

WATER RESOURCES PROGRAM UPDATE:

CHAPTER 90.94 RCW (ESSB 6091)



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Today's Discussion

- Background
- Planning
- Grants
- Rulemaking



We manage water resources to meet the needs of people and the natural environment, in partnership with Washington communities.



WATER for PEOPLE, FARMS & FISH



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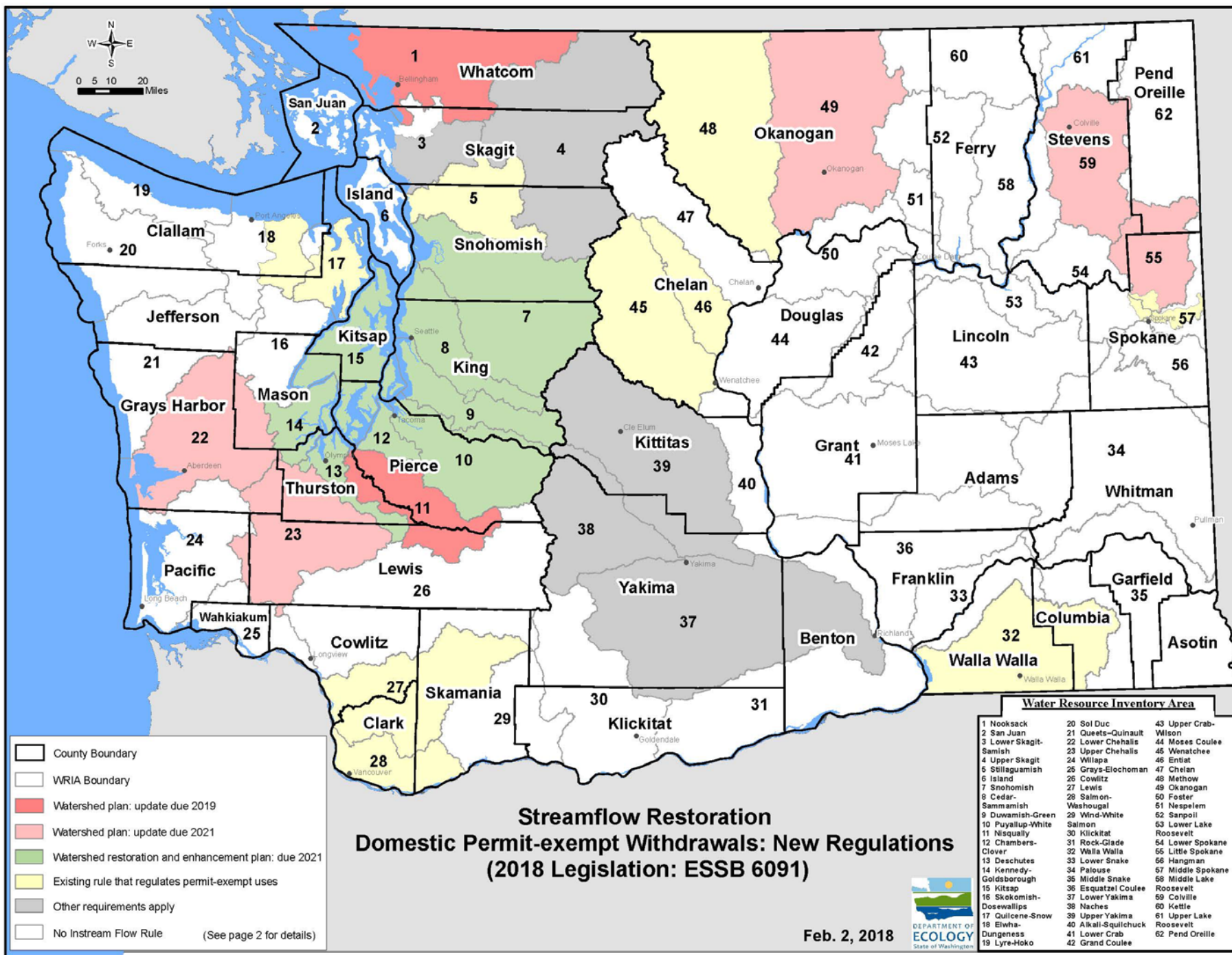
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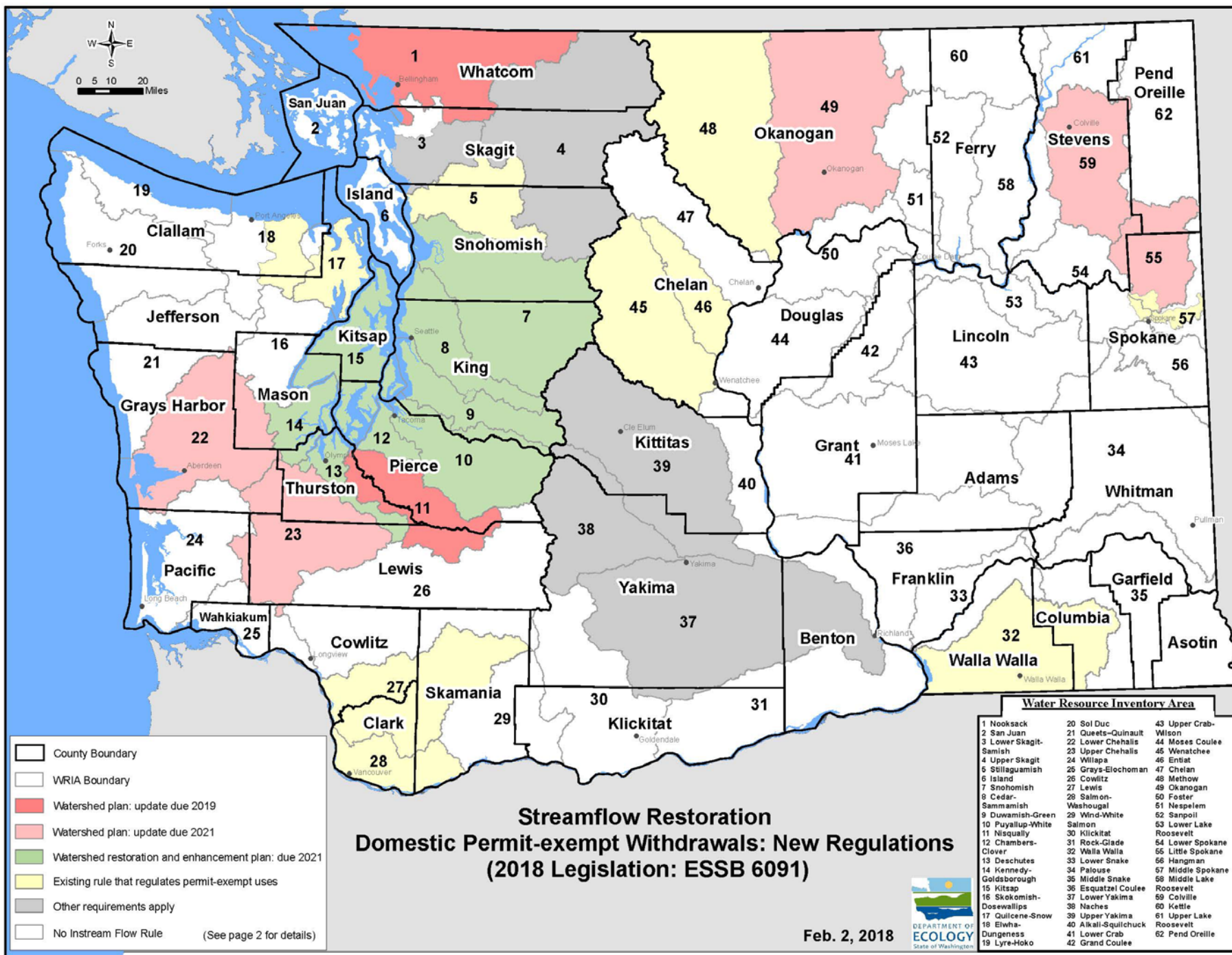
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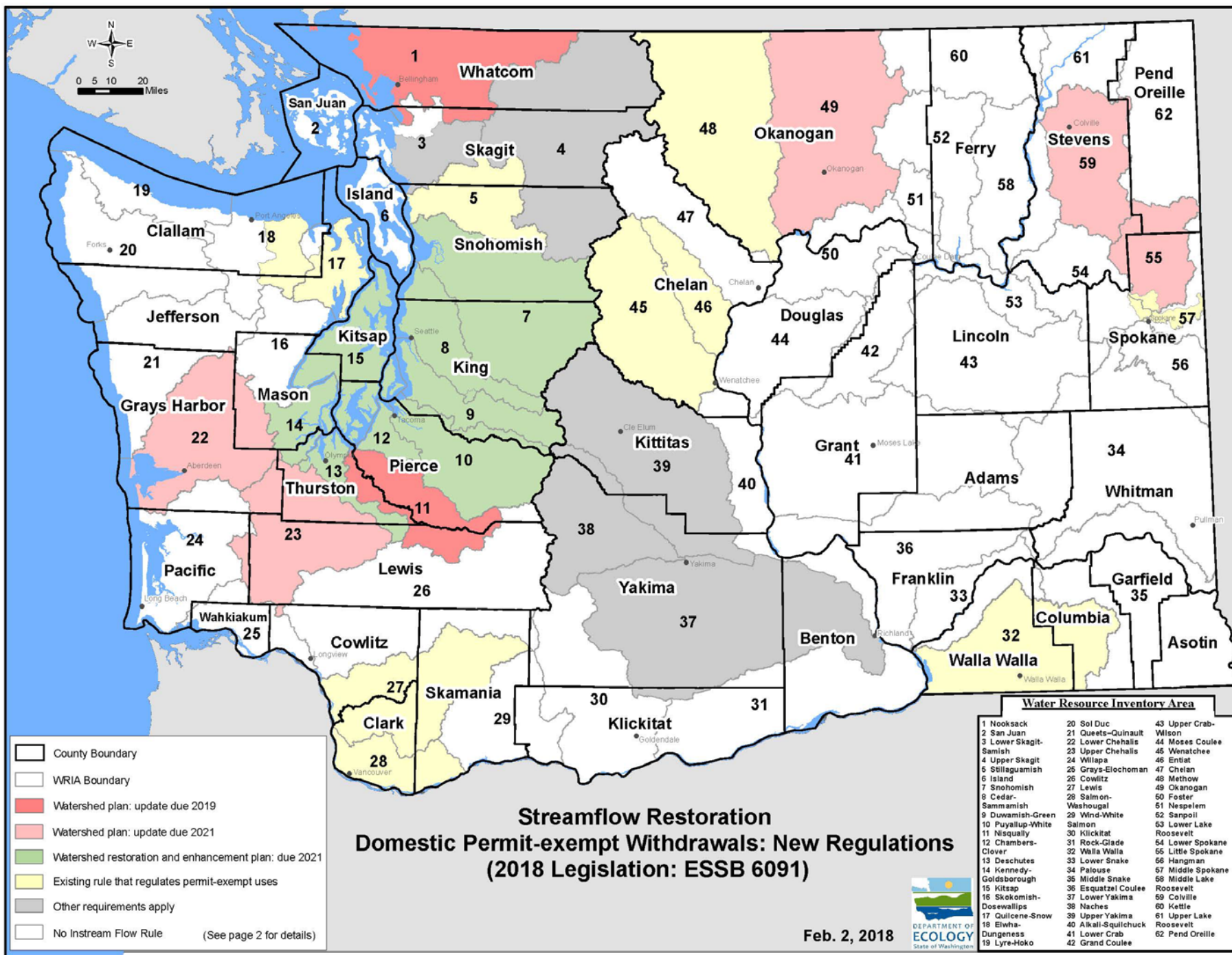
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4. Update Instream Flow Rules as Necessary to Ensure Compliance with Relevant Law.





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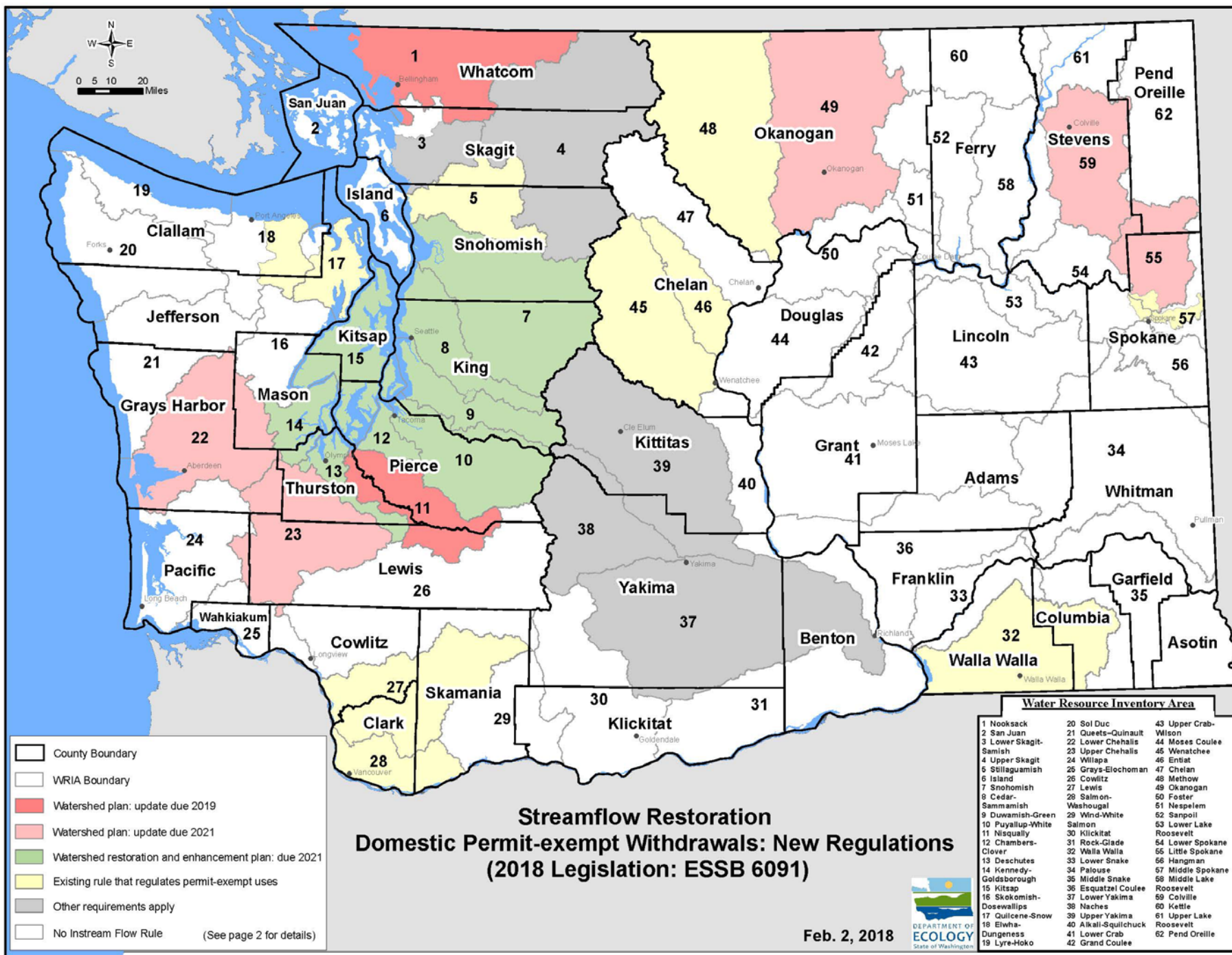


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| Eligible Grantee | Base Participation Grant | Additional Participation Grants Funds |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Tribal Governments | \$25k/ yr. 1 st WRIA | \$15k/ yr. each additional WRIA |
| "202" Lead Agency | \$50k /yr. Lead WRIA | \$150k* "Planning Support" |
| "202" Non-lead Counties | \$25k /yr. 1 st WRIA | \$15k / yr. each additional WRIA |
| "203" Counties | \$25k /yr. 1 st WRIA | \$15k / yr. each additional WRIA |

* These Funds Are One-Time for Planning Support

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| 90.94 Project Grant FAQ: (2018 Pilot Round) | |
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| Grant Purpose? | |
| Funds Available this Year? | |
| Grant Award Limit? | |
| Grant Cycle? | |
| Who is Eligible? | |
| Priority Watersheds? | |
| Eligible Projects? | |
| Are there Funding Guidelines? | |
| Future rounds of funding? | |
| How Do I Apply? | |

| 90.94 Project Grant FAQ: (2018 Pilot Round) | |
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| Grant Purpose? | Statewide Funding to Improve Stream Flows and Instream Resources |
| Funds Available this Year? | Up to \$20 million |
| Grant Award Limit? | None |
| Grant Cycle? | *Opened Oct. 1, 2018 *Closed Oct. 31, 2018 |
| Who is Eligible? | *Public entities (state and local agencies and special use districts) *Non-profit organizations |
| Priority Watersheds? | Yes. *Watersheds and areas addressed in RCW 90.94 *Basins with Endangered Species Act-listed fish species |
| Eligible Projects? | *Water Acquisition *Water Storage *Altered Water Management or Infrastructure *Riparian and Fish Habitat Improvement |
| Are there Funding Guidelines? | Yes. *"Streamflow Restoration Grants Fiscal Year 2019 Interim Funding Guidelines" * https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/documents/1811010.pdf |
| Future rounds of funding? | 15-year grant program will be based on a rule under development |
| How Do I Apply? | Ecology's Administration of Grants & Loans (EAGL) system |

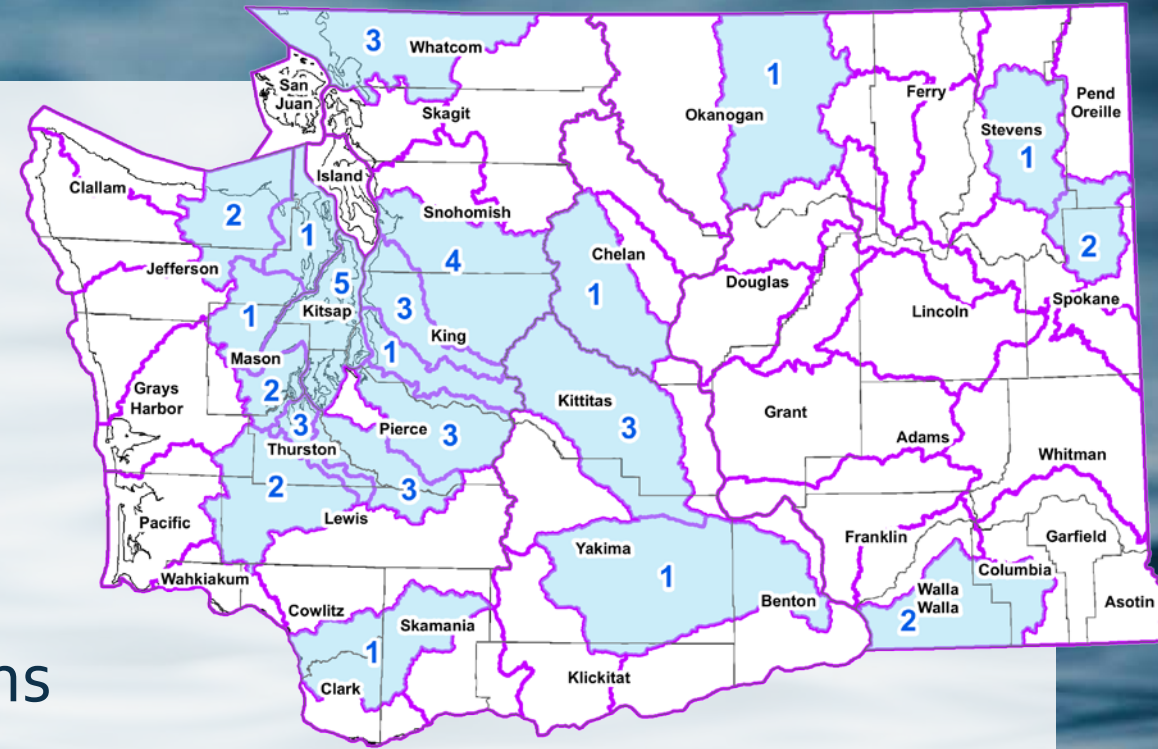
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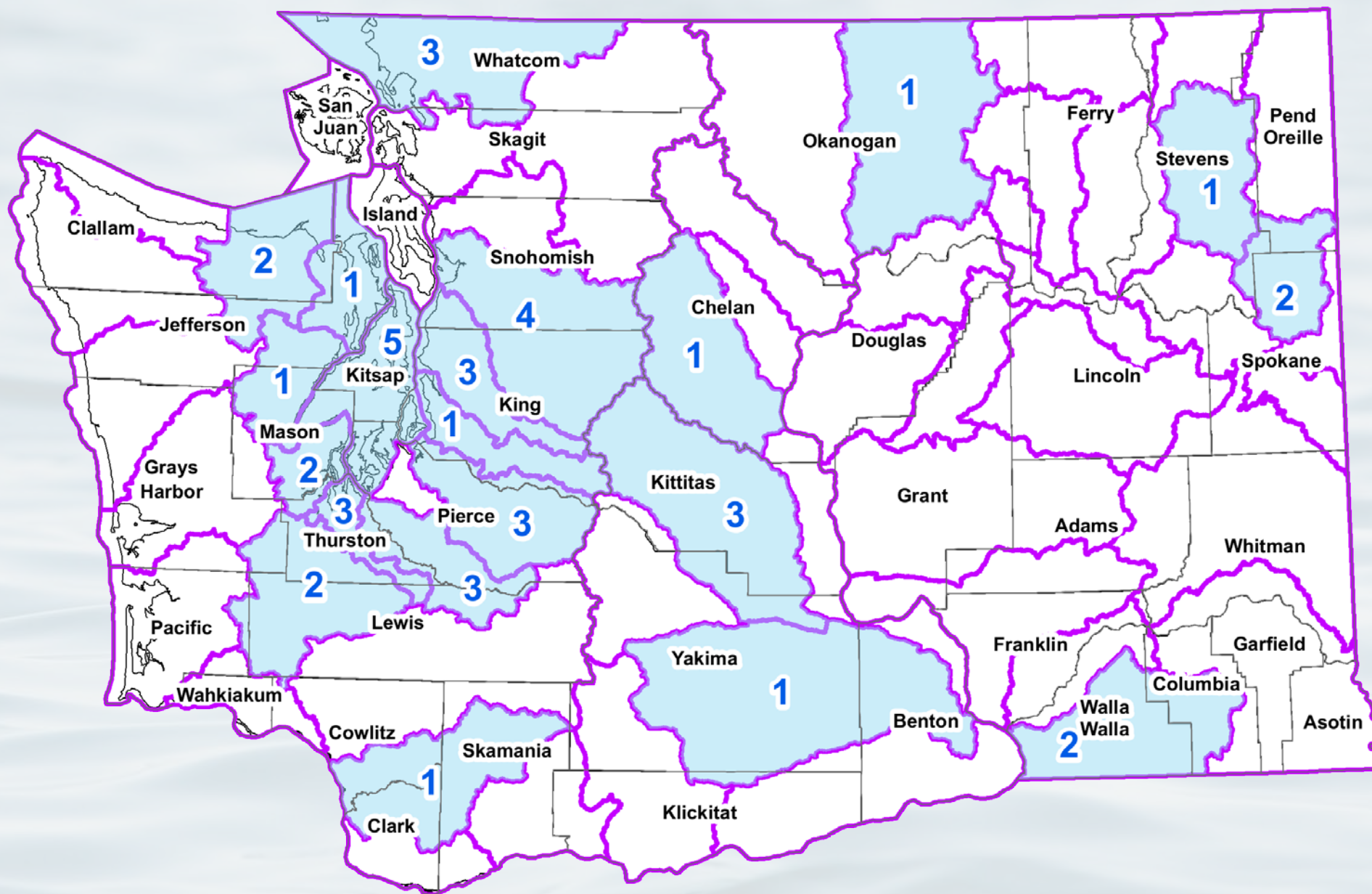
- 46 Applications Received
- Executive Summaries On-Line
- Evaluation: Ecology and WDFW
- Offer Letters Sent Late January 2019



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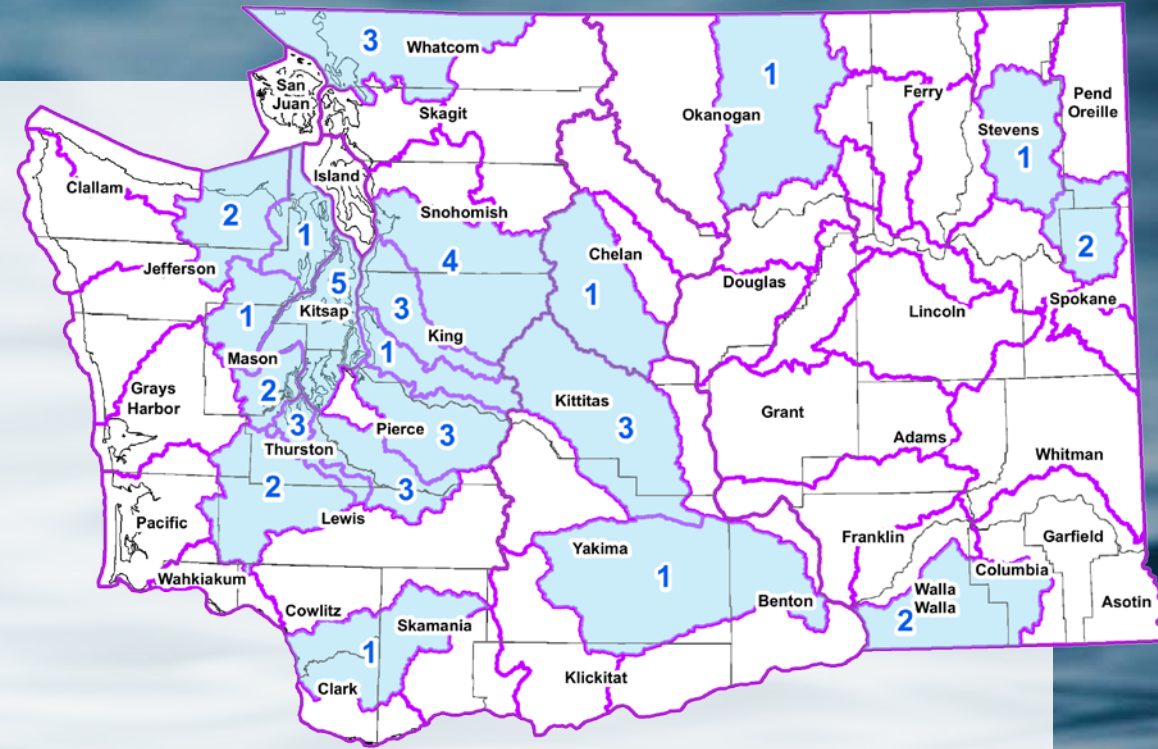
- \$300 Million (2018-2033)
- \$20 Million Available 2019
- ≈\$74 Million in Project Applications
- 46 Projects
 - 10 Water Rights Acquisition
 - 9 Land Acquisition
 - 9 Habitat Improvement
 - 7 Habitat Restoration
 - 4 Water Conservation
 - 4 Water Recharge
 - 1 Water Transfer
 - 1 Water Storage
 - 1 Study

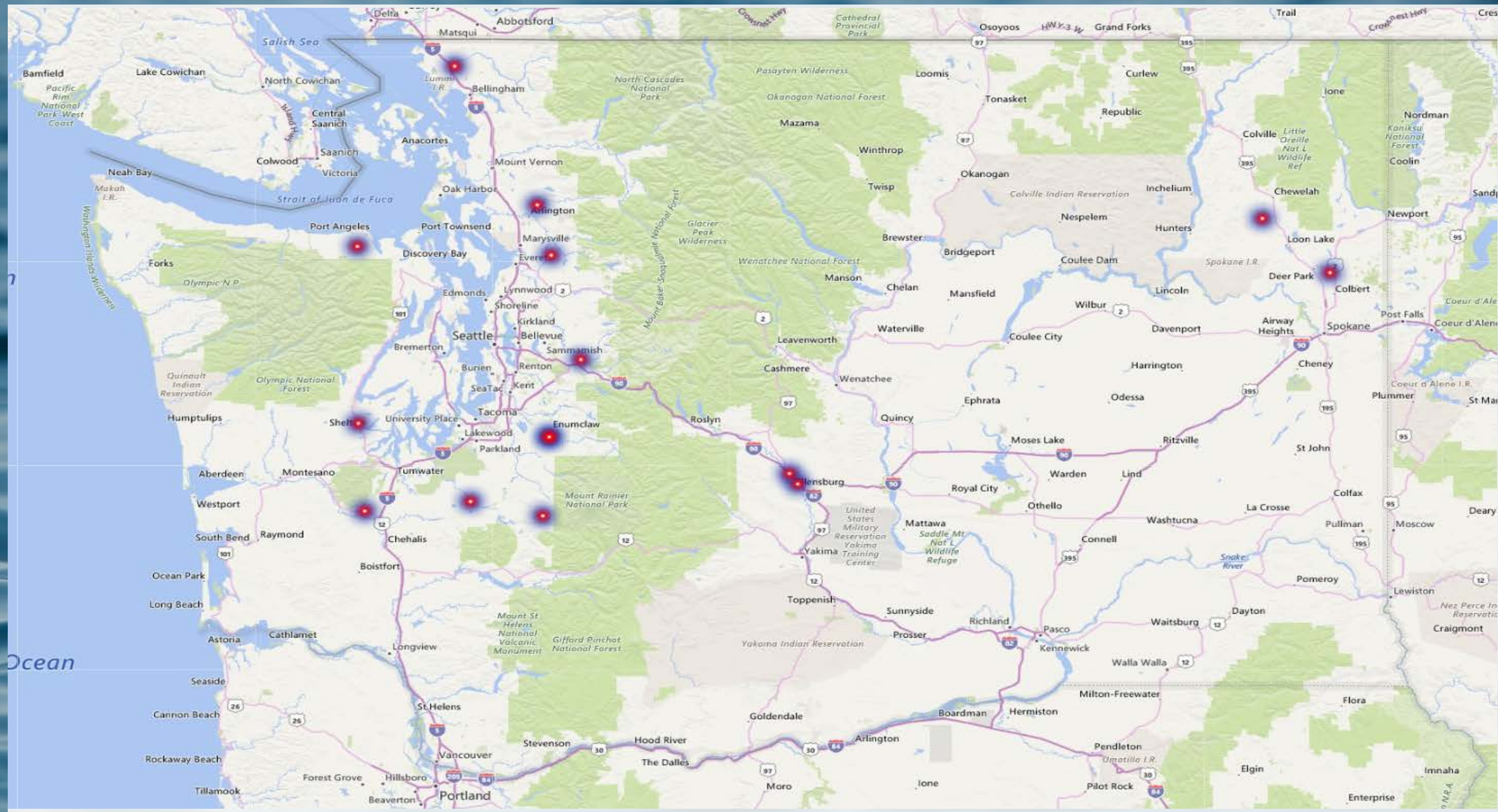




90.94 Project Grants Pilot Round Offers Sent January 2019

- ~\$20 Million Available 2019
- 15 Projects
- Evaluation Ecology and WDFW
- Guidance Priorities:
 - Water Projects - higher priority
 - Water acquisition.
 - Water storage..
 - Altered water management (e.g. conservation /infrastructure)
 - Non-water Projects – lower priority
 - Protects/improves instream resources but do not replace water.





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