



Puyallup White River Local Integrating Organization

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Puget Sound Partnership framework for recovering Puget Sound:



- Ecosystem Coordination Board
- Leadership Council
- Salmon Recovery Council
- Science Panel
- Strategic Initiatives:



- 2018-2023 Action Agenda for Puget Sound
 - Near Term Actions
- Local Integrating Organizations

What are Local Integrating Organizations?

- Nine local forums that meet regularly to collaboratively develop, coordinate, and implement strategies and actions that contribute to the protection and recovery of the local ecosystem.
- Each LIO updates their 5-year Ecosystem Recovery Plan outlining specific strategies and actions to guide local ecosystem recovery and advises regional scale recovery.
- Recognized as the local expert bodies for ecosystem recovery.
- LIO structure may differ as a result of the needs of the specific geography, yet most have an executive committee and a technical committee.
- Members may include elected officials, tribal staff, city and county government staff, non-profit organizations, land trusts and conservation districts, marine resource committees, local businesses, interest groups, citizens, and educational organizations.
- LIOs coordinate with local salmon recovery bodies and other ecosystem recovery entities to align local priorities and goals.
- The Puget Sound Partnership supports LIOs through capacity funding, resources, and liaison support via Ecosystem Recovery Coordinators (Puget Sound Partnership Staff)

And then there were ten...

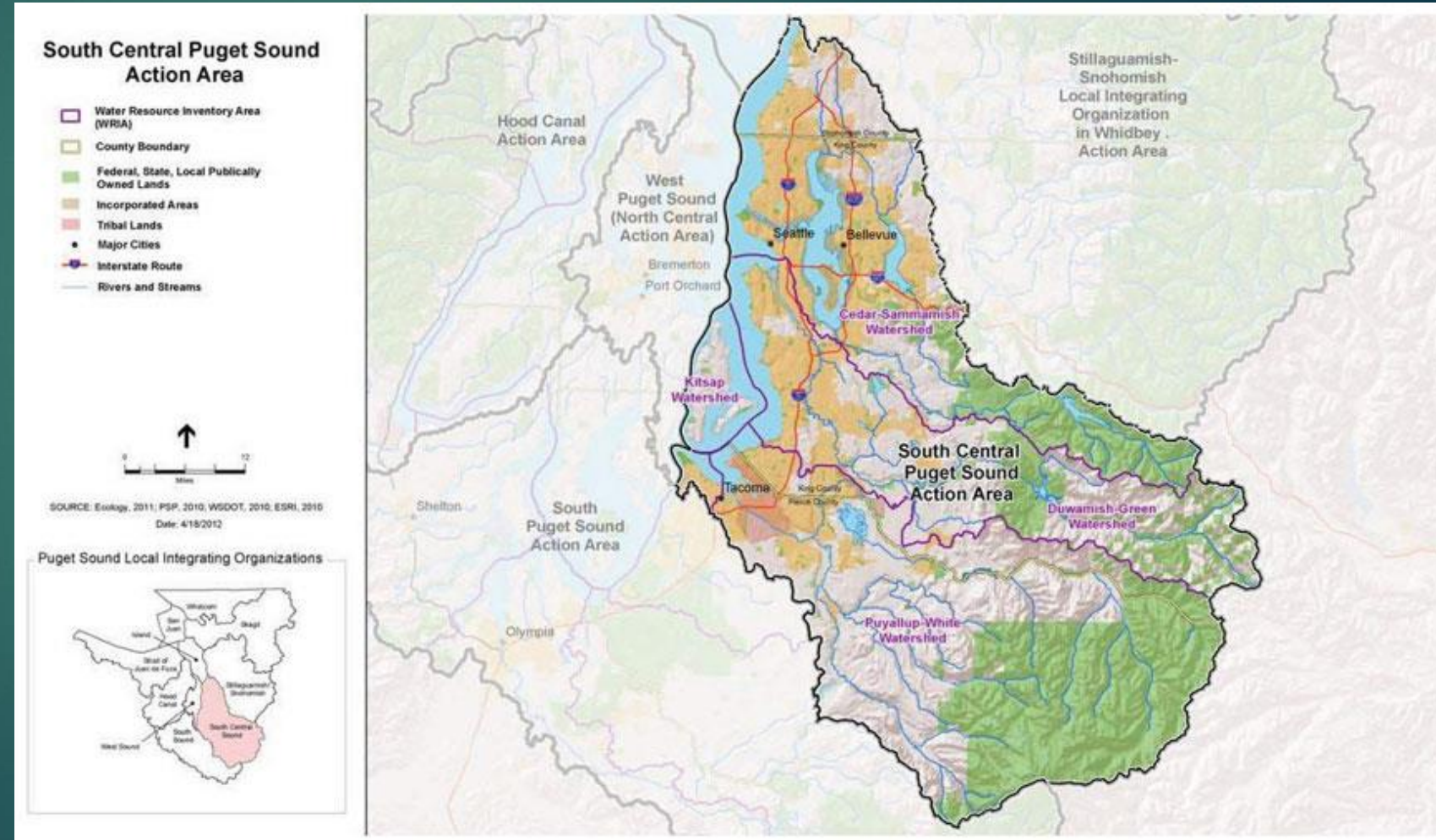


Why create a new LIO?

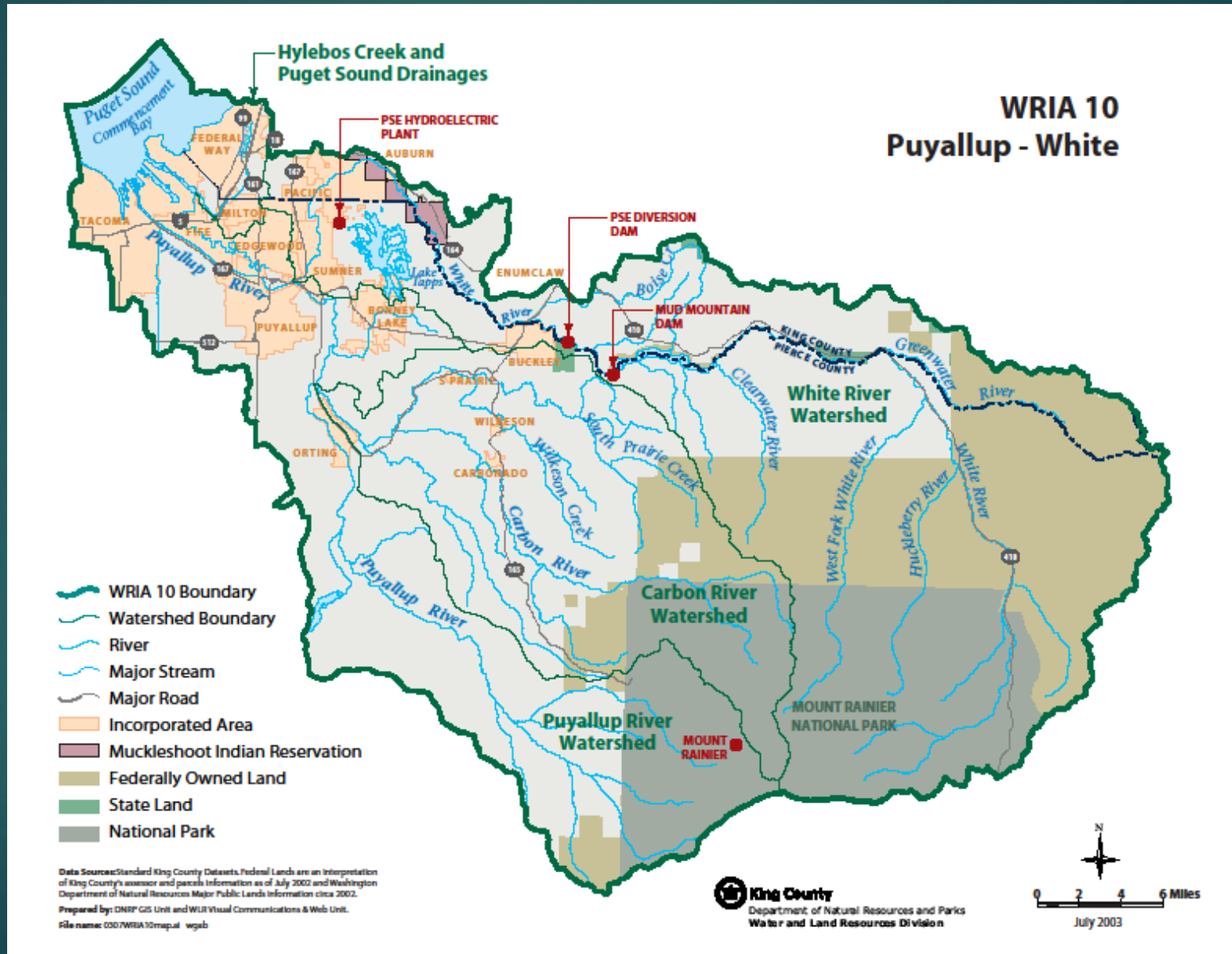
South Central LIO:

A few reasons:

- Three Counties
- Three Watersheds
- 2.5 Million people
- 150+ jurisdictions
- Too big, too complex
- WRIA 10 deserves more attention!

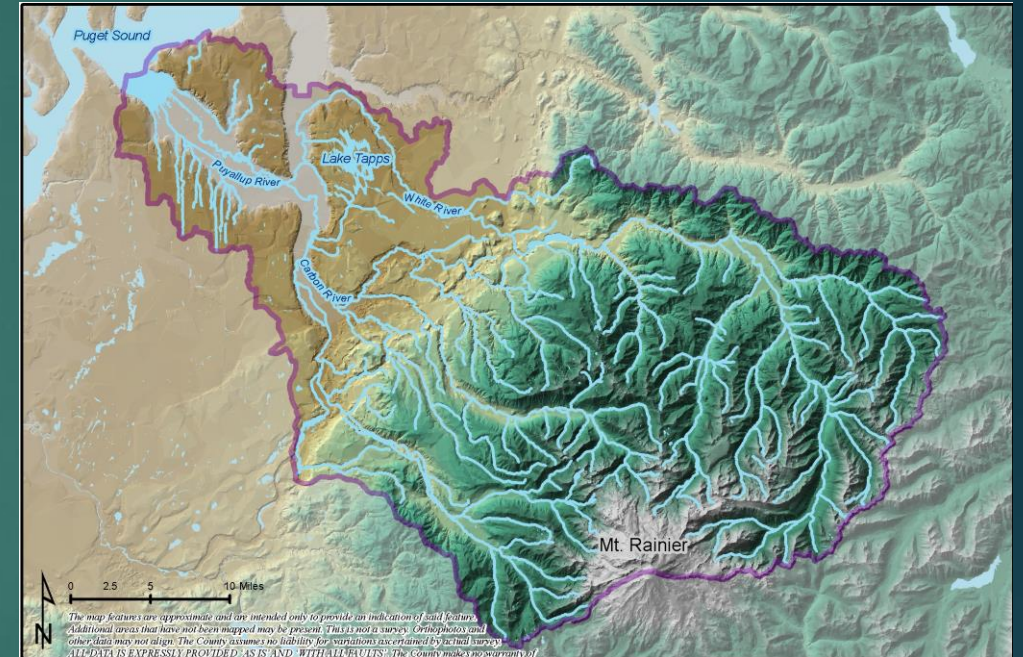


WRIA 10 is a Very Special Watershed!



More reasons why:

- ▶ The Puyallup is unique, not just in Washington but nationwide
- ▶ Working at a watershed scale is the most effective way to restore and preserve our watershed
- ▶ A chance to give PRWC the infrastructure it needs to grow and become more effective
- ▶ We have all the right people/organizations to do this well
- ▶ It will put the Puyallup into a framework that can leverage additional Local, State, and Federal dollars
- ▶ One of the fastest growing regions in the country
- ▶ King County/SCLIO Chair proposed the split of the LIO along watershed lines 2 years ago, and this is our response.



Puyallup River Watershed Council



- ▶ **Mission:** The Puyallup River Watershed Council (PRWC) works to restore, protect and enhance the environmental, economic, and cultural health of our watershed, from Mount Rainier to Commencement Bay. We are citizens and representatives of businesses, governments, and other groups working together to achieve clean water, healthy habitats, and thriving communities.
- ▶ **PRWC History:** formed in 1996, incorporated in 2012 as an IRS 501c3 nonprofit organization.
- ▶ **Board of Directors** serve 3 year terms. Council participation is open to all!
- ▶ www.theprwc.org

2018 Pilot Period Accomplishments:

- ▶ 14 total meetings
- ▶ Brought new people to the table
- ▶ 23 local Near Term Actions were submitted to the Action Agenda
- ▶ PRWC submitted a 2018 NTA to support our next steps
- ▶ Pierce County secured \$30,000 to support the Ecosystem Recovery Plan



Puyallup White River LIO Partners



What's next for 2019?

- ▶ **Administration:** Take care of new LIO logistics – 1st Quarter 2019
 - ▶ Contracts with Puget Sound Partnership
 - ▶ Agreements with funding partners
 - ▶ Set meeting frequency and schedule – held in and around our watershed!
- ▶ *Update and Implement **Stakeholder Outreach Plan*** – Q1-2, 2019
- ▶ *Develop a **Scope of Work*** for creating an Ecosystem Recovery Plan for WRIA 10, a requirement of being an LIO. 1st Quarter 2019
- ▶ *Contract with consultant* to assist us in developing an **Ecosystem Recovery Plan** (ERP) – Q2-4, 2019
- ▶ *Coordinate with **Lead Entity on salmon recovery chapter of ERP*** and, to extent willing, other chapters.

And beyond 2019?

- ▶ Seek additional funding to support LIO and implementation of ERP
- ▶ Increase stakeholder participation through ongoing outreach
- ▶ Implement Ecosystem Recovery Plan with LIO partners and local watershed jurisdictions
- ▶ Seek funding for Near Term Actions in the watershed
- ▶ Incorporate new ERP into future Action Agenda
- ▶ Participate in PSP's Puget Sound Recovery efforts and LIO coordination meetings

How would the Citizens Advisory Committee like to be kept informed and engaged?

Get on the PRWC or PWR-LIO Email contact lists for meeting notifications and updates.

Website: <https://www.piercecountywa.gov/1868/Puyallup-River-Watershed-Council>

or www.theprwc.org

PRWC is on Facebook!

How else can we coordinate? Your ideas welcome!

What Questions or Concerns Come to Mind?

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