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SALISH SEA

A bioregion encompassing the inland marine waterways of British Columbia and Washington and their watersheds



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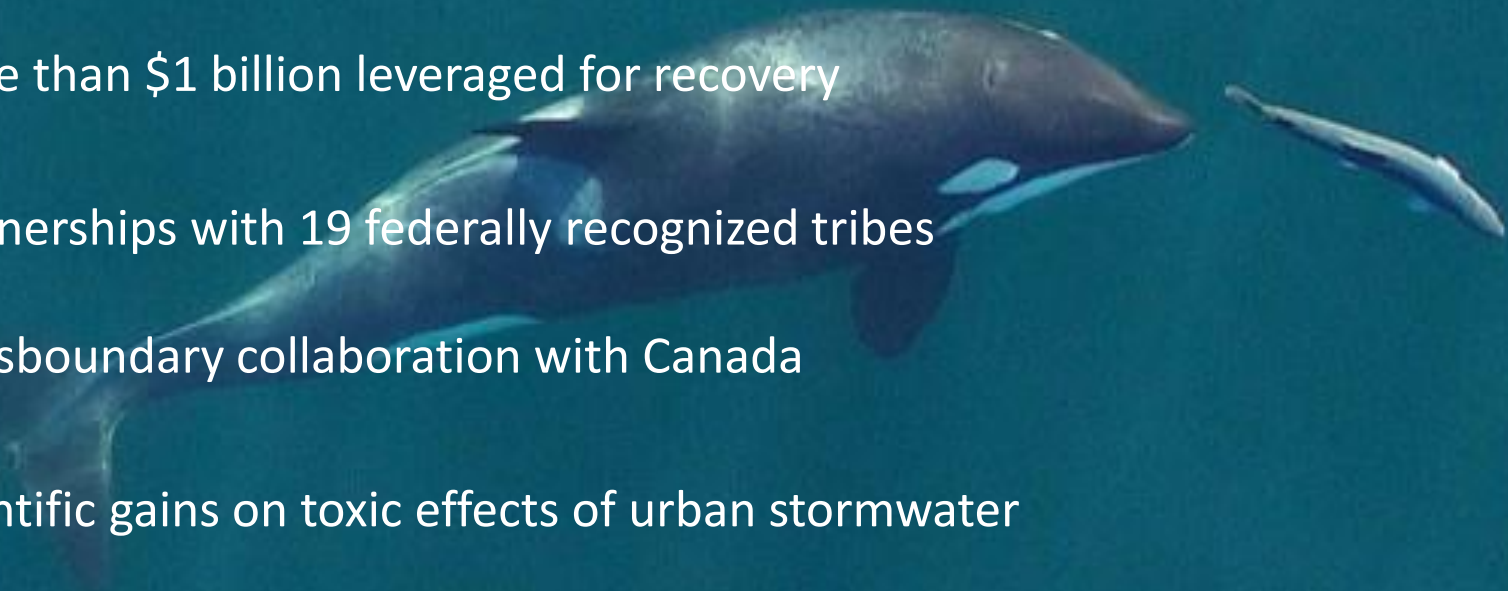
Puget Sound facts:

- Puget Sound is the largest estuary by volume of water in the U.S.
- The Puget Sound watershed is home to more than 4.7 million people.
- Since 2006, Congress has appropriated \$419 million in Clean Water Act Section 320 funds for Puget Sound
- 19 federally recognized tribes, three tribal consortia
- One of the largest shellfish farming industry in the U.S.
- ESA listed Chinook salmon, steelhead trout, & Orca; Chinook are primary food for resident Orca

National Estuary Program – Puget Sound

EPA's work with the Puget Sound Partnership, state agencies, tribes and other partners has supported important gains in recovery. Results include, for example:

- comprehensive regional plans to restore the Sound
- more than \$1 billion leveraged for recovery
- partnerships with 19 federally recognized tribes
- transboundary collaboration with Canada
- scientific gains on toxic effects of urban stormwater
- over 41,000 acres of habitat protected and/or restored (cumulative from 2006)
- 6,418 acres of shellfish harvest bed upgraded (cumulative from 2007)

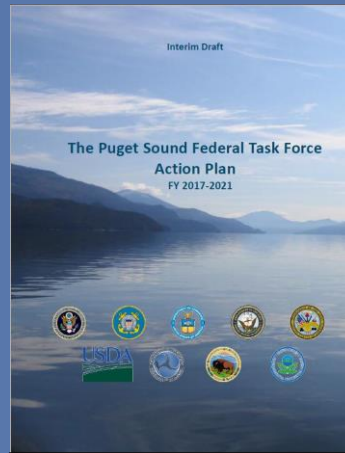


FY 22 Funding

- Puget Sound Geographic Program and National Estuary Program: \$34.3 million
- Bi-partisan Infrastructure Law: \$17.8 million per year for five years
- PSFTF Action Plan includes:
 - A commitment to coordinate member agencies toward effective and environmentally beneficial use of Infrastructure Law funds
 - Whole-of-government approach to climate and environmental justice consistent with [Executive Order 14008 Tackling the Climate Crises at Home and Abroad](#)
 - Priority federal actions that respond to tribal knowledge and interests consistent with new Tribal Treaty Rights and Tribal Homelands initiatives led by the [White House Council on Native American Affairs](#).

Puget Sound Federal Task Force

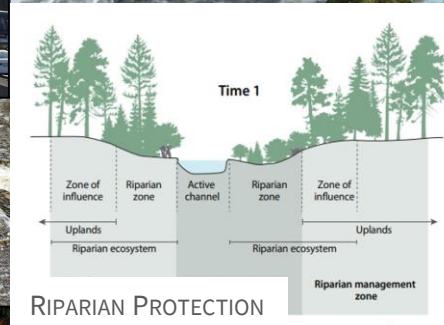
- Established in 2007 (as a caucus)
- Public commitment for Puget Sound Federal agencies to prioritize, leverage and coordinate diverse federal programs
- Federal MOUs signed in 2007, 2014 and 2016
- 5-year Action Plans: 2012; 2016/2017
- Comprehensive 2017-2021 Progress Report finalized in November 2021



NEARSHORE AND SHORELINES



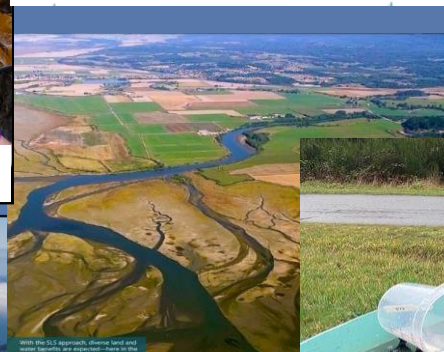
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Thank you

Questions and Discussion

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