



# *Snake River Salmon Recovery*

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## Subbasin Planning Next Step

- Councilman Karier asked at the May 12<sup>th</sup> NWPPCC meeting in Walla Walla following a presentation about subbasin planning:

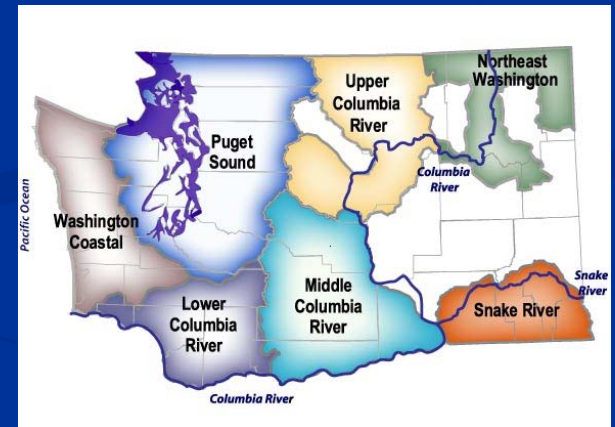
“What happens next – What is the next step?”

# State of Washington Salmon Recovery Planning

- State of Washington ESA Response: Extinction is not an Option = 1998 Legislature and Governor
- ESHB 2496 enacted in 1998 as the framework for developing habitat restoration projects – Lead Entity Process (Strategies)
- Salmon Recovery Funding Act in 1999 delivers funds for projects via the SRFB
- Snake River Recovery Board self initiated in 2002 with funds from SRFB; Recovery Plan due June 2005

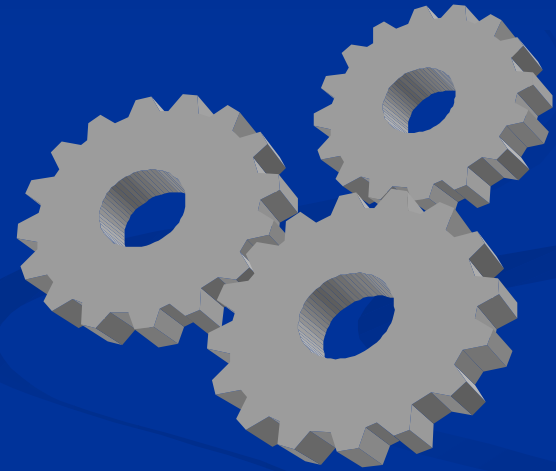
# Regional Recovery Planning L2 Coordinating Group

- Regional recovery plans are the vehicle for statewide salmon recovery
- Regional plans build on subbasin and watershed planning, synthesizing information across the ESU scale
- Subbasin and watershed planning is critical for identifying habitat actions at the watershed level
- Recovery planning: larger geographic scale with state and local commitments for implementation



# Snake River Recovery Board Composition

- Tribes
- County Government
- Stakeholders
- Regional Technical Team
- Public Involvement, Public Involvement, Public Involvement

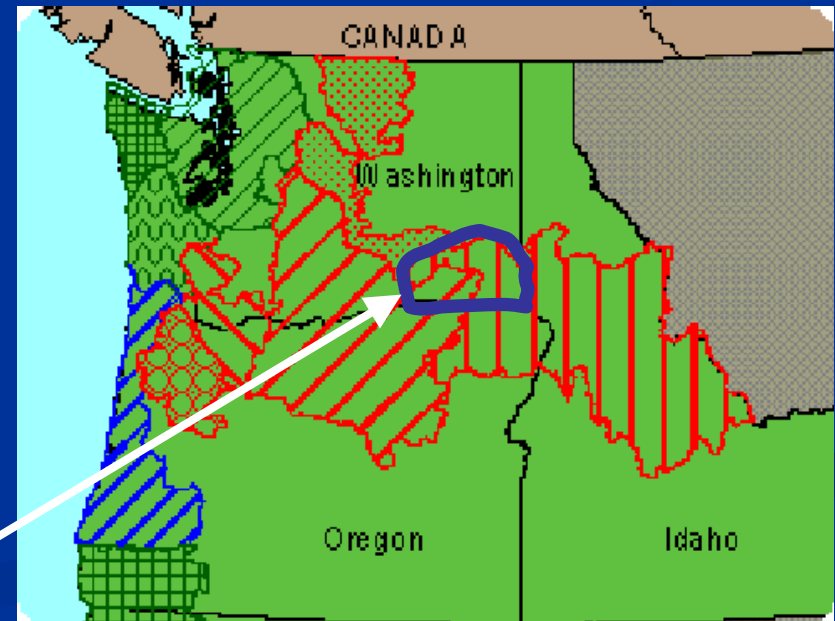


# Science

- NOAA TRT Viable Salmon Population parameters
- Regional Technical Team works with the NOAA TRT to provide local knowledge and data to ensure validity of products
- Actions necessary across the Region to meet population viability
  - scenario building – contrasting strategies at regional level – spans multiple watersheds/subbasins

## Challenges

- ESU doesn't align with political boundaries; 2 provinces in Region
- Assurance from NOAA and the State
- Participant patience and endurance; this is a 20 to 50 year effort
- Risk equity and engaging co-managers/federal processes



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# Summary

## Recovery Planning....

- Is an investment plan for the Region's future, i.e., certainty and assurance
- Addresses local government authorities -- unlike other stakeholder led planning efforts
- Provides political, funding and regulatory incentives -- a distinct implementation advantage over other states
- Develops single prioritized project list at the regional scale for funding by BPA, SRFB, NFWF, and others based on science -- with the commitments to implement actions