

10-YEAR RECREATION STRATEGY

FOR WDFW-MANAGED LANDS

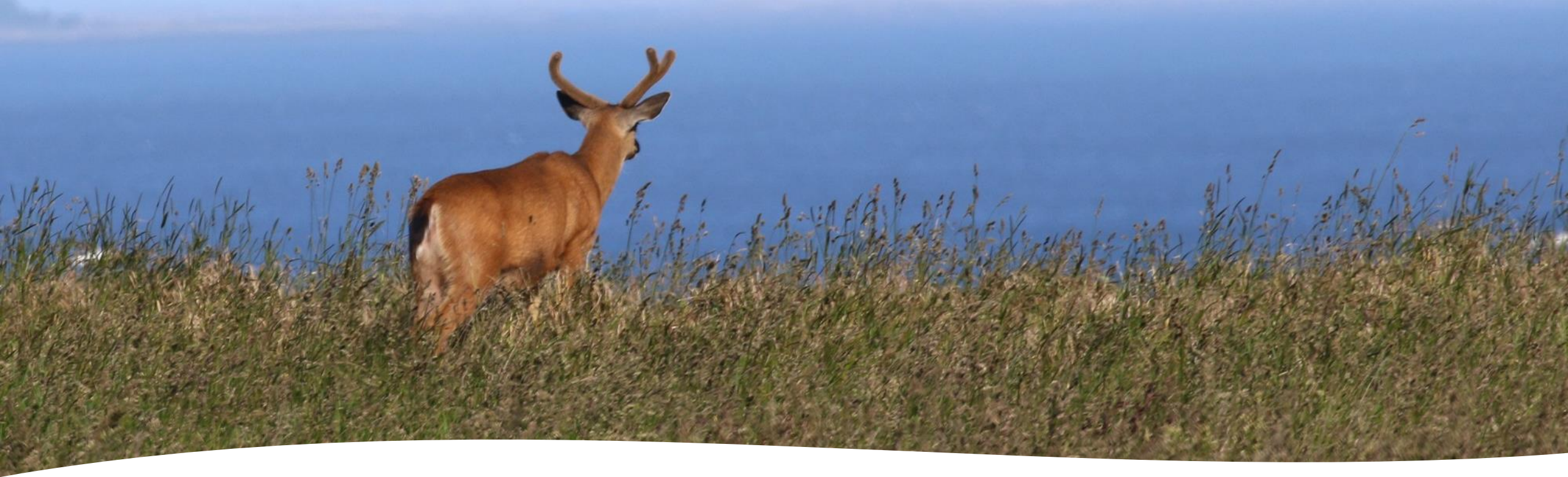
Enhancing recreation opportunities while
protecting natural, cultural, and tribal resources



“Better planning and management of all recreation will help keep habitat and species healthy, reduce conflict among visitors, and enhance recreation opportunities for all.”

-Kelly Susewind





Goals

1. Protect Natural and Cultural Resources
2. Enhance Recreation
3. Strengthen Relationships



Strategic Initiatives

1. Recreation Planning
2. Education and Engagement
3. Use and Impact Monitoring
4. Rulemaking
5. Travel Management
6. Capacity and Funding



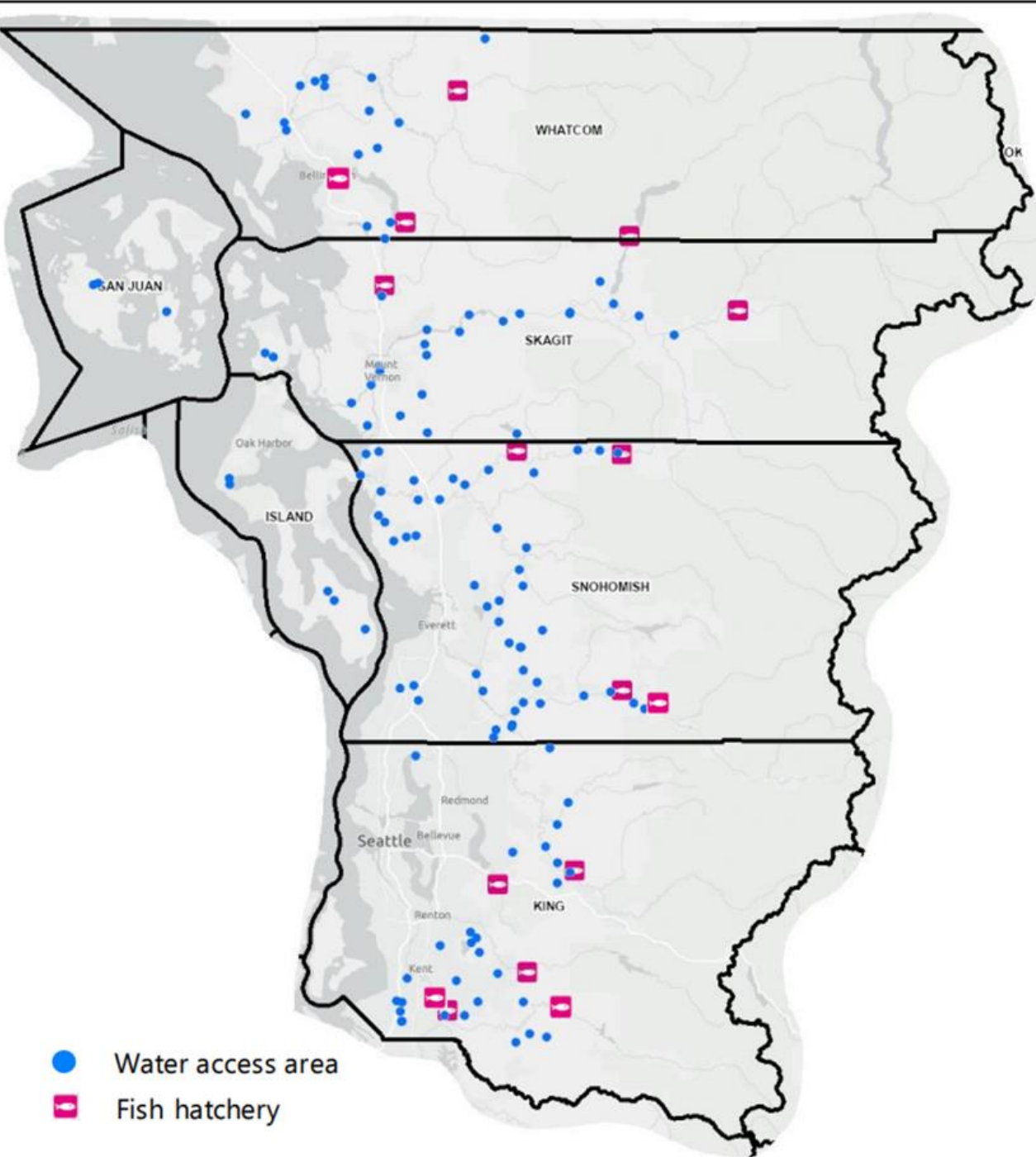
Recreation Planning

Plan to accommodate outdoor recreation where it is compatible with conservation goals and other management priorities.

Recreation Planning – Highlights

- Methow WLA
- Cowlitz WLA
- Region 4 Water
Access





Region 4 Water Access Planning

- 120 access areas, including 92 boat launches
- 6 WLA boat launches
- 70 mi. public fishing easements
- 16 hatcheries
- 2,673 acres



Education & Engagement

Engage targeted populations in planning and managing recreation and encourage the development of a stewardship ethic in visitors to WDFW-managed lands.

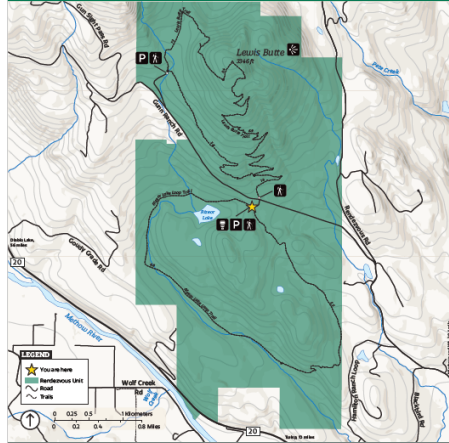
Education & Engagement – Highlights

- Ambassador Program
- Master Agreements with NGOs
- Listening Sessions
- Kiosks and Signs



WELCOME TO
Methow Wildlife Area

Rendezvous Unit: Lewis Butte and Rizeor Lake



Fee Required
Se requiere el
pago de una cuota

In case of an emergency, please use these
coordinates to identify your location:

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estas coordenadas para identificar su
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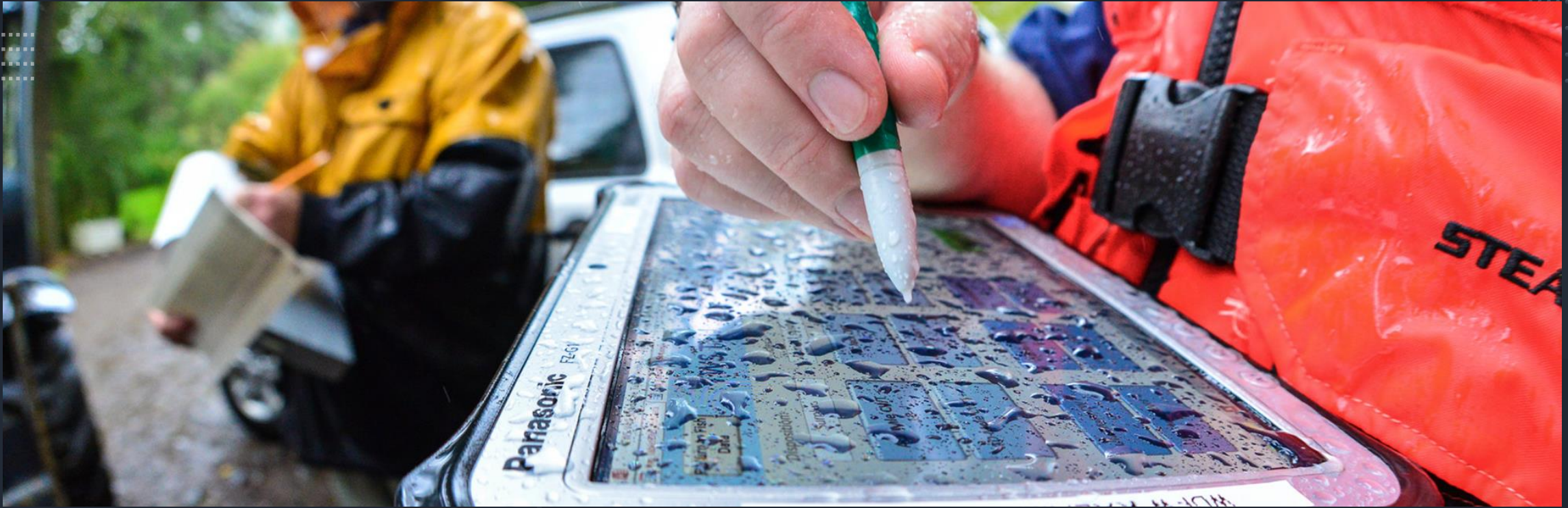


Unlawful activities: / Actividades ilegales:



Kiosks and Signs

- Designed 50 and installed 20 new kiosks for water access areas
- Incorporating native language and tribal history on 3-panel kiosks
- Spanish translation plus QR codes with translation to 11 languages



Use & Impact Monitoring

Develop and manage data systems that support recreation planning and management decisions.

Use & Impact Monitoring – Highlights

- Earth Economics Report
- R4 Demand Survey
- Interagency-Tribal
Recreation Impacts
Management Effort



Interagency-Tribal Recreation Impacts Management Effort

- 31 federally recognized tribes
- WDFW
- State Parks and Recreation Commission
- Department of Natural Resources
- Governor's Office of Indian Affairs
- Recreation and Conservation Office



Statewide & Local Rulemaking

Regulate recreation uses of WDFW-managed lands to protect the health and safety of fish, wildlife, habitat, department personnel, neighbors, and visitors.



Rulemaking – Highlights

- Domestic sheep and goats
- Illegal road and trail building
- Shed antler hunting
- Area-specific rulemaking

Area-specific Rulemaking

- Targeted approach to reflect specific issues in specific places
- Complements statewide rules and local signage
- 3 phase effort





Travel Management

Develop a sustainable multimodal travel management program that addresses the designation, development, decommissioning, maintenance and monitoring of roads and trails on WDFW-managed lands.



Travel Management - Highlights

- Route inventory and assessments
- Quincy Lakes
- Green Dot Roads



Capacity and Funding

Develop the tools, workforce, and sustainable funding to deliver on the vision of the 10-year Recreation Strategy for WDFW-managed Lands.



Capacity & Funding – Highlights

- \$5 M ongoing via proviso
- America the Beautiful Challenge grant
- Land Stewardship Decision Package

Near-term Capacity Needs

- Data development and management
- Planning
- Project management
- Cultural resources support
- Communications
- Regional project delivery and maintenance

