

IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE: CHAPTER 90.94 RCW (ESSB 6091)



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Today's Discussion

- Background
- Grants
- Planning Committees



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



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9094 Implementation Targets

1. Stewardship of Taxpayer Funds.
2. 15 Plans by Statutory Deadlines.
3. By 2022: Several Rounds of Grant Funds Obligated to Projects that are Delivering Demonstrable* Stream Flows as Planned.
4. Update Instream Flow Rules as Necessary to Ensure Compliance with Relevant Law.

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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
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* These Funds Are One-Time for Planning Support

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90.94 Project Grant FAQ: (2018 Pilot Round)	
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

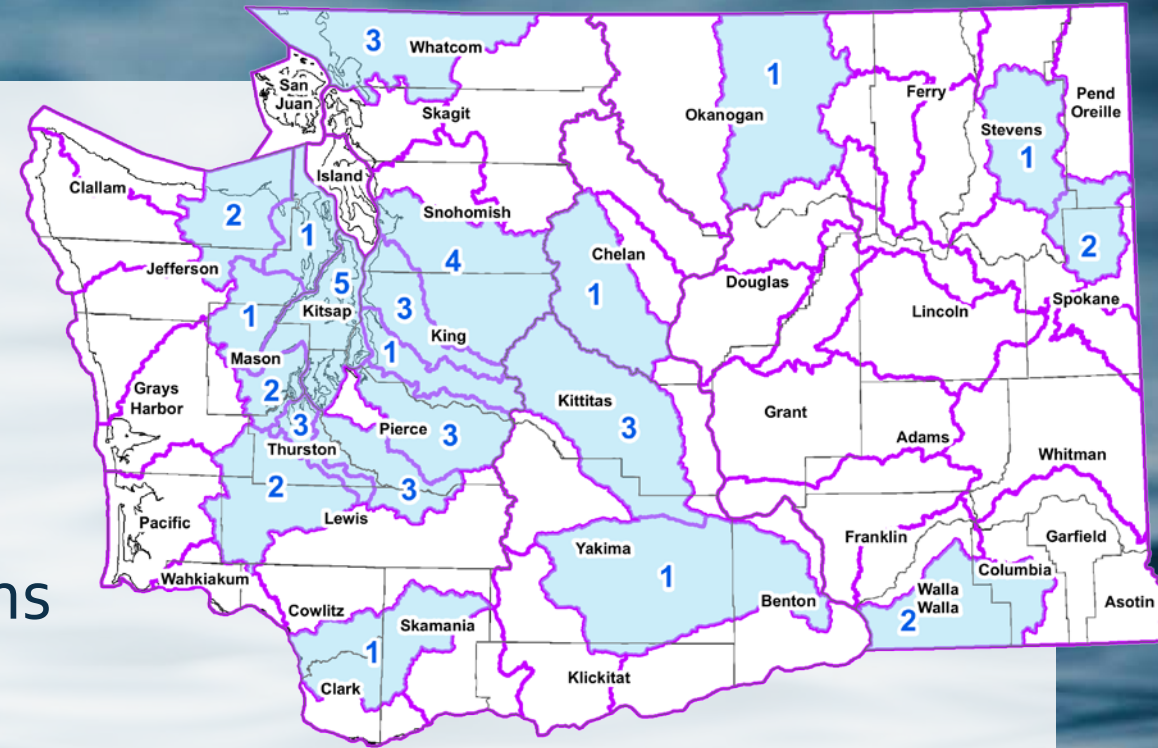
90.94 Project Grants Pilot Round Next Steps

- 46 Applications Received
- Executive Summaries On-Line
- Evaluation: Ecology and WDFW
- Offer Letters Anticipated in Early 2019



90.94 Project Grants

- \$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



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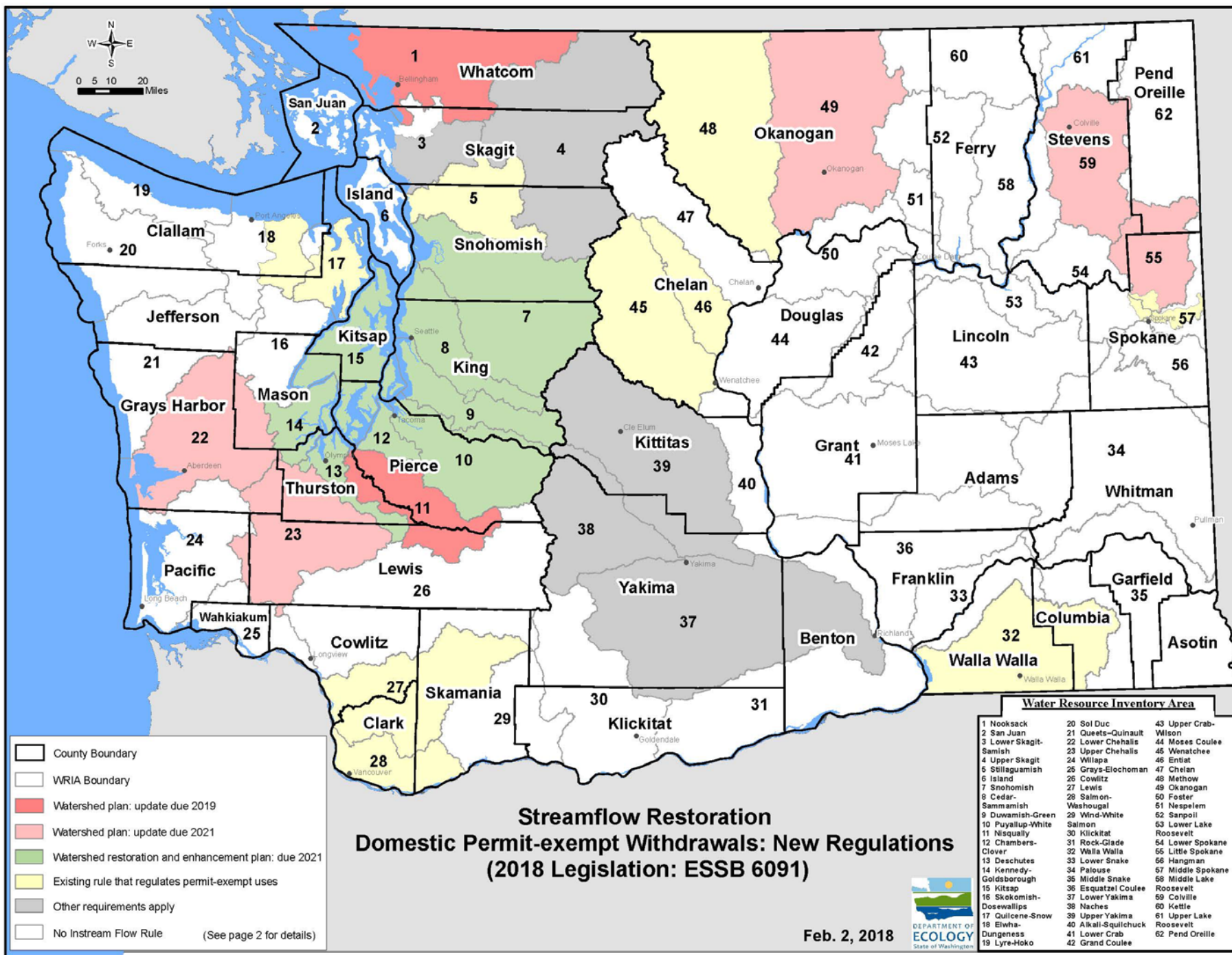
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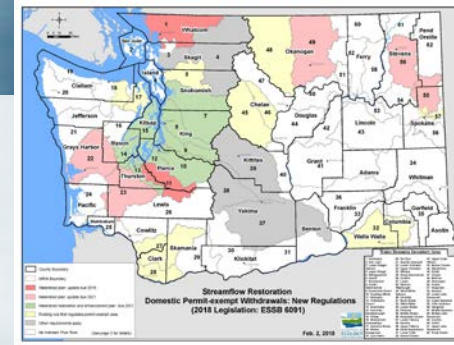
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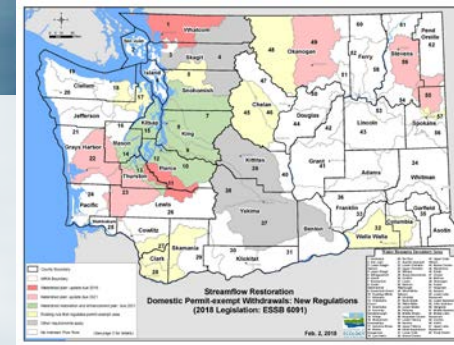
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All Six “202” Committees are Actively Meeting



Watershed	Last Meeting	Next Meeting	Current Focus
Nooksack (WRIA 1)	12/19/18	1/16/19	Proceeding Towards Adoption Target
Nisqually (WRIA 11)	12/14/18	1/16/19	Proceeding Towards Adoption Target
Chehalis (WRIAs 22 & 23)	11/30/18	1/25/19	Facilitation & Data Collection
Okanagan (WRIA 49)	1/03/19	TBD	Planning Grants & Facilitation
Little Spokane (WRIA 55)	11/09/18	2/20/19	Planning Grants & Data Collection
Colville (WRIA 59)	1/9/19	1/23/19	Planning Grants & Data Collection

All Eight “203” Committees Have Initiated Work



Watershed	Last Meeting	Next Meeting	Current Focus
Snohomish (WRIA 7)	1/10/19	2/14/19	Operations and Work Plan
Cedar-Sammamish (WRIA 8)	12/11/18	1/24/19	Operations and Work Plan
Duwamish-Green (WRIA 9)	12/11/18	1/22/19	Operations and Work Plan
Puyallup-White (WRIA 10)	12/19/18	2/6/19	Operations and Work Plan
Chambers-Clover (WRIA 12)	1/9/19	2/13/19	Operations and Work Plan
Deschutes (WRIA 13)	12/12/18	1/23/19	Operations and Work Plan
Kennedy-Goldsborough (WRIA 14)	1/10/19	2/14/19	Operations and Work Plan
Kitsap (WRIA 15)	12/18/18	1/14/19	Operations and Work Plan

Further Discussion?

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