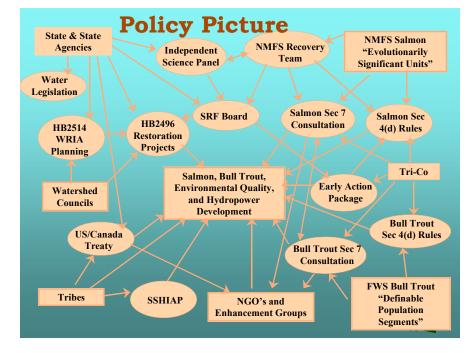




#### Where Are We Going?







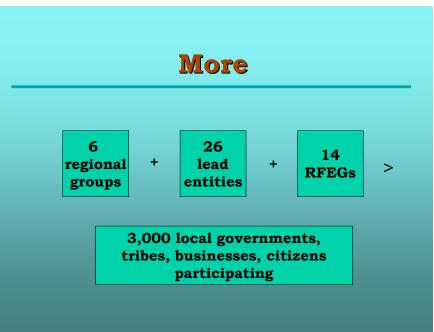
### **State Agencies Involved**

#### Indirect reporting

Natural Resources Transportation Fish & Wildlife State Parks NW Power Planning Council Salmon Recovery Funding Board Direct reporting Health Ecology Agriculture Community, Trade and ED Salmon Recovery Team Puget Sound Water Quality Conservation Commission Interagency Comm for Outdoor Recreation

## Local Governments Involved

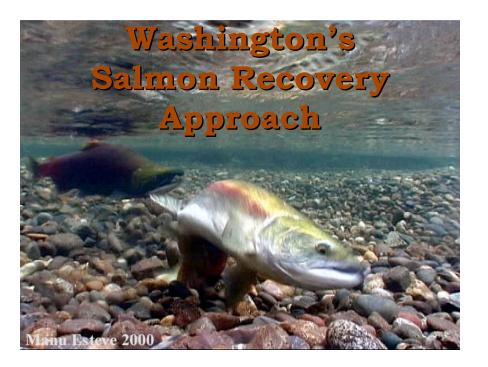
- 39 Counties
- 277 Cities
- 44 Sewer Districts
- 125 Water Districts
- 36 Irrigation Districts
- 32 Public Utility Districts
- 14 Port Districts
- 48 Conservation Districts
- 170 Municipal Water Suppliers





## Why?

- 75% of state affected by listings
- Thousands of people/businesses potentially affected
- Fear & loathing
- Desire for ownership of process and outcomes



How Are We Getting There?

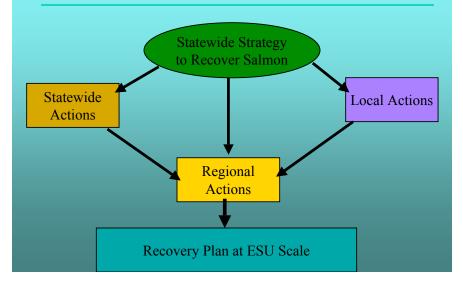


## **Legislative Direction**

#### Salmon Recovery Act (1998)

– "interest of citizens... to retain primary responsibility for managing the natural resources of the state...and...may best accomplish this objective by integrating local and regional recovery activities into a statewide strategy...consistent with regional and watershed recovery plans."

#### **Recovery Planning**



#### **Statewide Strategy**

- Big picture
- State agency actions and programs
- Goal: Restore salmon and steelhead to healthy harvestable levels and the habitats on which they rely."
- Sets stage for regional recovery plans
- "Extinction is Not an Option"

## **Regions Are Crucial**

- Commitment of locals with land use authority
- Active public engagement
- Tribal and state agency partnership
- Federal participation science and policy essential to success

Salmon Recovery Region	Listed ESUs	Submittal status of draft state plans	Expected status of NOAA plans	Lead
Lower Columbia	Chinook, steelhead, chum, coho, bull trout	Submitted to federal agencies 12/04	Interim regional plan for WA part of ESUs expected 1/06	Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board
Puget Sound	Chinook, bull trout	Submitted to federal agencies 7/05	Final plan early- mid 2006	Shared Strategy for Puget Sound
Hood Canal	Chum	Submitted to federal agencies 11/05	Final plan early- mid 2006	Hood Canal Coordinating Council
Snake	Chinook, steelhead, bull trout	Draft habitat portion submitted to federal agencies 10/05	Interim regional plan for WA habitat portion of ESUs early	Snake River Salmon Recovery Board
Mid-Columbia (Yakima)	Steelhead, bull trout	Draft habitat portion submitted to federal agencies 10/05	2006 Interim regional plan for WA habitat portion of ESU early 2006	Yakima Sub-basin Fish and Wildlife Planning Board
Upper Columbia	Chinook, steelhead, bull trout	Draft habitat portion submitted to federal agencies 12/05	Interim regional plan for WA habitat portion of ESUs early	Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board

## **Regional Recovery Plans**



## Accountability

- Salmon Scorecard
- Comprehensive Monitoring Strategy
- Governor's Executive Order
- State of Salmon Report: "Plain Talk"
  - Dozen dials
  - Mapped indicators
- What gets monitored gets changed





2004 State of Salmon in Watersheds Report



## **Benefits**

- Local investment and ownership by elected officials
- "Ah ha" factor
- Volunteer participation
- Showing progress

## Challenges

- Maintaining momentum
- Integrating plans with local and state actions
- Sticker shock
- Showing progress

# **Parting Thoughts**



## Myths of Salmon Recovery

- It's not a problem
- It's not my fault
- We can produce our way out of this
- "They" caught (ate) them all
- It's a westside problem/urban thing
- It's my water
- We can't afford it
- Science is the way to truth



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