Downstream Barrier Identification Tool Pilot Tool - NEP Funded

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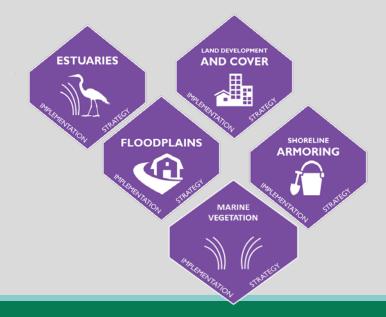
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- Mission is to enable and accelerate habitat protection and restoration through Implementation Strategy Programs for
 - Floodplains and Estuaries
 - Land Development and Cover
 - Marine Vegetation
 - Shoreline Armoring





Habitat SIL in action



Partnerships

Convene, create, & support collaborative partnerships



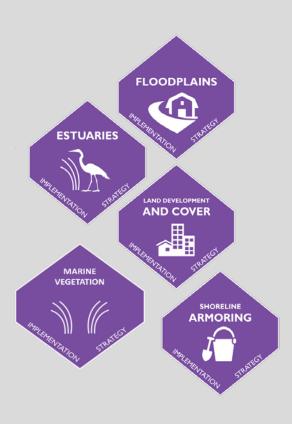
Funding

Catalytic & strategic investment of funding



Planning

Strategic integration of Habitat Priorities into planning





National Hydrography Dataset Update& Fish Barrier Prioritization (NTA 2018-0436)

- Project selected by the HSIL Advisory Team due to its important role in advancing the Chinook Vital Sign
- Contributes directly to recovery planning efforts by improving the tools and datasets that hinge on accurate stream locations



PUGET SOUND National Estuary Program

Thank you!

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Tool Concept Development

- Overwhelming # of sites to prioritize → what additional tools would facilitate project ID?
- Goal was to create a tool that would:
 - Inform & visually educate how many d/s barriers exist & understanding correction coordination
 - Support project identification and prioritization
 - Assist with application completion and data gathering.
- Needed WA's stream mapping (NHD) to be more accurate:
 - Corrected 3,000 miles of stream locations in the Puget Sound

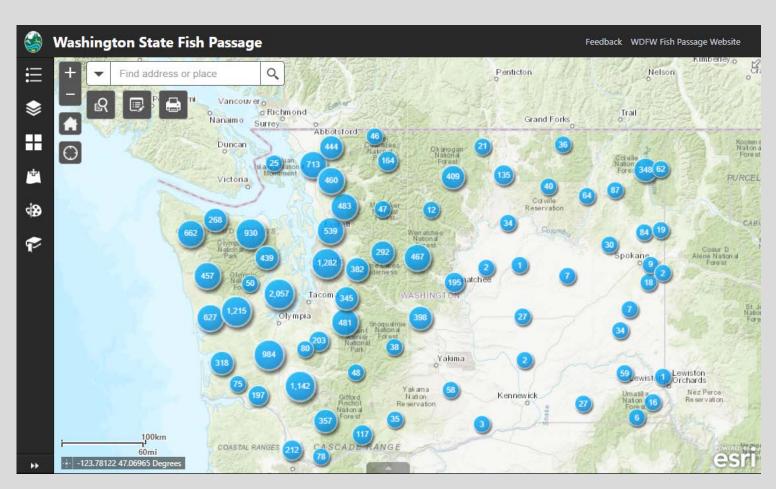


New Pilot Downstream Barrier Tool

- Funded for Puget Sound only (WRIAs 1-19), at this time.
- Click on site in Fish Passage Map App display # of barriers located d/s
- Supports planning and prioritization:
 - o <u>It's a starting point</u>, provides focus among high # of barriers on landscape
 - Layer with other tools & analyses, assists prioritization & decision-making
- Provides info for FBRB applications & info gathering

Fish Passage Web Application

- Barrier database
- Publicly available
- Updated weekly
- Identify Projects
- Compare relative benefit

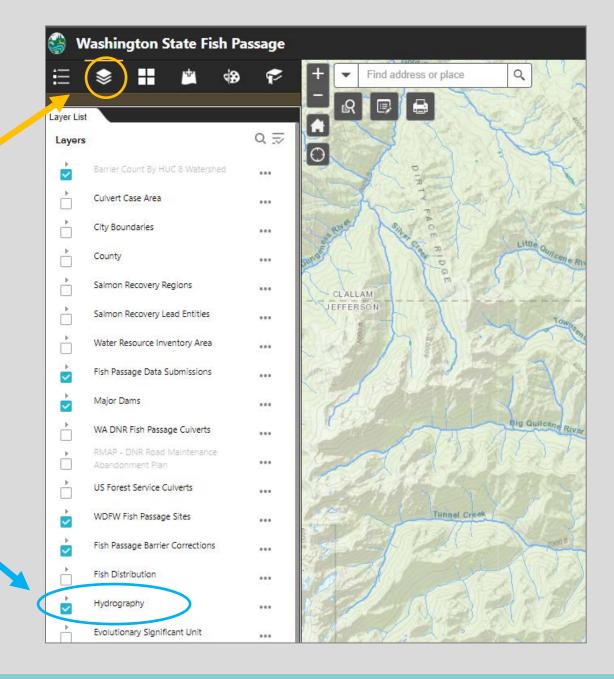


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Downstream Barrier Tool

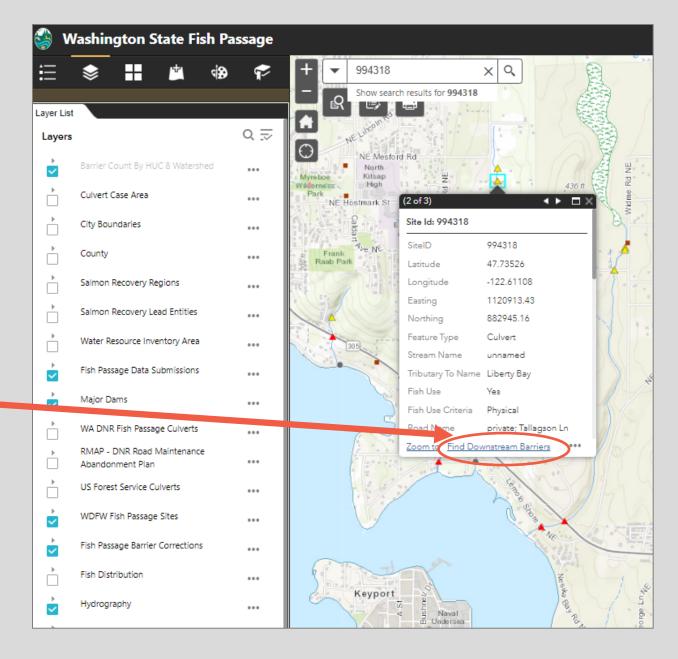
- Built using the National Hydrographic Dataset (NHD).
- In web app layer list the "Hydrology" layer must be turned on (see figure)
- As the accuracy of the stream layer improves, so will accuracy of data returned



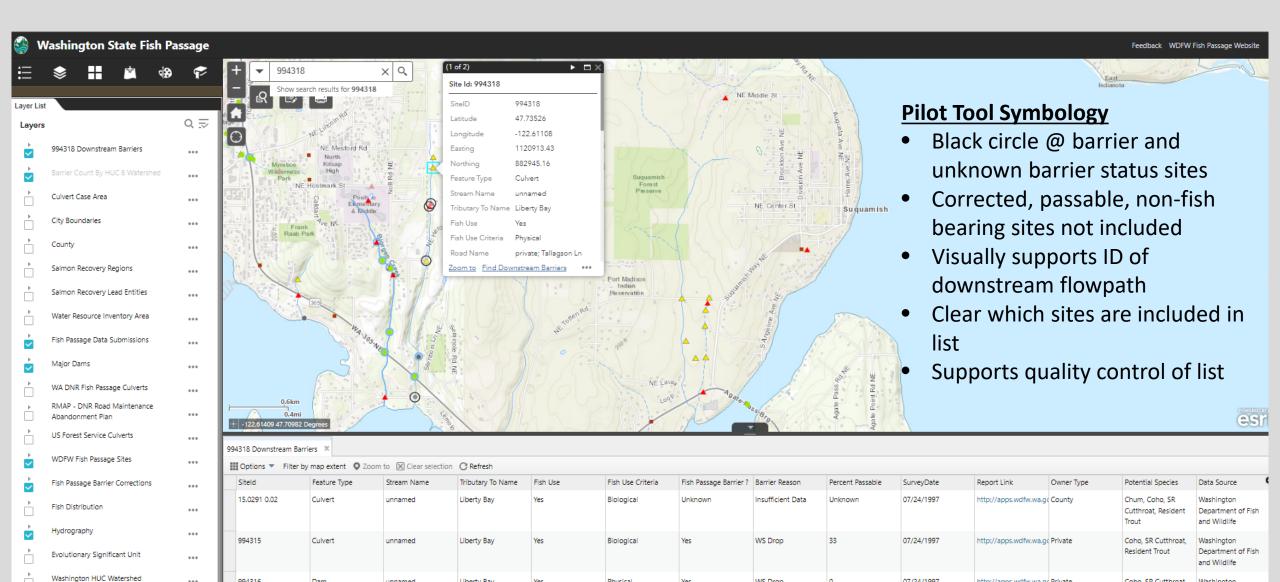


Downstream Barrier Tool

- Navigate to area you want to explore or barriers of interest
- Click on a fish passage barrier or site
- "Find Downstream Barriers" tool link
- Note: If you searched for the site, the tool link will only show if symbol is clicked again







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Resident Trout

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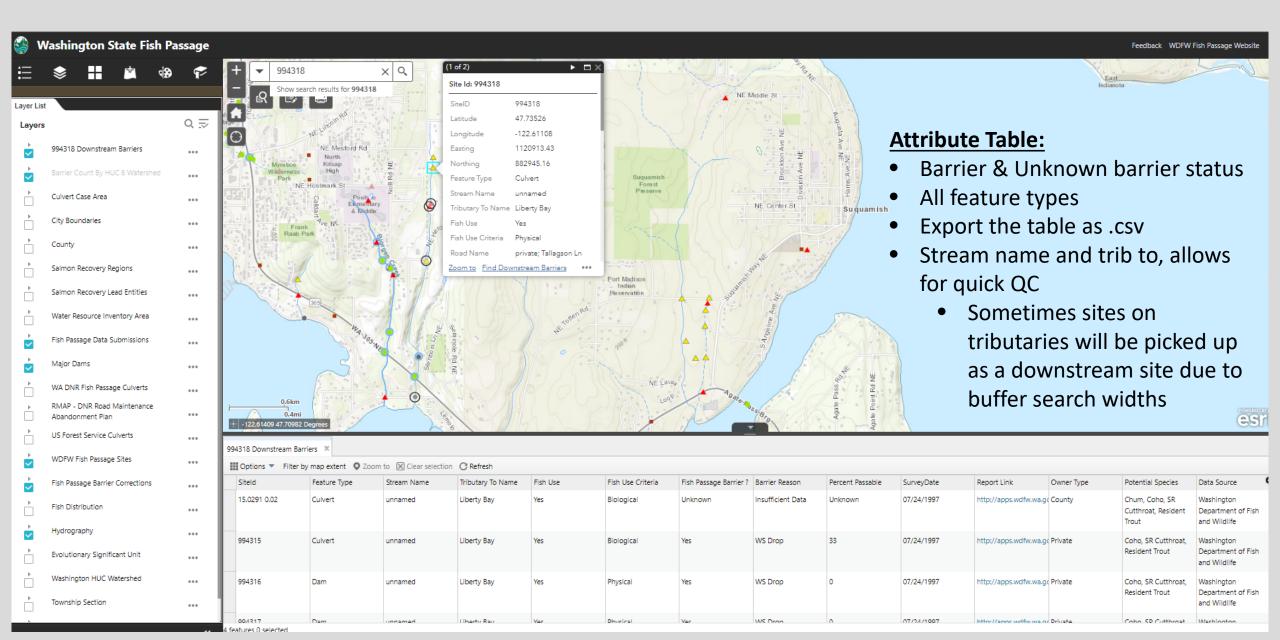
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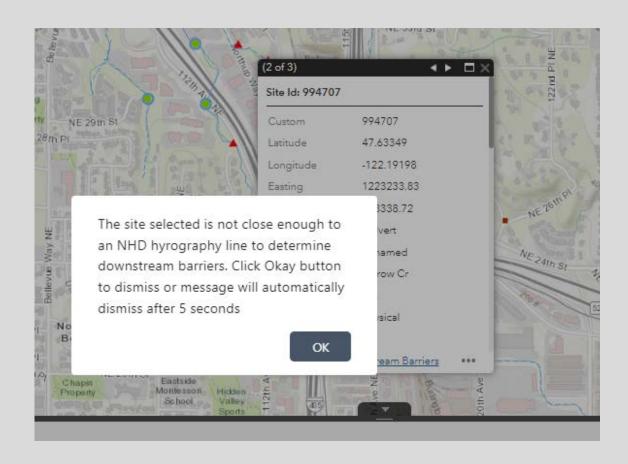
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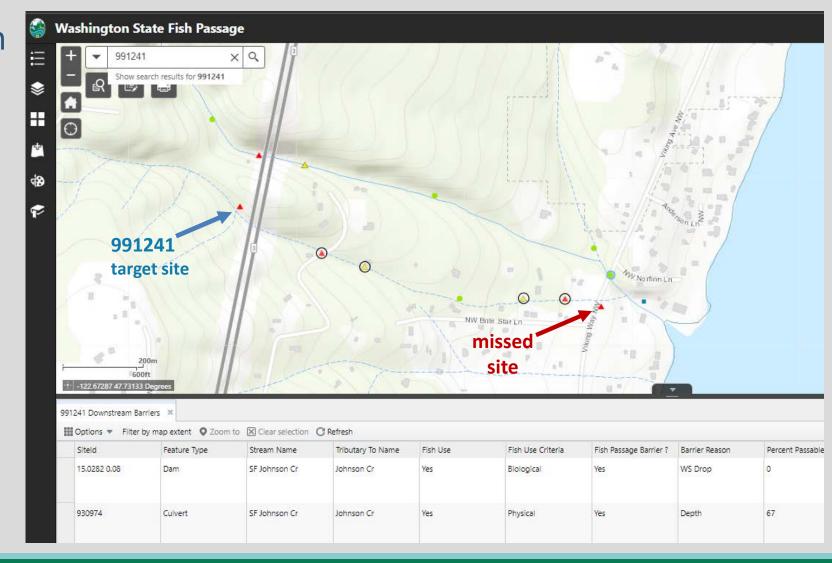




- If fish passage site isn't close enough to the NHD stream line
- As stream locations improve, tool will improve.
- Depending on geographic location, fish passage sites are typically more informative of stream locations.

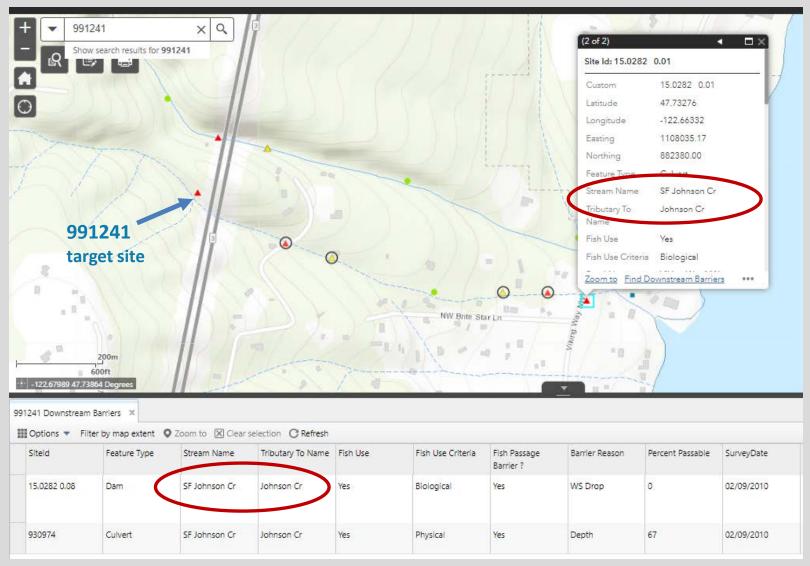


- Tool identifies sites with black circle (those in attribute table).
- Easy to see if any sites were missed.
- Another check "Stream Name" and "Trib To" in attribute table: decipher d/s sites from tribs or other systems



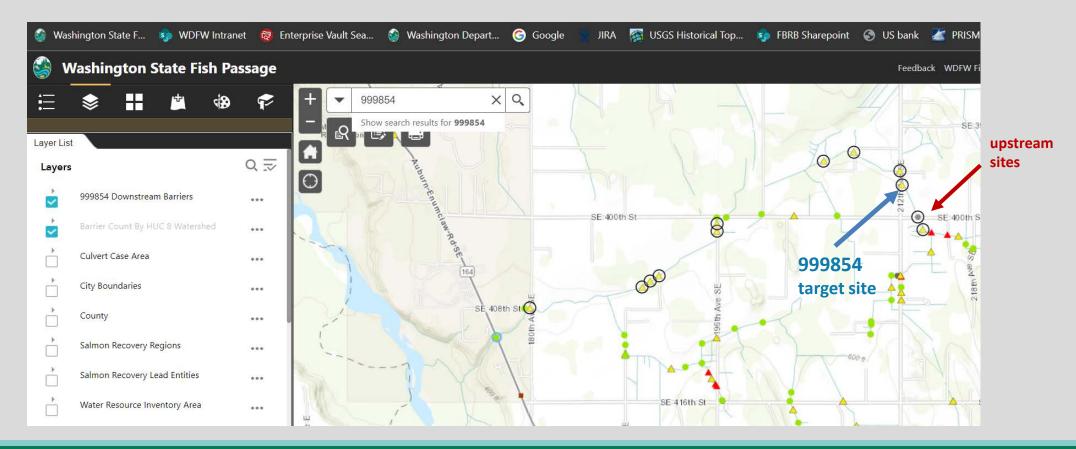


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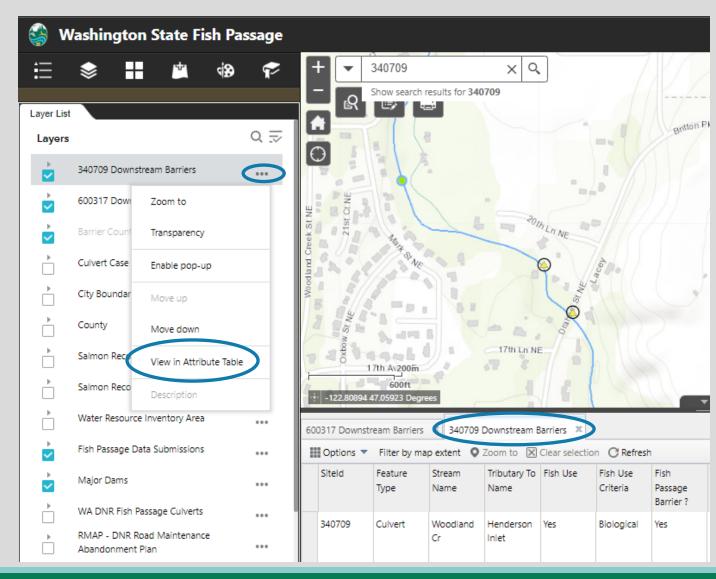


 If NHD flow lines are incorrect, you may have upstream sites on your downstream list. Again, tool symbology supports QC





- Can look up multiple sites.
- Be sure looking at correct attribute table.
- Can also open attribute table from layer list.
- Attribute table can be exported as .csv





Downstream Barrier Tool - Reminders

- It's a Pilot limited, short-term funding to explore this tool.
- To improve or expand, funding and dedicated support required.
- Hot of the Presses- we are still working to understand and characterize when and why the tool does not perform as expected.
- Not perfectly effective everywhere all the time, but still can be informative.
- ***Complete and up to date barrier inventory and correct stream lines/locations will improve the tool.

Quick Live Tool Demonstration 🖔

WDFW Fish Passage Web app – public access to barrier database https://geodataservices.wdfw.wa.gov/hp/fishpassage/index.html

User Manual Coming Soon!

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Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board Draft Reference Table of Upcoming Federal Funding Opportunities

Funding Opportunity/ Grant Program:	USDOT's Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) program	USDOT's National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grants (Culvert AOP Program)	NOAA's Restoring Fish Passage through Barrier Removal grant program
Informational Resource Links (Hyperlinked)	 Federal Highway Administration Announcement USDOT's PROTECT Program Fact Sheet WA Joint Transportation Committee's 2022 Memo 	 <u>Culvert AOP Program Overview</u> <u>USDOT's Culvert AOP Program Fact Sheet</u> <u>Grant.gov 2023 Application Portal</u> 	 NOAA's 2022 Announcement Grants.gov 2022 Application Portal
Fiscal Sponsor	WSDOT Local Programs	WSDOT Local Programs	
Applicable Region	Washington State	National	National
Funding Cycle	One time for 2023One time for FFYs 24-26	Annually on a 5-year cycle	Annually on a 5-year cycle
Funds Available	Total funds allocated for WA cities and counties: \$75m over four years. • \$25m available for 2023 • Funds unallocated in 2023 will no longer be available for cities and counties. Instead, it will be sent to WSDOT for culvert case injunction corrections. • \$50m for FFYs 24-26 • Anticipated RFP to be released in spring 2023. Total additional funds allocated to tribal resiliency projects: \$25m for FFYs 23-26	 \$200m per fiscal year \$800m from additional congressional appropriations. No additional funds were appropriated in 2022. 	 \$65m in 2022 \$12m of additional funds for Indian Tribes in 2022 Future years anticipated to have similar funding levels.

Upcoming Deadlines	 Eligible sponsors on FBRB 2023-2025 ranked project list who are interested in 2023 funds must submit a brief email proposal to FBRB Chair Thomas Jameson by Dec. 1, 2022. 2023 funds must be obligated by Sept. 15, 2023. Timeline for FFYs 24-26 likely to be the same: Sept. 15, 2024. 	•	2023 applications due on Feb. 6, 2023.	•	2022 applications were due Aug. 15, 2022. Subsequent years may follow the same timeline as 2022. O RFP posted Jun. 14, 2022 O Applications due Aug. 15, 2022
Sponsor Eligibility	 Cities and Counties: Project must have a certified sponsor, have completed or will complete the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, and have or will certify proper right-of-way prior to the obligation date. Sponsor must be capable of advertising the project for construction within six weeks of funds being obligated. 	•	State governments/agencies Local governments (cities and counties) An Indian Tribe [§ 21203(a); 49 U.S.C. 6703(c)]	•	Institutions of higher education, Non-profits Commercial (for profit) organizations Small businesses U.S. territories State governments/agencies Local governments (cities and counties) Native American tribal governments
Additional Notes	 WDFW and WSDOT have held two information webinars for eligible city and county sponsors on the 2023-2025 ranked project list to gauge their interest in accepting PROTECT funds. 	•	The FBRB proposed they will not be advancing grant applications on behalf of project sponsors. WSDOT applying for culvert case injunction corrections.	•	The FBRB developed a project bundle proposal to submit to the 2022 grant round. Due to an administrative error, the proposal did not advance.



Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board - Policy Subcommittee Meeting

Date: November 10, 2022
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Location: Virtual Meeting

Meeting Purpose: For the Policy Subcommittee to continue discussions regarding the Board's role in

ongoing federal funding opportunities.

Policy Subcommittee Members: Chair Thomas Jameson, Carl Schroeder, Susan Eugenis, and Jeannie

Abbott Staff: Christy Rains

Meeting Resources: See accompanying Federal Funding Opportunities Reference Table.

FBRB Policy Subcommittee Recommendations Discussed with Board on November 15, 2022:

Near-term Opportunity - Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Costsaving Transportation (PROTECT) 2023 Funds:

- Funding Amount and Dates: \$25 million now available for obligation by September 15, 2023 to qualifying city and county projects. Any remaining 2023 funds not obligated to cities and counties will be used by WSDOT for culvert case injunction corrections.
- Project Selection Approach: City and county sponsors with project requests at or above \$1 million on the FBRB 2023-2025 ranked project list have been notified of this funding opportunity and have until Thursday, December 1, 2022 to submit a brief email proposal to FBRB Chair Thomas Jameson, WDFW, indicating their interest in pursuing PROTECT Funds.

Potential Discussion and Decisions for the Board (December 2022):

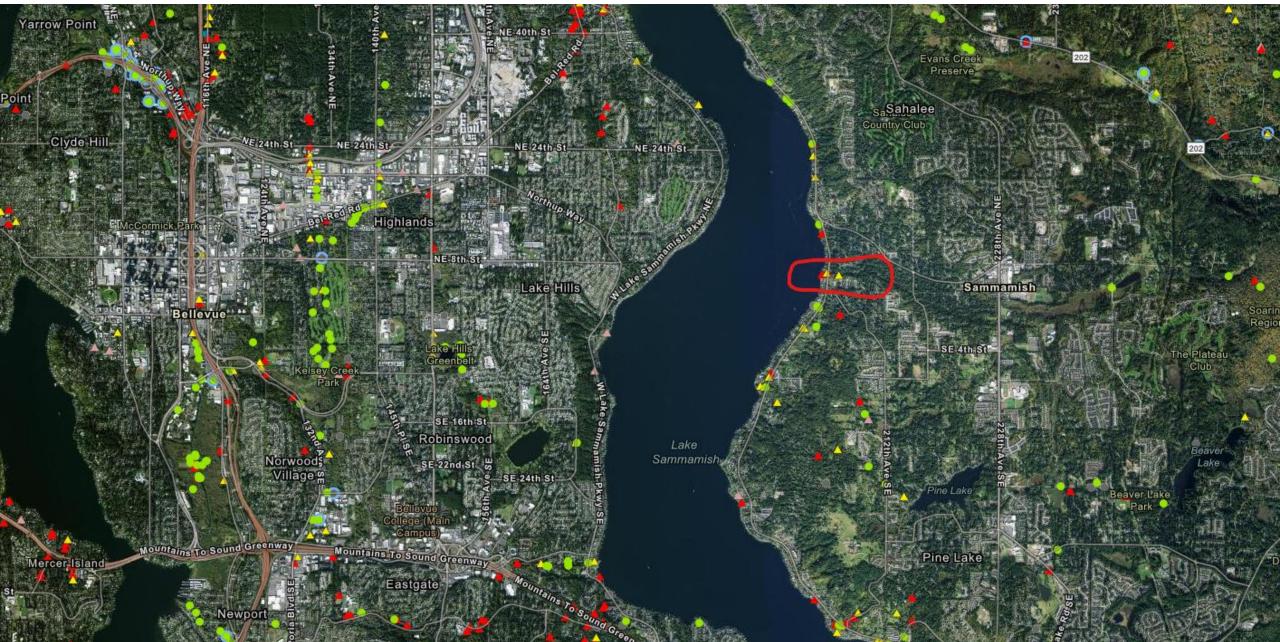
- Subcommittee Recommendation: If PROTECT funding requests from cities and counties are above \$25 million, the Board will vote on which projects receive PROTECT funds in 2023. The Subcommittee recommends selecting projects based on where they rank on the FBRB 2023-2025 ranked project list.
- If there is <u>less than \$25 million</u> of sponsor interest to use PROTECT funding, the Board can explore advancing smaller planning projects (typically under \$200 thousand versus those being considered at \$1 million and above).
- Potential Board Decision (December): A proposal was made at the November 15 FBRB meeting to remove projects advancing with PROTECT funds from the FBRB's 2023-2025 Capital request.
 - This Board decision would come after sponsors submit their PROTECT proposal to WDFW on December 1, 2022, and after the Governor's budget is released in mid-December 2022. This will enable sponsors to compare their rankings before deciding on which funding source they would like to proceed with.
 - Under this proposed path forward, projects agree to receive PROTECT funds would be removed from the FBRB's 2023-2025 Capital request and the sponsor would then work directly with the WSDOT Local Programs, the state fiscal sponsor for the PROTECT program.

Longer-term Opportunity - PROTECT Funds for Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2024-2026 Funds:

- **Funding Amount and Dates:** \$50m is available to be obligated to qualifying cities and counties in FFYs 2024-2026.
 - Subcommittee Recommendation for Potential Board Discussion and Decision (December and beyond): The Board can release an RFP in spring 2023 (anticipated between February and April) for cities and counties to receive PROTECT funds from WSDOT Local Programs.
 - Discussion Topics for Board:
 - Criteria for RFP and capacity for scoring.
 - Solicitation and review process for applicants in response to RFP.
 - Additional Suggestions for Board Consideration:
 - Following release of Governor's Budget (anticipated mid-December), the Board can consider advancing eligible alternates (i.e., projects below the funding line) to apply for PRTOECT funds through this RFP.
 - Encourage sponsors of design projects funded by the FBRB to apply to this RFP.

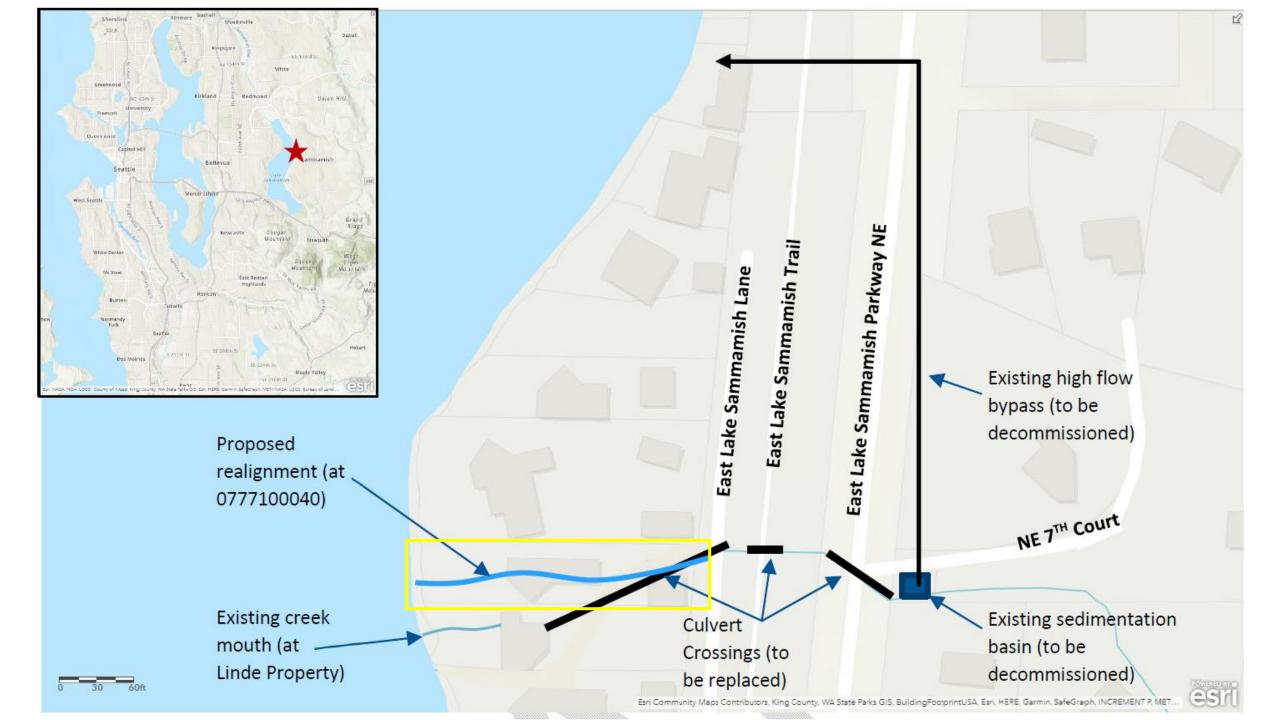


George Davis Creek Fish Passage Improvements



Current Fish Passage Barriers





920112-33% passable-County diversion dam





Stream along residence at 520 ELSP

Upstream of sediment ponds





September 2021

March 2022





Outlet of ELSP crossing

Inlet of King Co Trail crossing





Inlet ELS Shore Ln & outlet under residence









Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board - Upcoming Conferences v. November 2022

Association of Counties: County Leader Conference at Hyatt Regency Lake Washington in Renton, King County from November 14-16, 2022

- The County Leaders Conference hosted by the Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) brings together over 300 elected/appointed officials, and department heads from all of Washington's 39 counties for a 3-day event focused on networking, skills development, and collaborative learning related to county government.
- Please use the following link to register and view the preliminary agenda: <u>County Leaders | Working Together</u>

Salmon Recovery Conference: April 18-19, 2023 in Vancouver, WA.

- The Call for Abstracts went out on September 5, 2022 and closed on **October 28, 2022**. The Board submitted an abstract for a session at this conference.
 - o For this conference session, the FBRB, in partnership with project sponsors, will present information about the FBRB and then profile four significant fish passage projects funded through the grant program. The FBRB and project sponsors will provide an overview of the technical specifications for their projects, how those projects provide economic benefits, and advance us closer to a shared vision of healthy, abundant, and harvestable runs statewide. Additionally, they will review lessons learned to help inform future barrier removal projects aimed at making the state's waterways more passable for salmon and steelhead. Lastly, they will discuss current and future statewide planning and prioritization efforts.
- More information on the conference can be found here: <u>Salmon Recovery Conference Recreation</u> and <u>Conservation Office (wa.gov)</u>