

GOVERNOR'S
SOUTHERN RESIDENT

ORCA

TASK FORCE



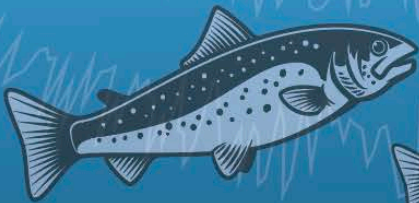
Why are Southern Resident orca dying?



Too much noise



Too much pollution



Too few fish





WHAT IS WASHINGTON DOING TO HELP ORCAS?



Over the past several years, Washington state has been working to protect the ecosystem that supports orcas. Saving our southern resident killer whales requires us to tackle many challenges, both in the short-term and over the coming decades.

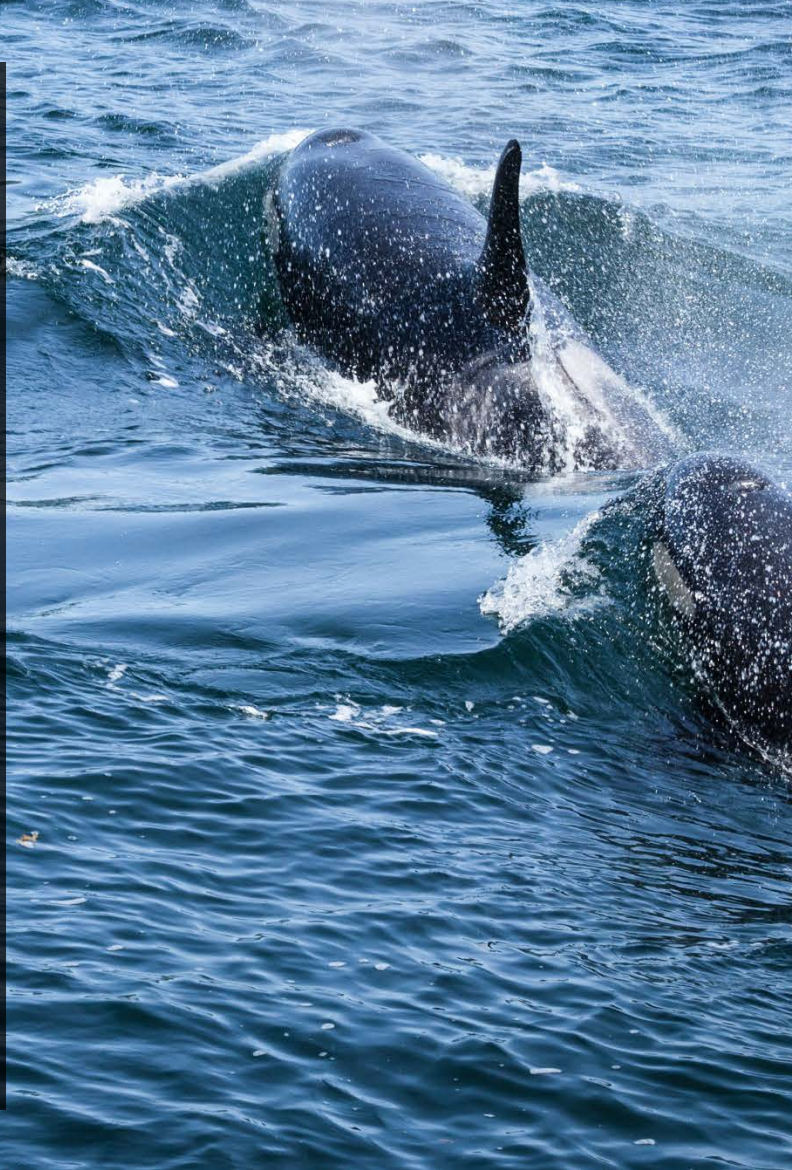
**Governor
Inslee
takes
action**

Governor launches 2-year Task Force



The recommendations must :

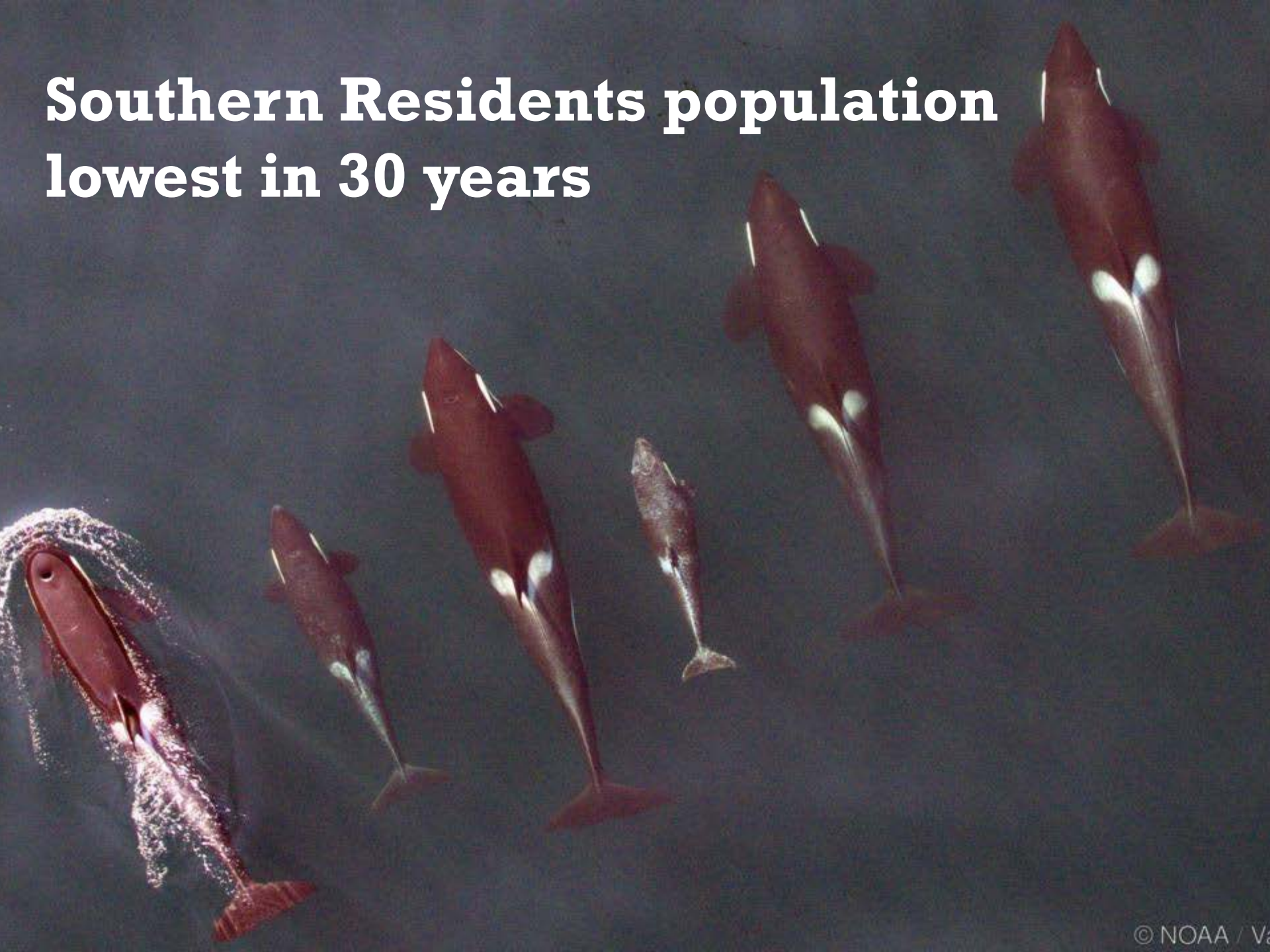
- Identify, prioritize, and support the implementation of a longer term action plan
- Monitor and evaluate immediate actions
- Build on existing state, regional, and federal plans



Complex problem calls for diverse input



Southern Residents population lowest in 30 years



**No one could have guessed what the
next 9 months would bring**



How to determine effective actions?



Public comment shaped the outcome



Prey Recommendations



Vessels Recommendations



Contaminants Recommendations



What's does success look like ?



See full Task Force documentation on Governor
Inslee's website



<https://www.governor.wa.gov/issues/issues/energy-environment/southern-resident-killer-whale-recovery-and-task-force>

