

# Snoqualmie Wildlife Area

## Bird Dog Training Proposal



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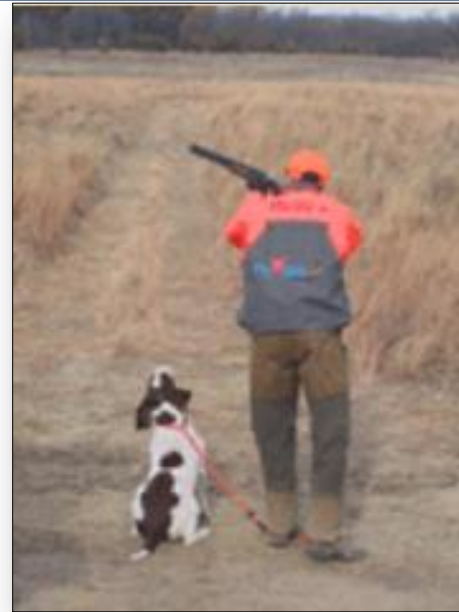
- Located in Region 4
- Fast-growing and highly populated areas in King and Snohomish counties
- Cherry Valley and Crescent Lake Units



	<b>Cherry Valley</b>	<b>Crescent Lake</b>
<b>Funding</b>	NPS Land and Water Conservation Fund, RCO	NPS Land and Water Conservation Fund
<b>Acquired</b>	1974	1974
<b>Acres</b>	386	360
<b>Wildlife</b>	Birds of prey, eagles, songbirds, upland birds, waterfowl, deer, small mammals, reptiles, amphibians, warm water fish	
<b>Activities</b>	Bird watching, hunting, wildlife viewing, dog training/trials, agriculture	

# Background

- Increased use and conflicts documented in '06 WLA plan
- Semi-rural areas near major population growth centers
- Prior to 2013, shared management of two WLAs
- Lack of oversight and resources
- Dedicated manager hired in 2013



# Management Improvements

- Salmon restoration
- Enhanced recreation opportunities - waterfowl and pheasant hunting, wildlife viewing
- Reintroduced agriculture
- Involved sports clubs and other volunteers
- Took steps to address conflicts



# 2014 efforts

- Designated training areas
  - Cherry Valley: 35 ac total, 15 during hunting season
  - Crescent Lake: 11.5 ac
- Posted signage about training areas and leash laws
- Provided consistent enforcement



# Training areas still of concern

- Staff and dog trainers met in 2015 to develop common plan
- Subgroup formed in 2016 to address dog training along with WLA planning process
- Developed draft proposal – February 2017





# Proposal

- Maintain Crescent Lake at 11.5 acres
- Expand Cherry Valley to 65 ac, 15 in hunting season
- Include volunteer plan for joint management
- Field trial permits
- Evaluate Stillwater unit in the future
- Subject to WLA plan approval





# WLA planning

- Sets 8-10 year vision
- Ensures lands are managed consistent with mission and funding obligations
- Identifies priority actions
- Includes public and stakeholder input
- Integrates fish, habitat and wildlife programs



# Next steps

## 2017

<b>March</b>	Collaborative development of volunteer plan Finalize draft WLA plan for public review
<b>April</b>	WAAC review of draft WLA plan
<b>July</b>	Final WLA plan approved

## 2018/19 and beyond

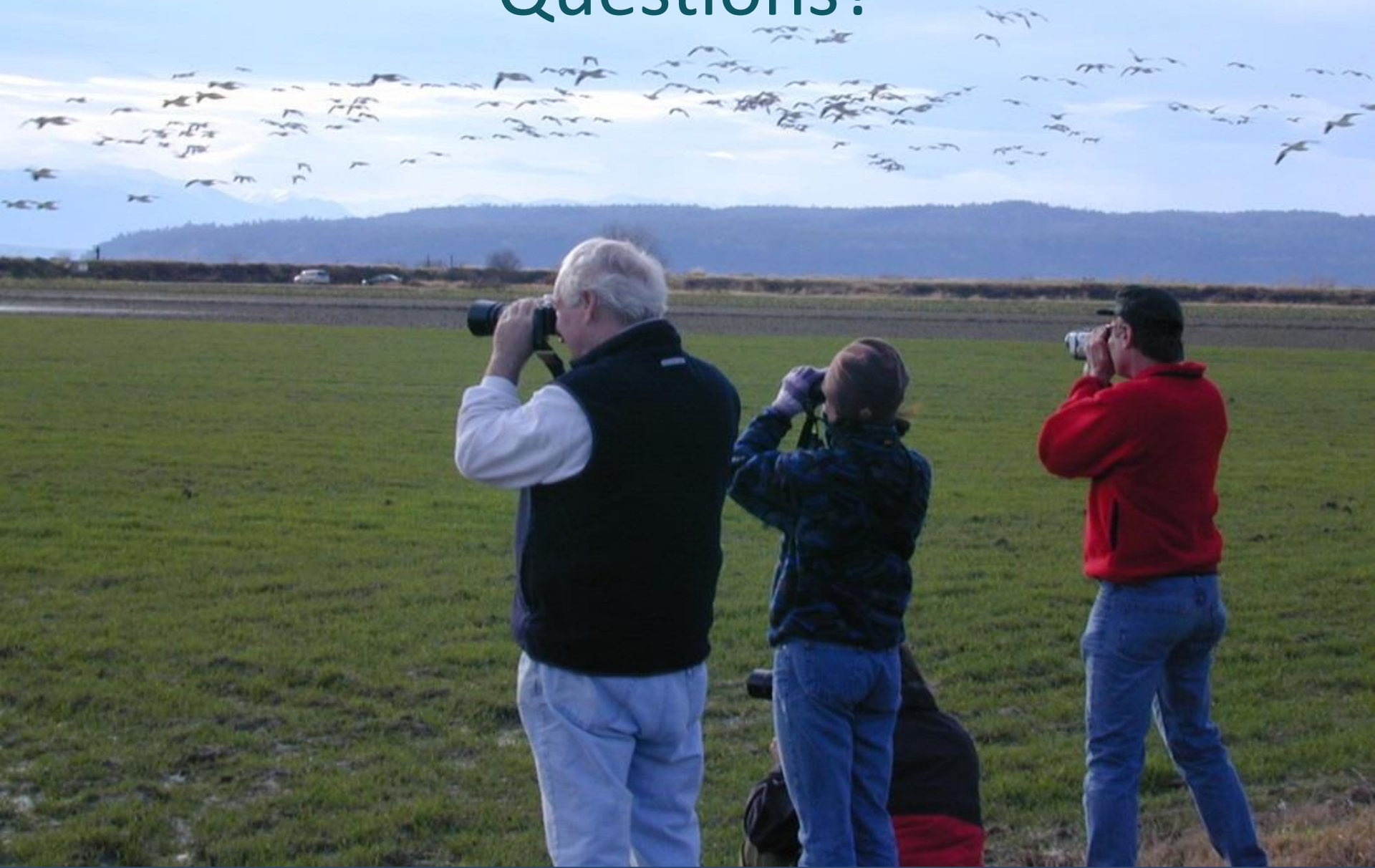
- Evaluate Stillwater unit for dog training
- Review and update WLA plan every two years

# Statewide application

- Statewide recreation planning
- Review regulations and update pamphlet
- Focused efforts in other WLAs - Wenas, Skagit



# Questions?





# Rules and regulations

Topic	WAC
Bird dog training season	232-28-342
Use of game birds	232-12-044
Pets, unleashed dogs	232-13-030 232-13-180
Field trials	232-12-041
Required licenses	232-12-114