

A Priority Habitats & Species Document of the
Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife

Riparian Ecosystems, Volume 2: Management Recommendations



Purpose & Philosophy

Natural riparian corridors are the most diverse, dynamic, and complex biophysical habitats on the terrestrial portion of the earth.

(Naiman et al. 1993)

Our Mandate: To preserve, protect, and perpetuate Washington's fish, wildlife and ecosystems.

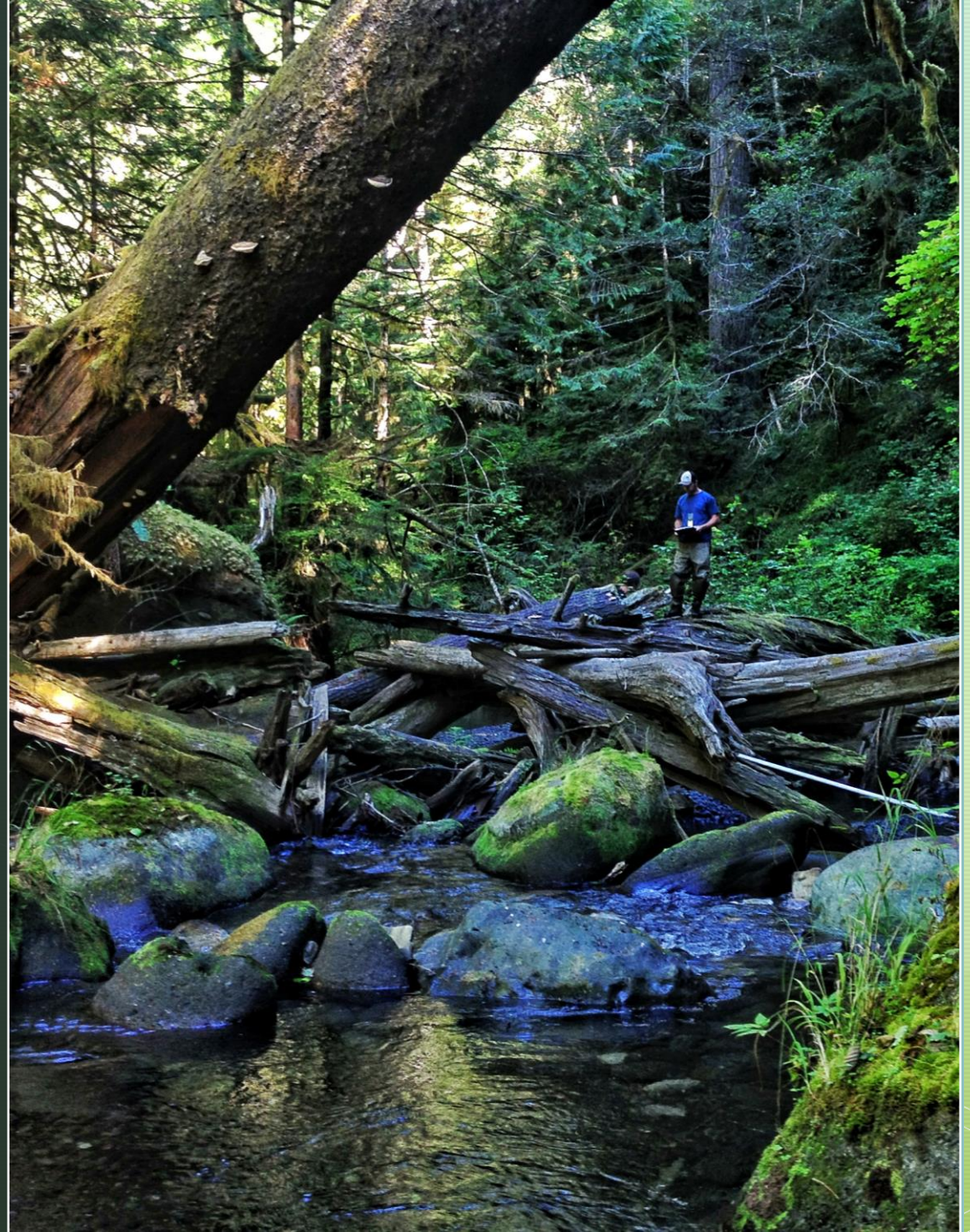
Our Values: We value the protection and restoration of healthy, intact, and fully functioning riparian ecosystems statewide.



Implementation Approach

Our Role as Advisor: Provide guidance informed by science and consistent with our values, about habitat needs of fish and wildlife and the implications of decisions on those resources over time.

- No one-size fits all solution or silver bullet (*the role of the habitat biologist*)
- Focus on functions; evaluate relative risk for resources
- Does not preclude sound judgement or technical assistance



Project Timeline

