

Aquatic Lands HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN

Board of Natural Resources

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Presentation Overview

- What is an HCP?
- How the HCP meets DNR's goals?
- Planning Area
- HCP overview
- Next Steps



Fisherman Terminal, Port of Seattle



What is an HCP?

- Negotiated agreement with US Fish & Wildlife Services & NOAA Fisheries (Federal Services)
- Addresses impacts to listed and sensitive species.
- Describes DNR's commitment to avoid, minimize and compensate for harm to species.
- Basis for an Incidental Take Permit from the Federal Services.



Aquatic Lands HCP

Consistent with DNR's Management Guidelines defined in **RCW 79.105.030**



Meets DNR's management goals in the **2014-17 Strategic Plan** for stronger stewardship emphasis



HCP Planning Area

≈ 2.6 million acres of state-owned aquatic lands:

Nearshore 30%



Rivers 10%



Lakes 5%



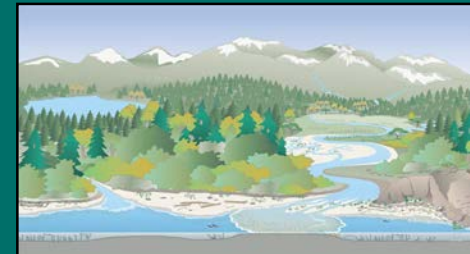
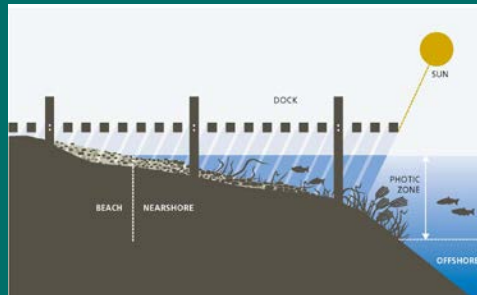
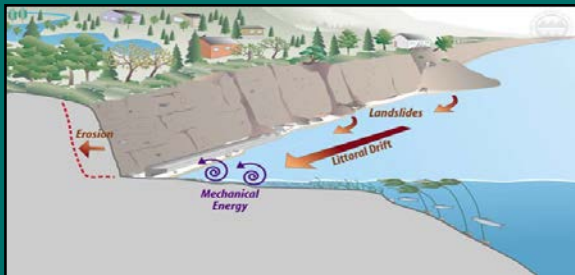
Offshore 55%



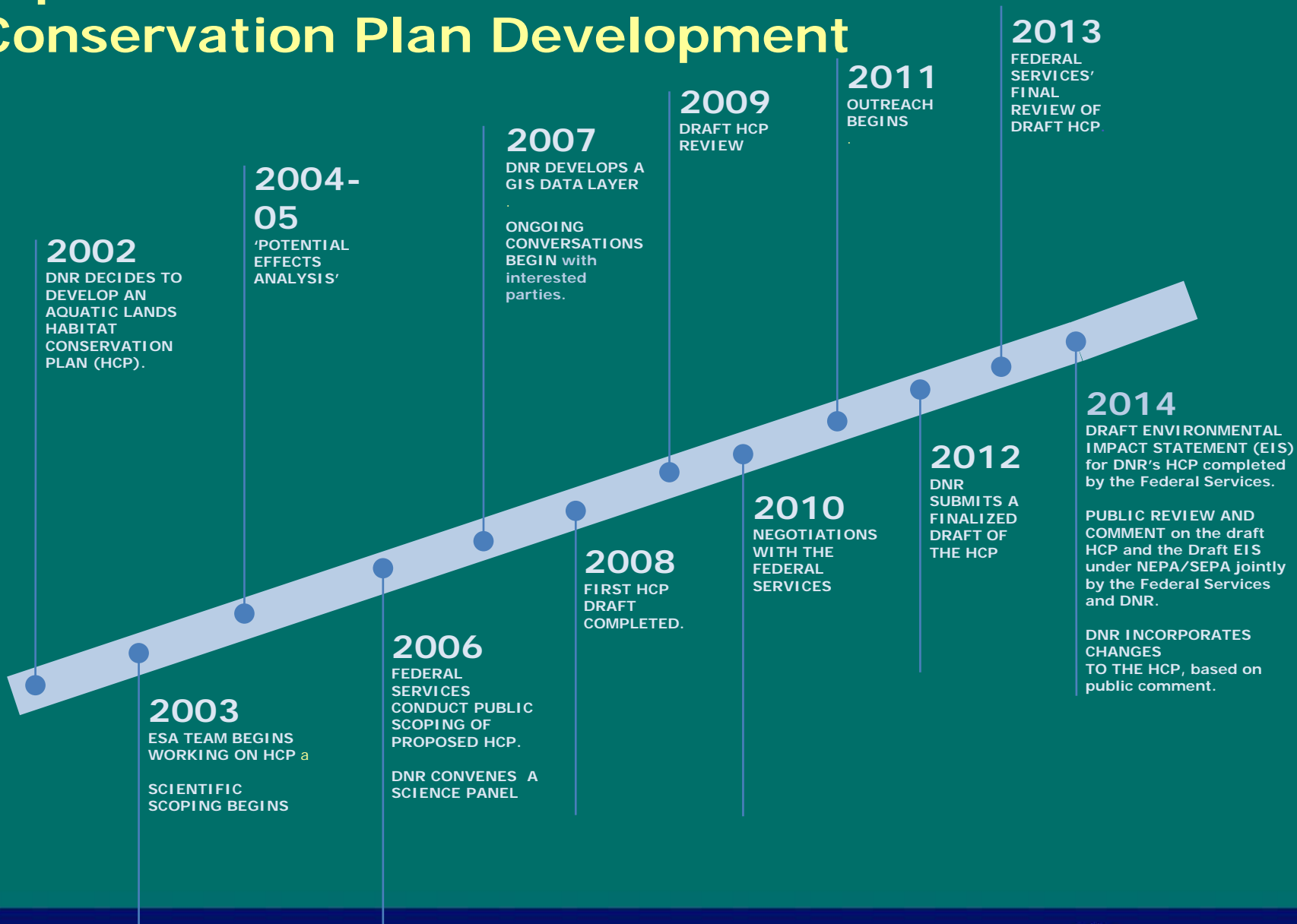
Aquatic Lands HCP Focus

Avoid and minimize:

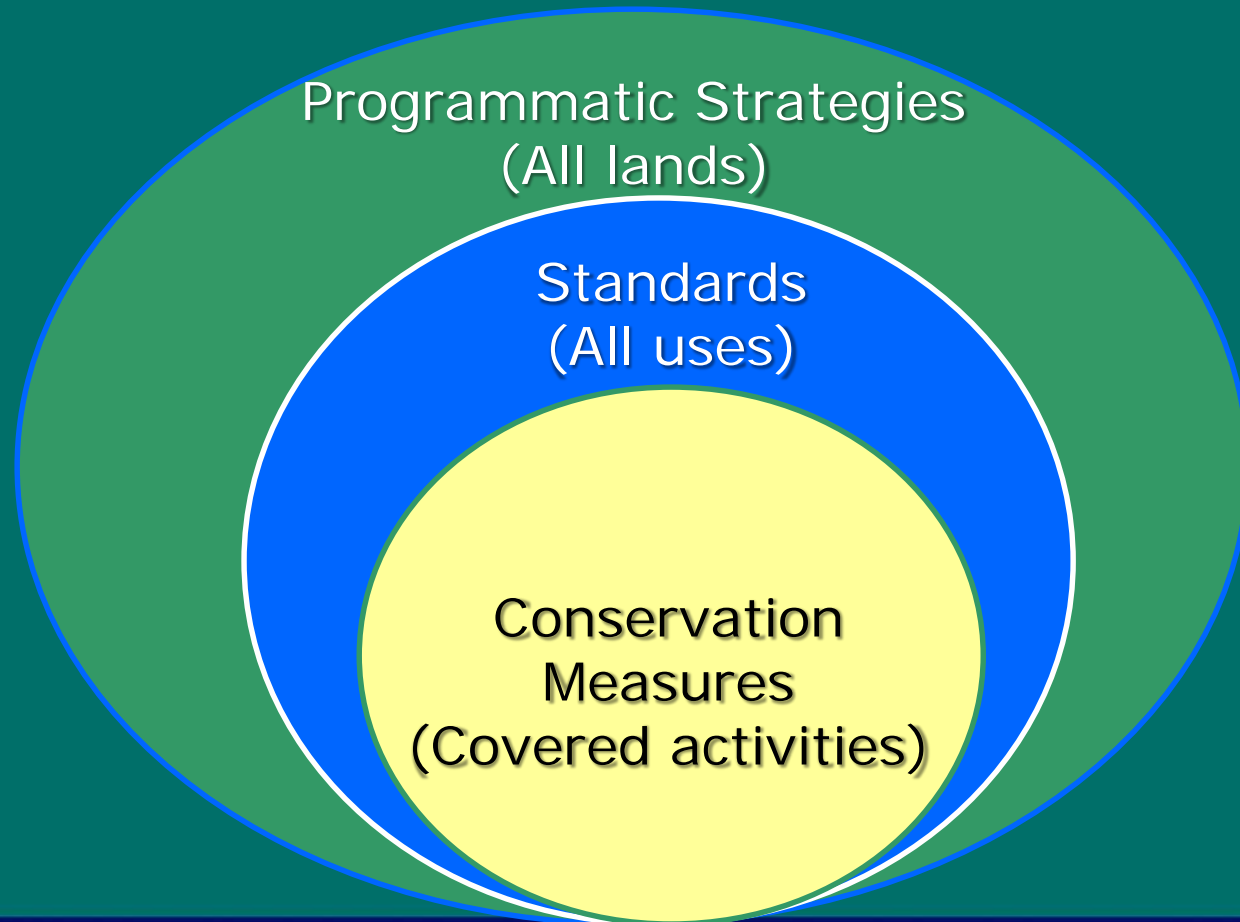
- Alteration of habitat forming processes
- Impacts to water and sediment quality
- Loss of physical habitat
- Disturbance or displacement of species



Aquatic Lands Habitat Conservation Plan Development



HCP Operating Conservation Program



HCP Covered Activities



- Log booming and storage



- Shellfish Aquaculture



- Overwater structures



HCP Covered Species



Amphibians (4) - Columbia spotted frog, Northern leopard frog, Oregon spotted frog, Western toad,

Reptile (1) - Pacific pond turtle



Fish (18) - Bull trout, Chinook, Chum, Coastal cutthroat trout, Coho, Pink, Sockeye/Kokanee, Steelhead, Green & White sturgeon, Bocaccio, Canary & Yelloweye rockfish, Eulachon, Pacific herring, Pacific sand lance, Surf smelt, Pacific lamprey



Birds (5) - Black tern, Common loon, Harlequin duck, Marbled murrelet, Western snowy plover



Marine Mammal – Southern resident orca



Where do we go from here?

Sept. 5, 2014

BEGIN 90-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD on DNR's HCP and the Draft EIS evaluating impacts and alternatives.

Dec. 4, 2014

CLOSE OF 90-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

Summer 2015

PUBLIC COMMENTS REVIEWED AND INCORPORATED INTO FINAL DOCUMENTS.

Washington DNR prepares final HCP, based on public comments. The Services prepare a Final EIS; issue Biological Opinions on adequacy of species protections in the HCP.

Early Fall 2015

30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD on Final EIS, Biological Opinions and HCP documents. Review with BNR.

Late Fall 2015

SERVICES COMPLETE THEIR DECISION DOCUMENTS.

Biological Opinion Finalized; NEPA Record of Decision; HCP Section 10 Findings.

Winter 2015-16

INCIDENTAL TAKE PERMIT DECISIONS MADE BY THE SERVICES.



Additional Information on the HCP can be found at:

www.dnr.wa.gov/aquatichcp

