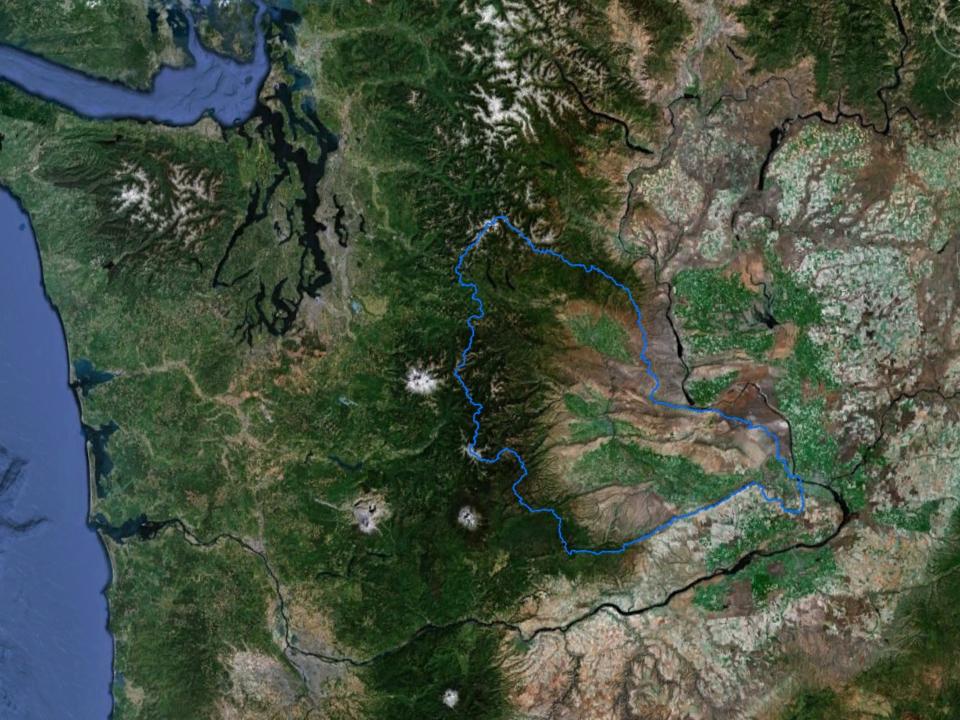
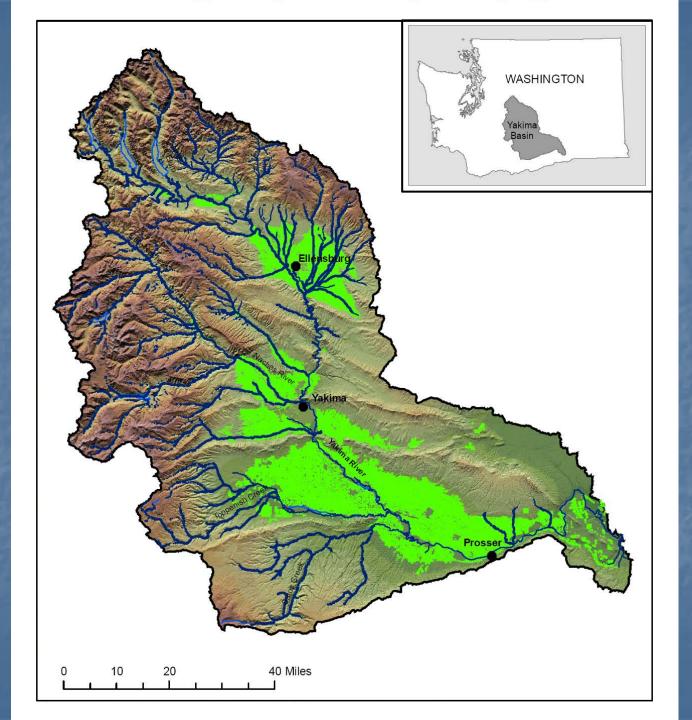
## **HABITAT Overview**



Presented by Alex Conley, Executive Director Yakima Basin Fish & Wildlife Recovery Board













## Historic Salmon Runs

Species/Run	Low Estimate	High Estimate	Current Status	Low	Year	High	Year
Spring Chinook	200,000	500,000	Supplemented Population	666	1995	21,472	2001
Fall Chinook	38,000	100,000	Supplemented Population	523	1988	13,000	2002
Summer Chinook	??	??	Extirpated				
Coho	40,000	150,000	Extirpated and reintroduced		till 93	9,091	2009
Sockeye	100,000	600,000	Extirpated				
Steelhead	30,000	100,000	Wild Population	721	1990	6,796	2009
Total	408,000	1,450,000		1,910	900	50,359	
THE PERSON							
Bull Trout	??	??	Wild Population			2500 to 3000 adults	
Lamprey	??	??	Wild Population			0 to 87 adults	4 47

## **Habitat Priorities**

94 In-basin Actions Identified, focusing on:

- Passage & screening in key tributaries
- Instream flows and habitat improvements in key tributaries
- Mainstem floodplain improvement in priority reaches
- Improved mainstem flow conditions

## 2009 YAKIMA STEELHEAD RECOVERY PLAN

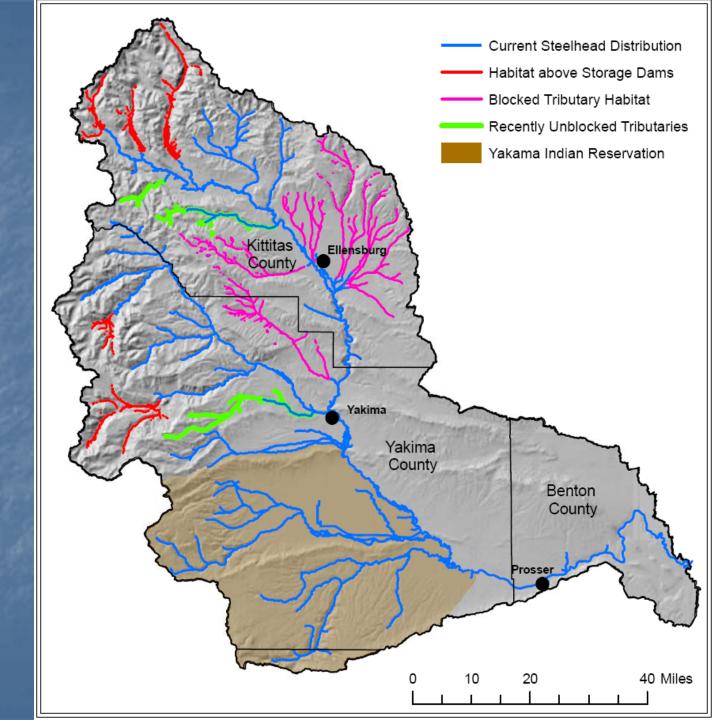
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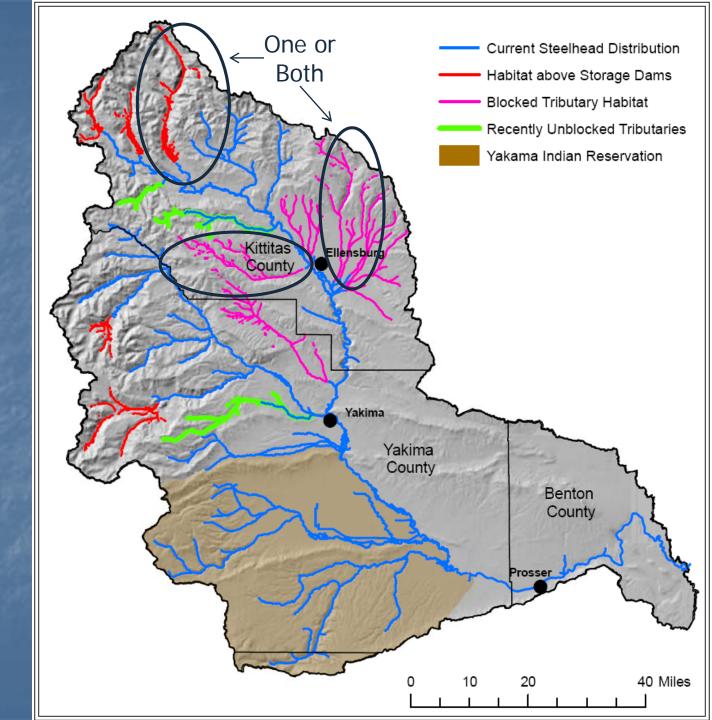
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# Tributary Passage & Screening

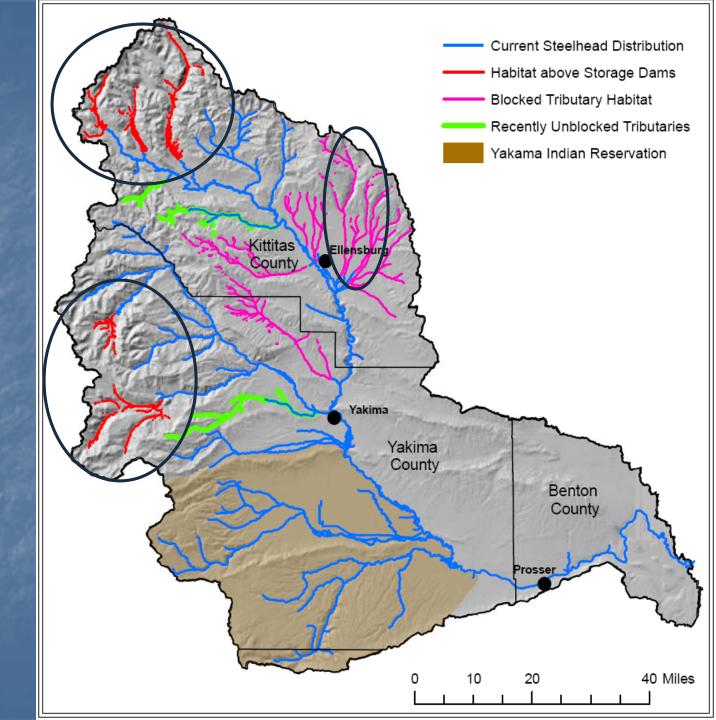


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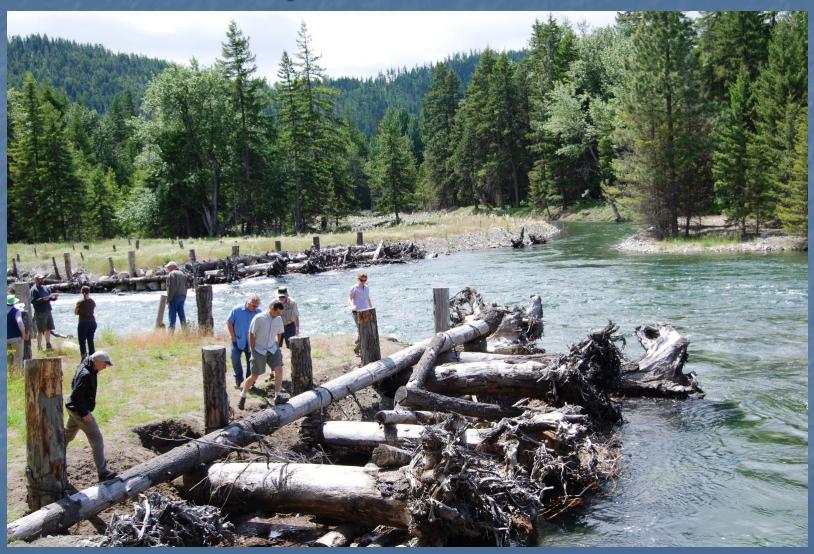


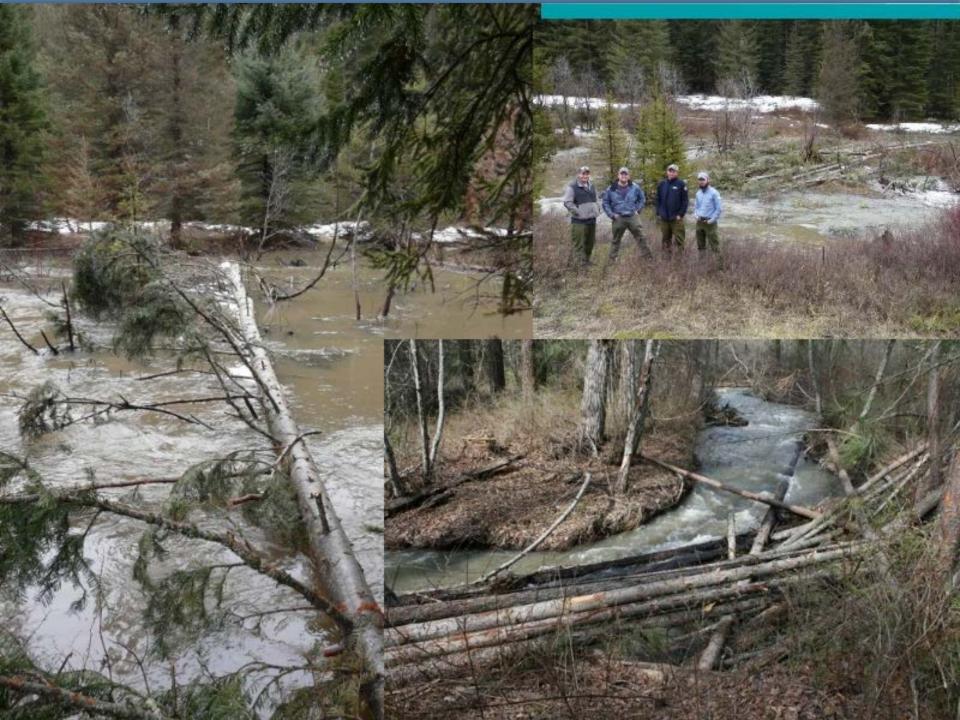


Integrated Plan Passage Priorities



## Tributary Habitat & Flow



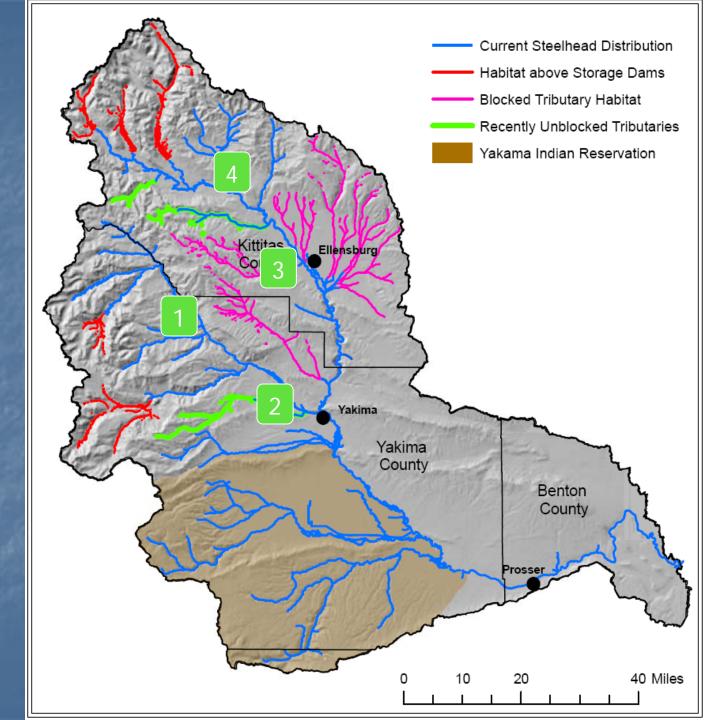






#### Triubutary Instream Flow Projects:

- 1. Nile
- 2. Cowiche
- 3. Manastash
- 4. Teanaway



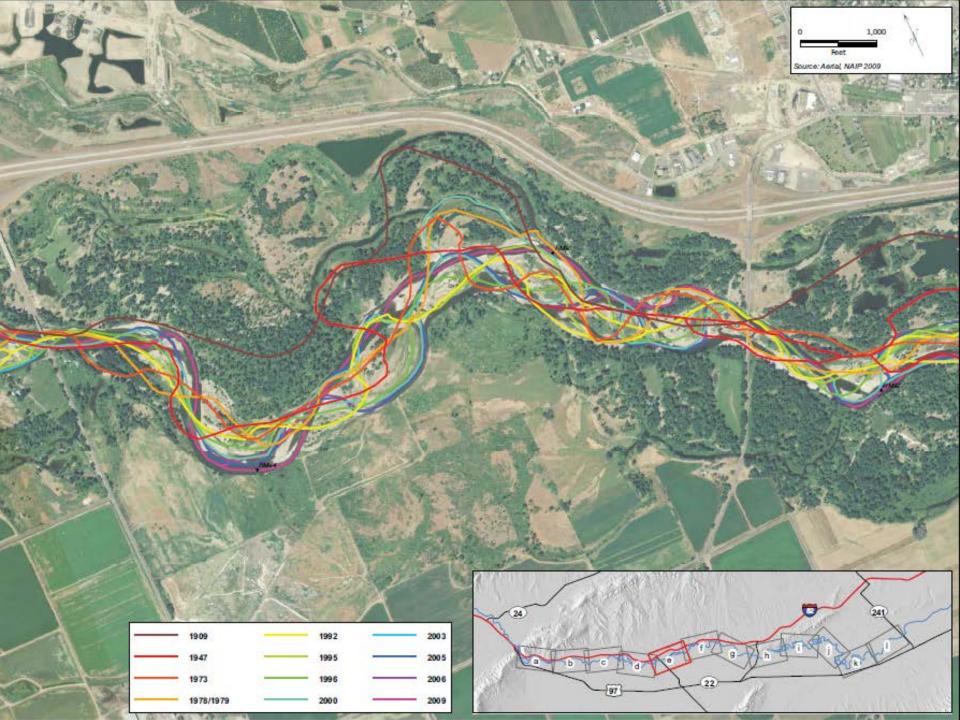
## Mainstem Floodplains

- More past- and current- active floodplains than any other interior Columbia system
- Active efforts to protect & enhance floodplains underway
- Scale and complexity of work requires new capacity and funding

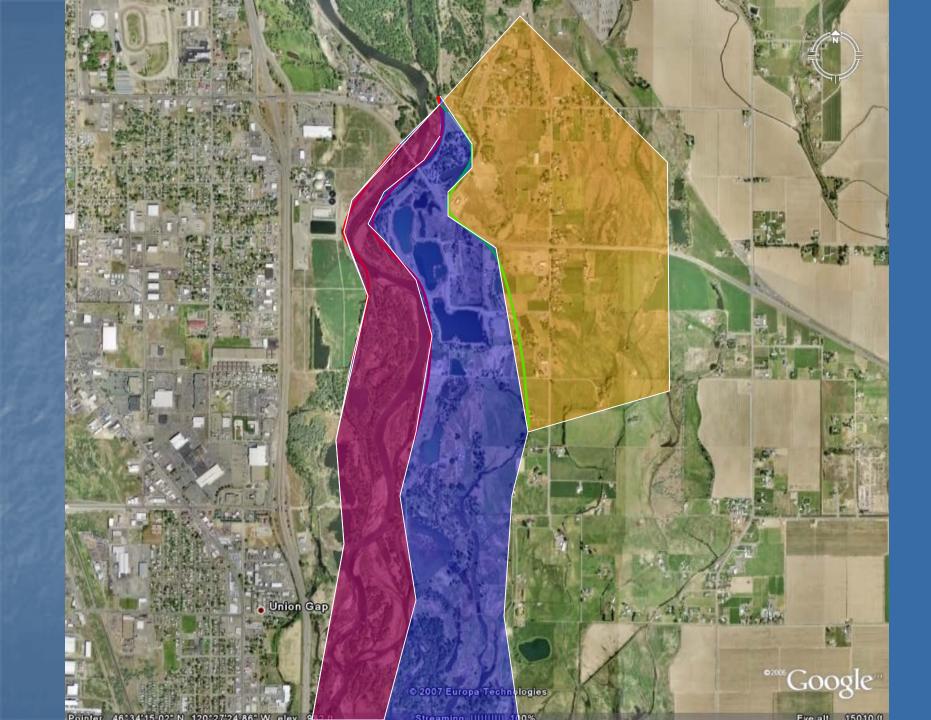




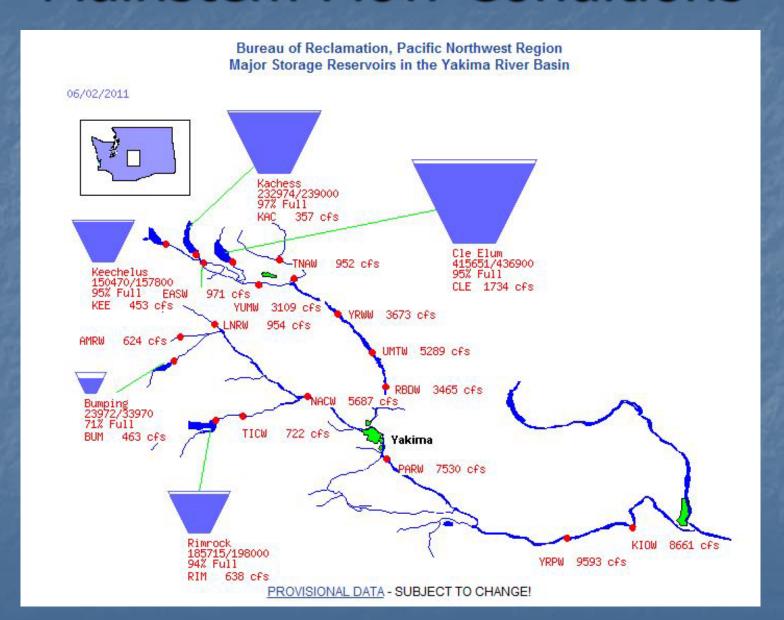






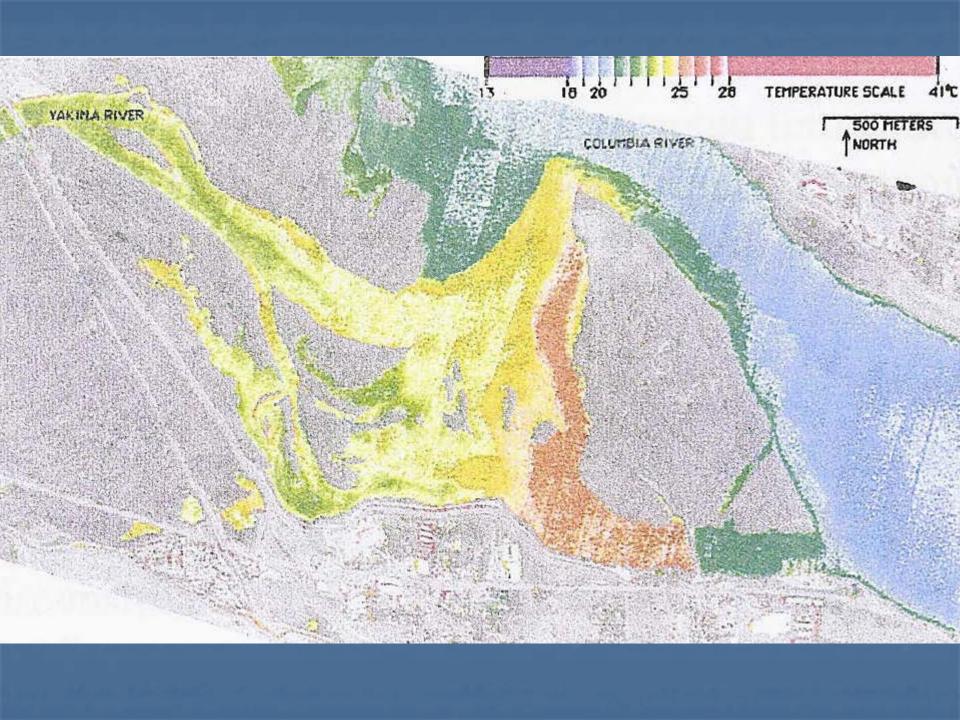


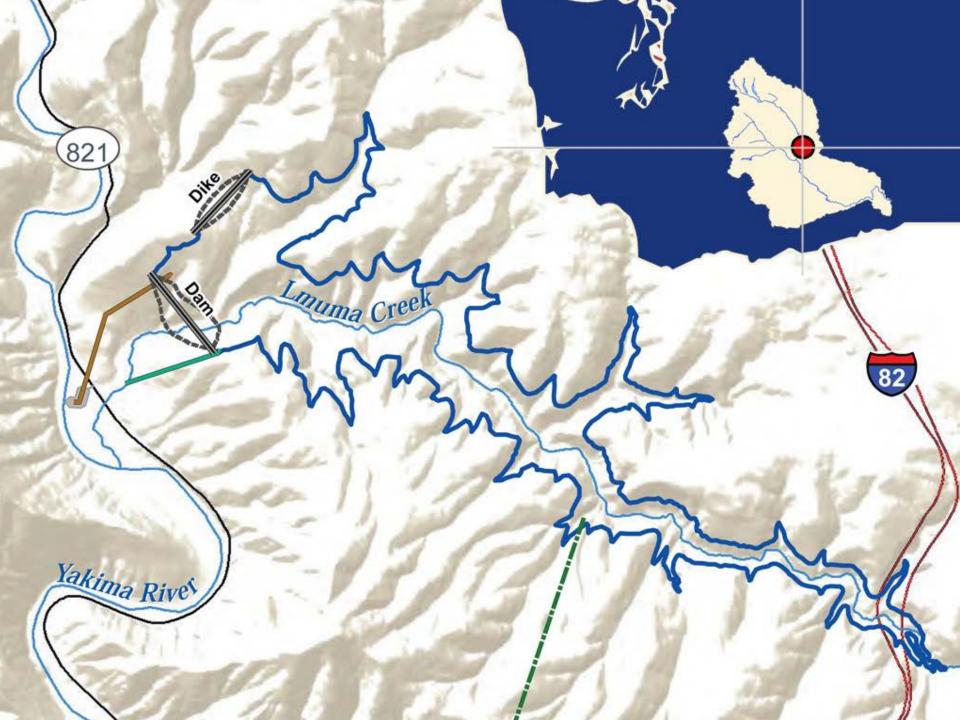
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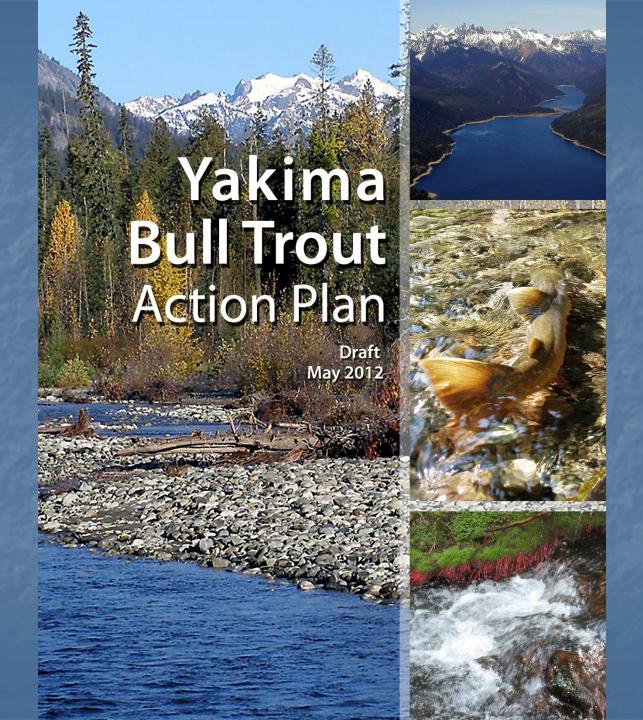






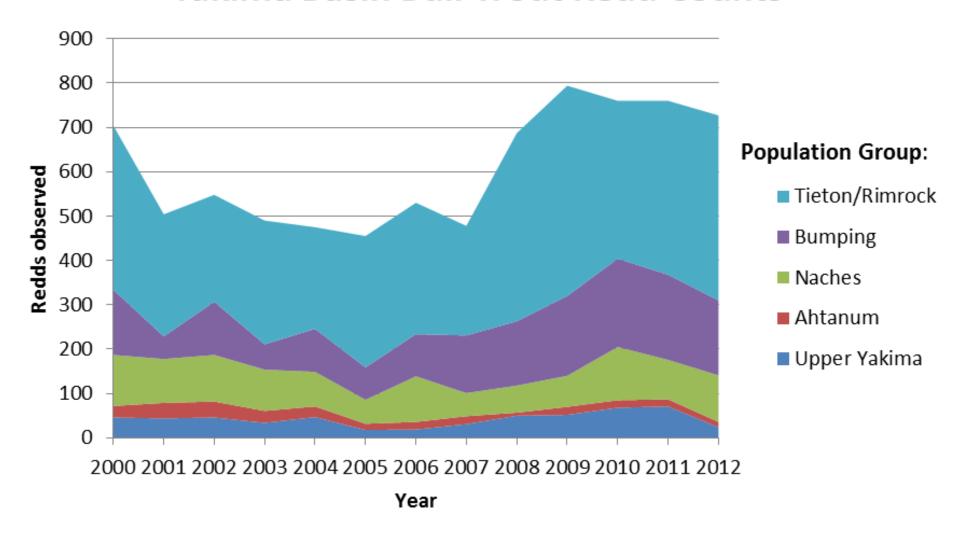








#### **Yakima Basin Bull Trout Redd Counts**



## Habitat Funding Summary

<u>Program</u>	<u>Amount</u>		
BPA (Habitat only)		4,000,000	
YRBWEP (25% budget)	\$	2,125,000	
SRFB	\$	1,500,000	
Other (at 20% of total)	\$	1,525,000	
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$	9,150,000	

## What we've got to work with...

- \$10 million/yr to work with
- Total of ~50 FTEs to manage habitat work
- Spread over ~22 organizations
- Completing 25-35 projects/year
- Average of 1.5 FTEs and \$300,000/project
- At \$60k/each, FTEs = 30% of habitat total

## Challenges

- Limited funding & capacity
- Balancing opportunity & priorities
- Understanding links between habitat projects and fish production
- Show goals and progress towards them

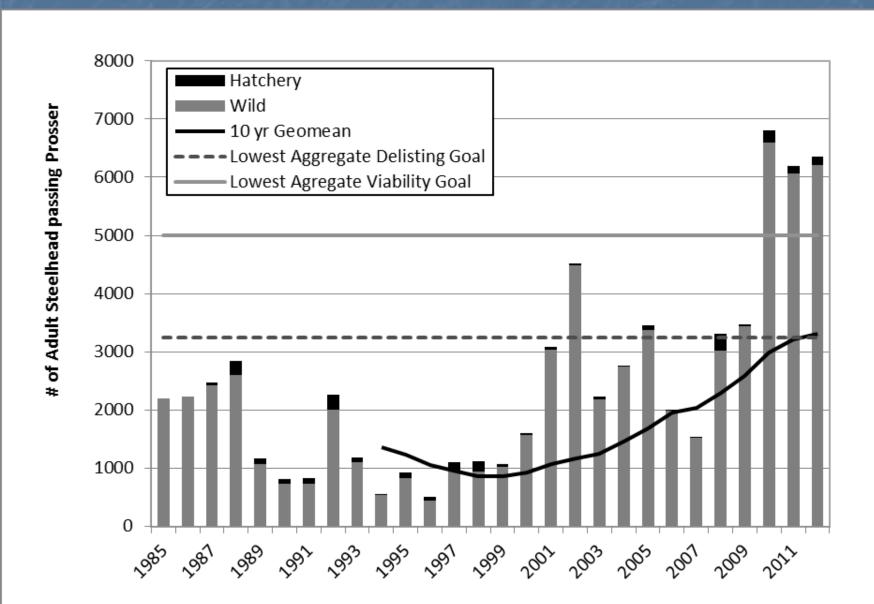
## **Actions Update**

- Update 2009 Steelhead Plan Actions
- Add BTAP Actions
- Add other species actions?
- Show links between actions & projects
- Prioritize next steps for key actions

### Habitat RME Plan

- Habitat defined to include flow ?s
- Link to NOAA Threats Criteria
- Currently inventorying existing monitoring
- Will convene planning team to review existing work, specify priority monitoring questions and id key gaps
- Goal is to complete by 2014

## Where is it all getting us?



## DELISTING STEELHEAD: We can get there

- Recovery Actions are being implemented
- Monitoring is in place for VSP parameters
- Steelhead are approaching biological goals
- Work underway to assess progress towards meeting Threats criteria

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