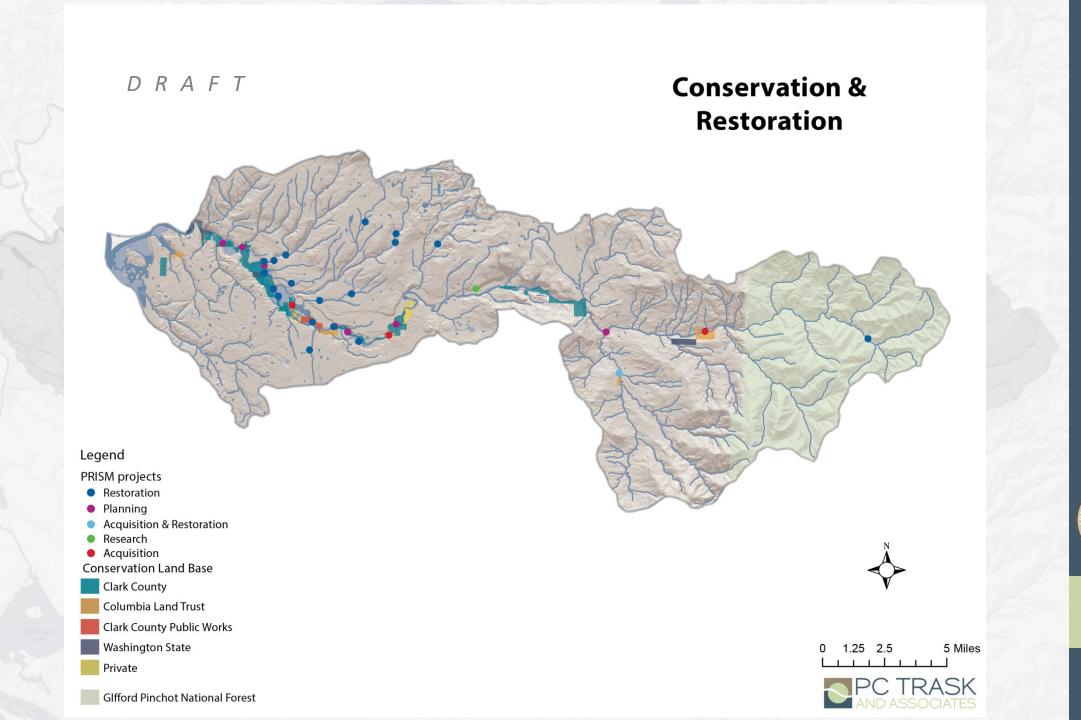
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- Partial barrier
- Unknown
- Gifford Pinchot National Forest





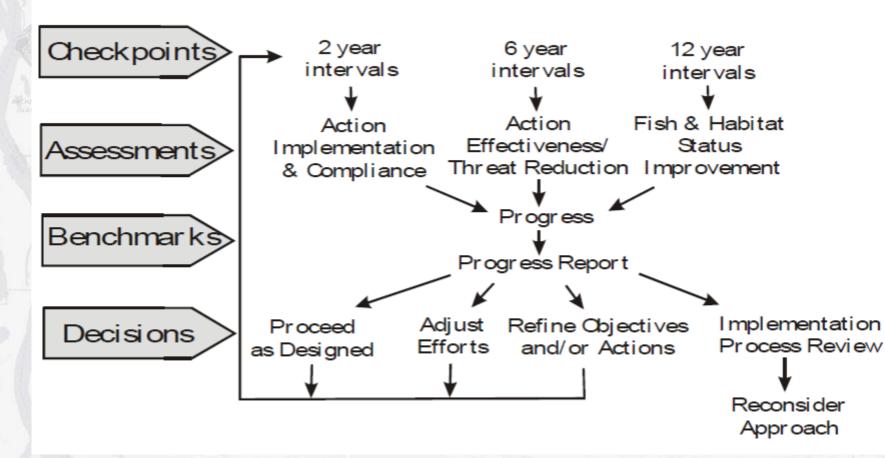


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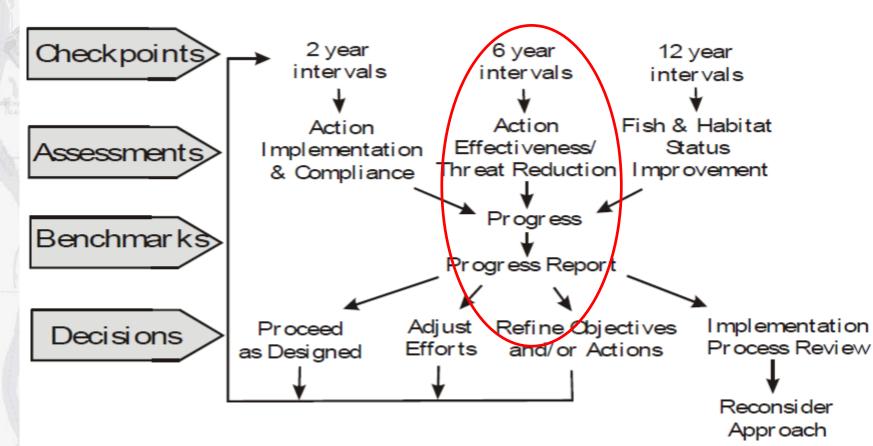
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# **LCFRB** Adaptive Management Actions

High Resolution Change Detection (HRCD)

Contract with WDFW for EFLR HRCD





### Hydraulic Code Implementation Citizen Advisory Group (HCICAG) Charter

#### February 6, 2019

#### Background

The WDFW Habitat Program Protection Division is charged with guiding implementation of the state's hydraulic code, Chapter 77.55 RCW - Construction Projects in State Waters. The hydraulic code authorizes WDFW to issue a permit - the Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA) - to ensure that actions affecting the bed or flow of state waters provide adequate means for the protection of fish life. Hydraulic code rules have been adopted to guide implementation of the HPA program and inform citizens about the measures typically required to provide protection of fish life.

Day-to-day implementation of the HPA program is a team effort involving Protection Division staff (located at WDFW headquarters in Olympia), who are engaged in statewide and cross-regional topics as well as handling submitted applications, and regional staff, who review permit applications and issue HPA permits.

Objectives of the Protection Division include to maintain and improve consistency and effectiveness of the HPA Program; improve the soundness of permits and rules; and improve outcomes for fish and people. To do this, Protection Division develops rule language, conducts the rule making process, engages in legislative issues including bill analysis and response to legislative inquiries, and develops and maintains statewide guidance, training, and tools to support staff implementing the HPA Program. Protection Division also reviews submitted applications for completeness, manages the HPA database, and administers informal appeals of HPA decisions.

#### **HCICAG** Purpose

The purpose of the HCICAG is to provide input to Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) HPA Program staff on operations of the HPA Program in order to 1) maintain and inprove consistency and effectiveness of the HPA Program; 2) improve the soundness of penaits; 3) increase understanding of the public about the importance of the HPA in protecting fish life, and 4) improve outcomes for fish and people.

#### **HCICAG Objectives**

Within the context of resource and people priorities set by WDFW, the HCICAG provides input on the effectiveness of the HPA program in such areas as procedures, transparency, consistency, outcomes, compliance, and communications/outreach. Fish protections that can be improved through operational measures without changes to rule or statute will also be posed for input from HCICAG.



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