



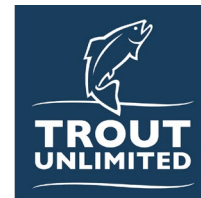
Swimming Upstream: The Quest for Clean Water



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Topics -

- **Trout Unlimited (TU) Overview**
 - Who are we and what do we do?
- **Washington TU**
 - Priorities and Focus Areas
- **Pacific Salmon and Trout**
 - How do these fish and their rivers connect to us?
 - Meeting people where they are
- **Current Work in the Puyallup Watershed & Puget Sound**
 - Landscape-scale Restoration in Snoquera
 - 6PPD-q Legislation
- **Future Opportunities**
 - Let us know how we can help!

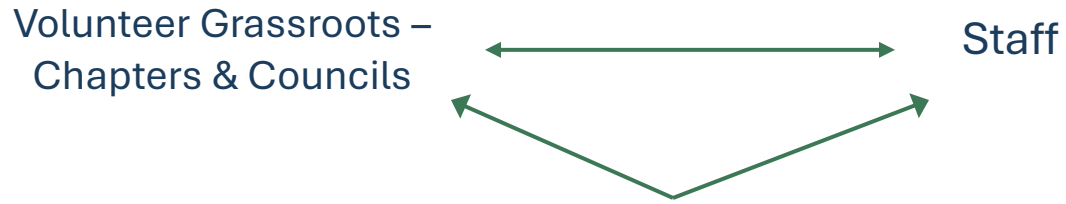
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Trout Unlimited

Organization Description & Overview

- **Nationwide 501(c)3 non-profit**
- **Largest coldwater conservation organization in North America (ca. 1959) –**
 - **Over 300,000 members nationwide**
 - 400+ local chapters
 - 700,000 volunteer hours every year
 - **300+ full-time staff**
 - Conservation
 - Science
 - Policy
 - Advocacy
- **Mission & Goals –**
 - Steward local rivers and streams to aid in recovery of salmon & trout populations.
 - **Protect, Restore, Reconnect, Sustain**
 - Fostering partnerships and leveraging capacity to create long-term solutions to conservation issues.



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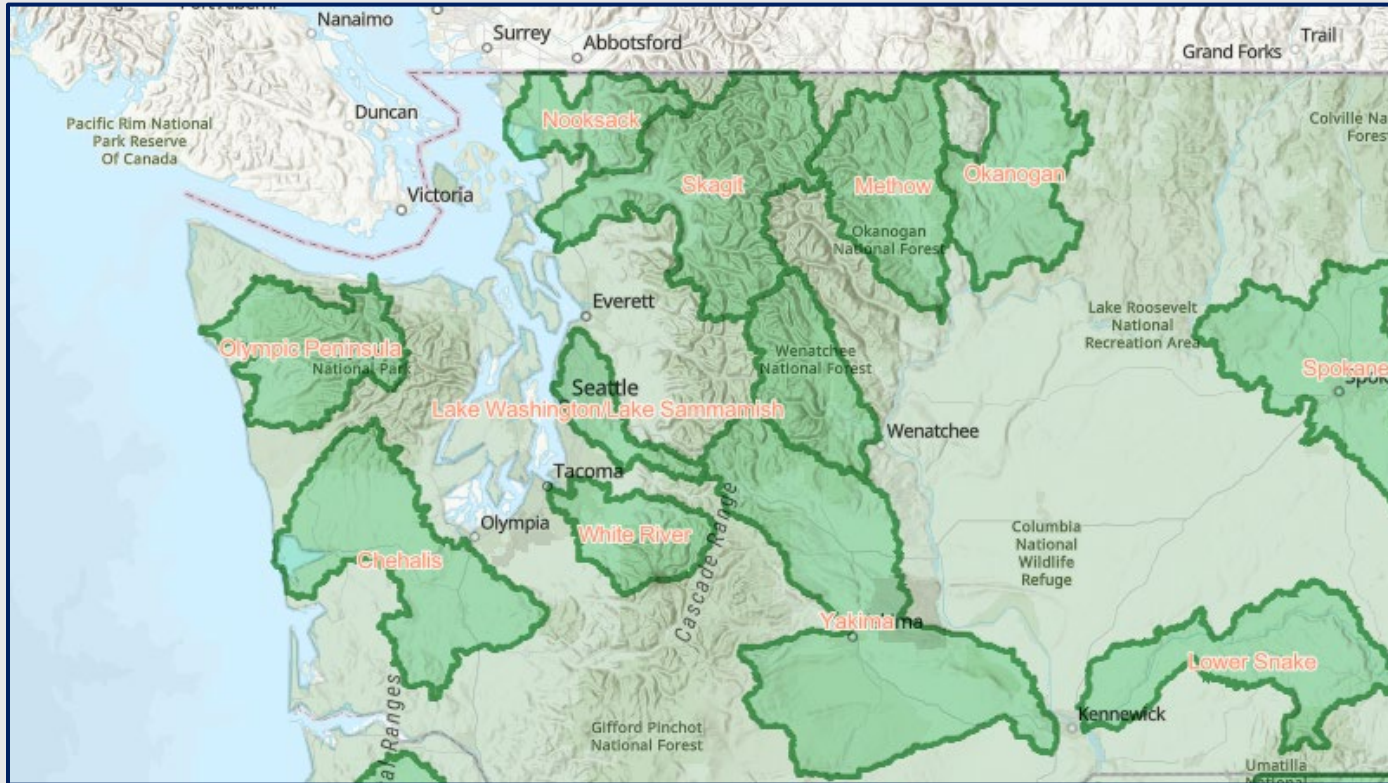
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Washington TU

Statewide Priorities & Focus Areas

- 25+ Full-time staff
- 12 “Priority Waters” – focal basins
- 9 regional restoration programs



- Conservation
 - All types of projects - big & small!
 - From local reach-scale restoration to national water priorities.
- Science
 - All-H integration to fisheries management
 - Habitat, Hydropower, Hatcheries, & Harvest
- Policy
 - Streamlining regulatory pathways
 - Water Law & Policy
 - Yakima Basin Integrated Plan (YBIP)
 - Dept. of Ecology Water Resources YBIP Funding Program
- Advocacy
 - Consistent & increased funding for salmon recovery & habitat restoration budget allocations.
 - Support for state agencies that help watershed cooperators & managers achieve recovery outcomes.
 - Support or oppose legislation re: water quality, habitat degradation, & recover native fish populations.

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Pacific Salmon & Trout

How do these fish & their rivers connect to us?

- Salmon are a keystone species.
- Salmon and trout are woven into Washington's cultural fabric –
 - Iconic emblem – State Fish (steelhead)
 - Economy – Commercial & recreational fisheries
 - Local celebrations & festivals
 - Indigenous groups & tribes



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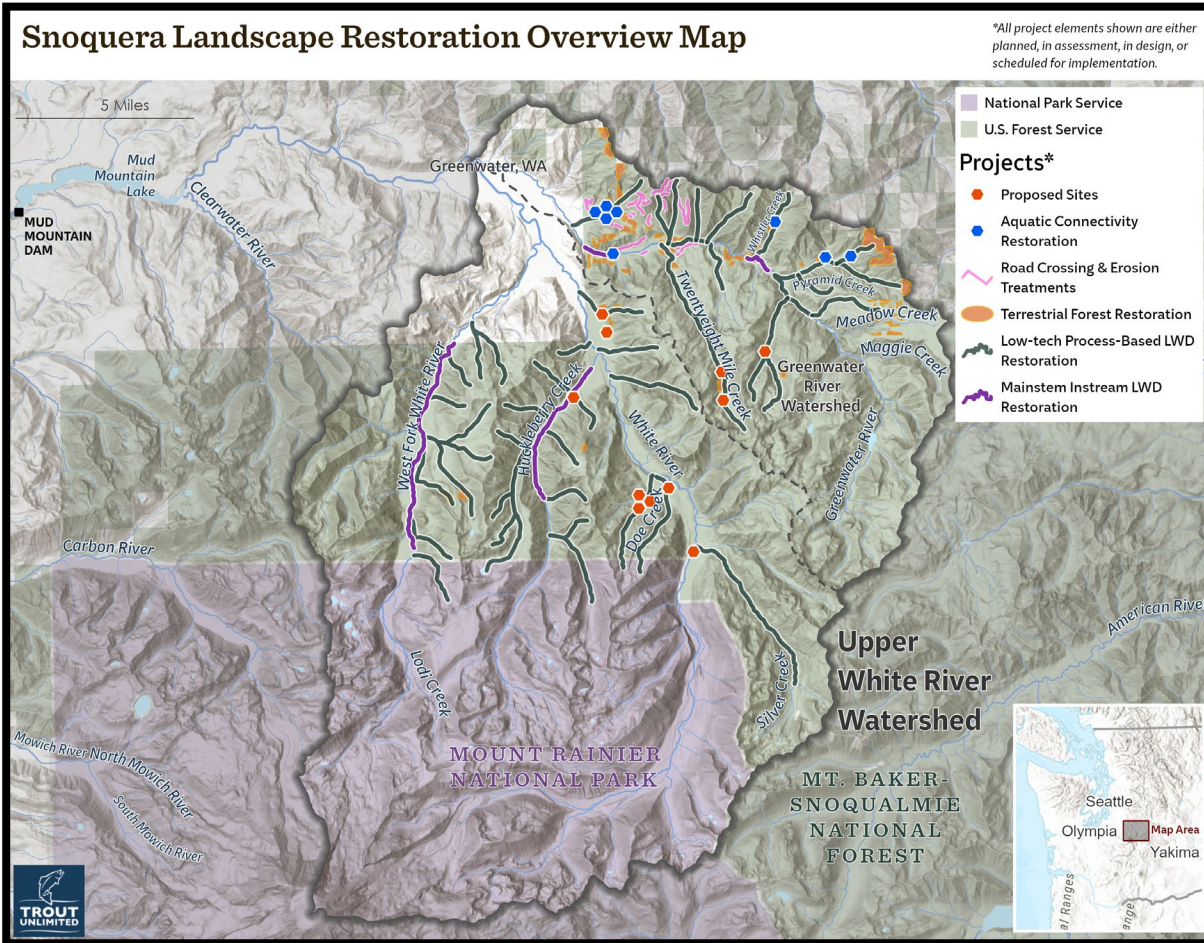
- **Healthy fish need healthy rivers & clean water. So do we.**
- **Meeting people where they are through multi-use co-benefits –**
 - **Economic Benefits**
 - Improve fishing opportunities
 - Job creation billion-dollar restoration economy
 - Support trillion-dollar outdoor recreation economy
 - **Water for People & Fish**
 - Farming & Irrigation
 - Wine making
 - Drinking water
 - **Public Safety & Community Resilience**
 - Drought recovery
 - Flood protection
 - Wildfire prevention



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Snoquera Landscape Restoration Overview Map



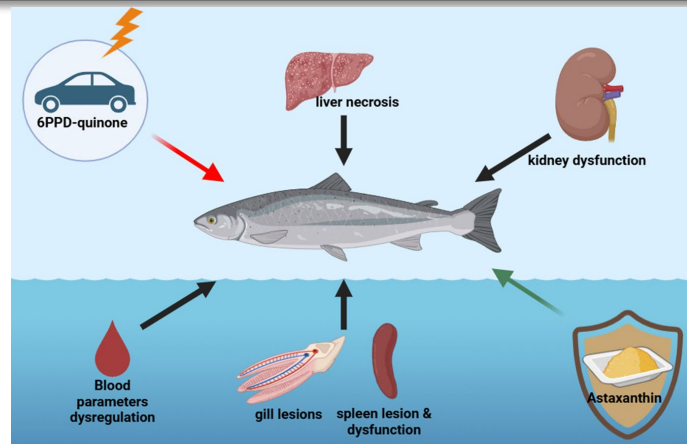
Current Work in Puyallup & South Puget Sound

• Snoquera Landscape Restoration

- 191,000 acres
- Watershed-scale restoration across 2 key river systems (Upper Puyallup/White & Upper Green/Duwamish) in Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest.
 - Infrastructure improvements
 - Flood protection
 - Wildfire prevention
 - Job creation

• 6PPD-quinone Legislation

- Bill phasing out use of 6PPD in tires for approved industry alternatives sponsored & made it to the floor during last 2026 session.



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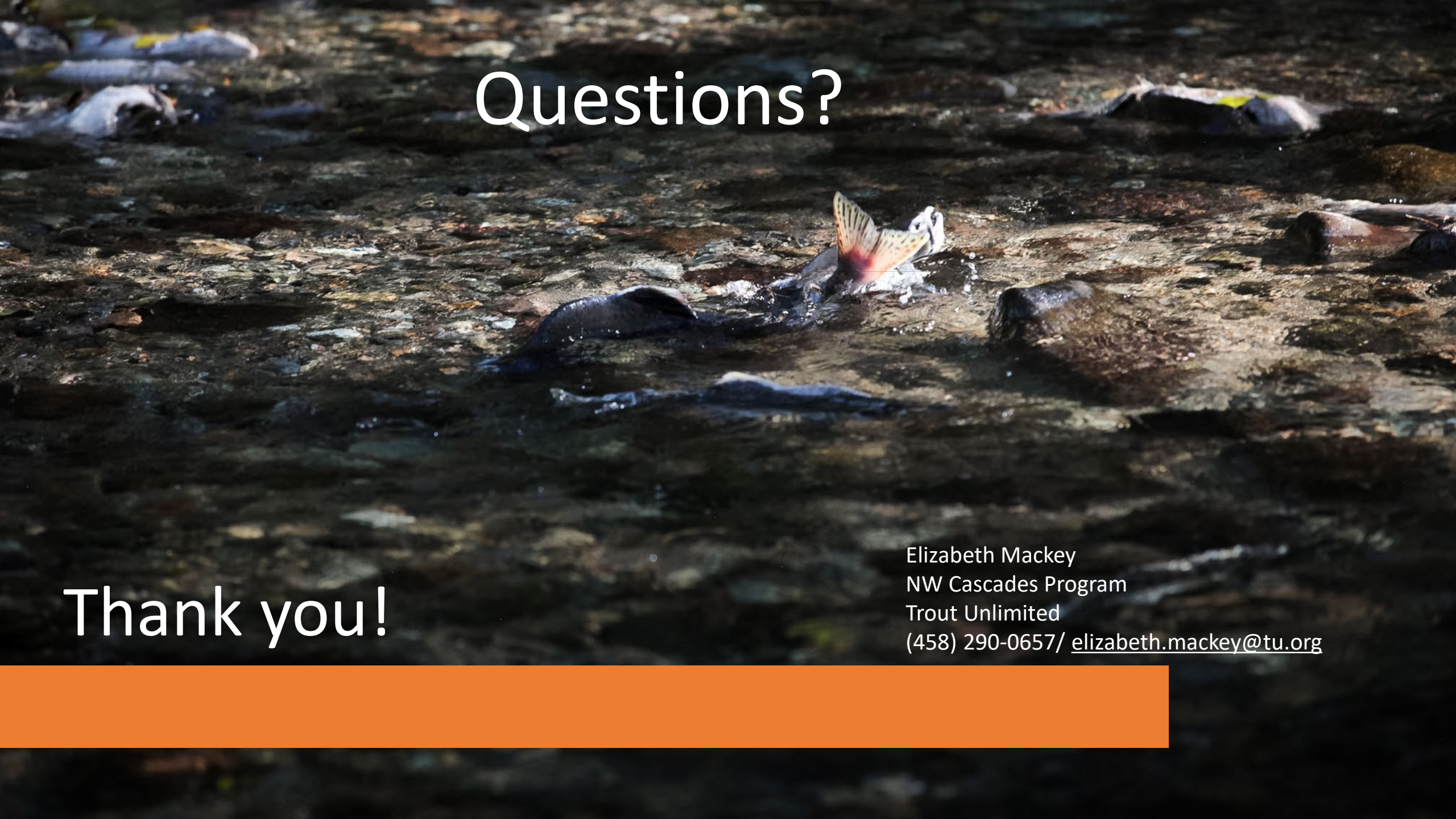




**How can TU help you?
Please reach out! We would love
to partner.**

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A photograph of a rainbow trout leaping from a rocky stream. The fish is captured mid-air, with its body arched and its tail fin fanned out, showing vibrant colors of orange, red, and yellow. The surrounding environment consists of dark, wet rocks and shallow water, with some debris visible in the background.

Questions?

Thank you!

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