

Fish and Wildlife Program Update September 7, 2021



Why we're here today

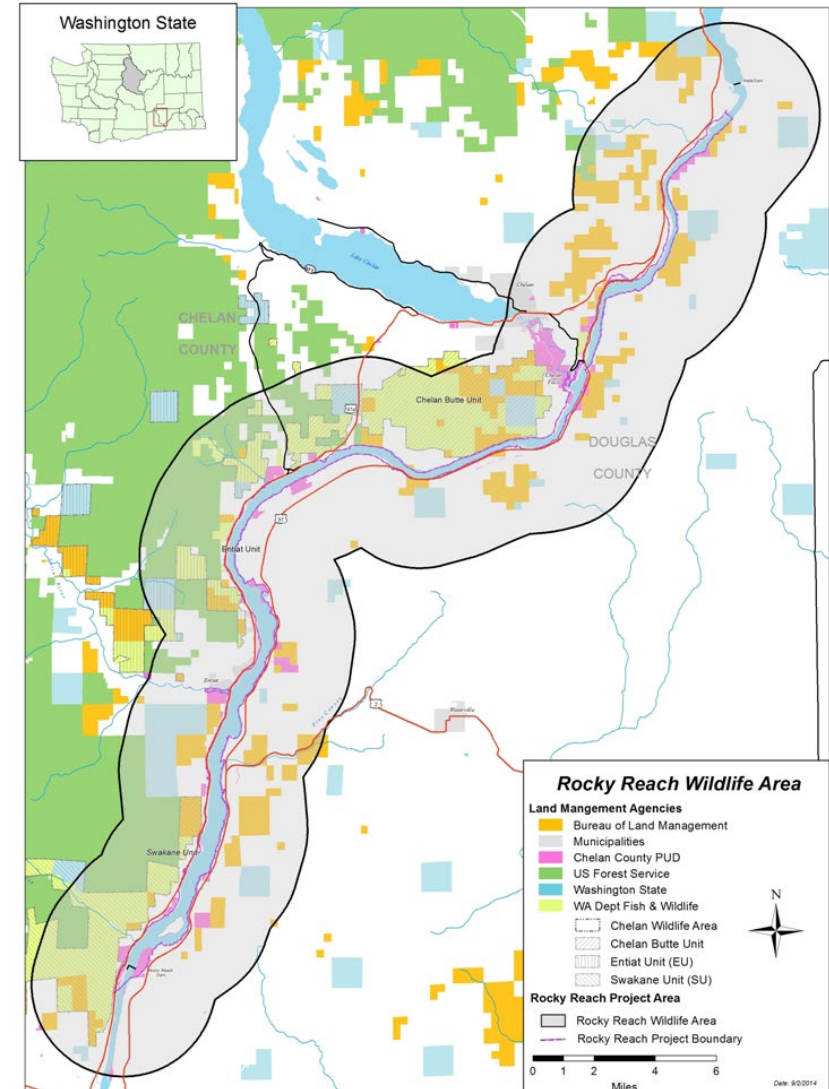
- Update on Welch Paper related to salmon survival
Alene Underwood
- Rocky Reach Wildlife Program Update
Von Pope

Welch et al Paper

- Welch et al. review from June 21 meeting
 - All stocks of Chinook Salmon are declining along the West Coast at about the same rate and concluded that the most likely cause is poor ocean conditions.
 - Independent Science Advisory Board reviewed the paper:
 - Agreed with Welch's general assertion that survival is similar for dammed and un-dammed rivers
 - Disagreed with other assertions regarding habitat investment effectiveness and delayed mortality

Rocky Reach Wildlife Habitat Management Program

- FERC approval required for 5-year plans
- Plan governs funding for wildlife habitat improvement projects for:
 - Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
 - Bureau of Land Management
 - U.S. Forest Service

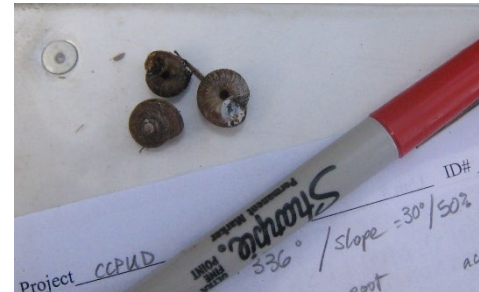


Rocky Reach Wildlife Habitat Management Program

- Annual Wildlife Monitoring within the Rocky Reach Wildlife Area
 - \$10,500 annually (in 2006 \$)
 - RR Wildlife Forum proposes and approves annual monitoring
 - Monitor for rare, threatened, and endangered (RTE) species

Rocky Reach Wildlife Program Monitoring Summary

- Current 5-year Plan (2021-2025) approved on June 9, 2021
- 2010-2014
 - Canada goose nesting
 - Wintering/nesting bald eagles
- 2016-2020
 - Bald and golden eagle nesting
 - Spotted owl
 - Chelan mountain snail
 - Spotted bat
- 2021-2025
 - Spotted bat monitoring
 - Lewis's and white-headed woodpecker
 - 2022-2025 ???



Questions or Comments?

