Streamflow Restoration Applicant Workshop

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Workshop Overview
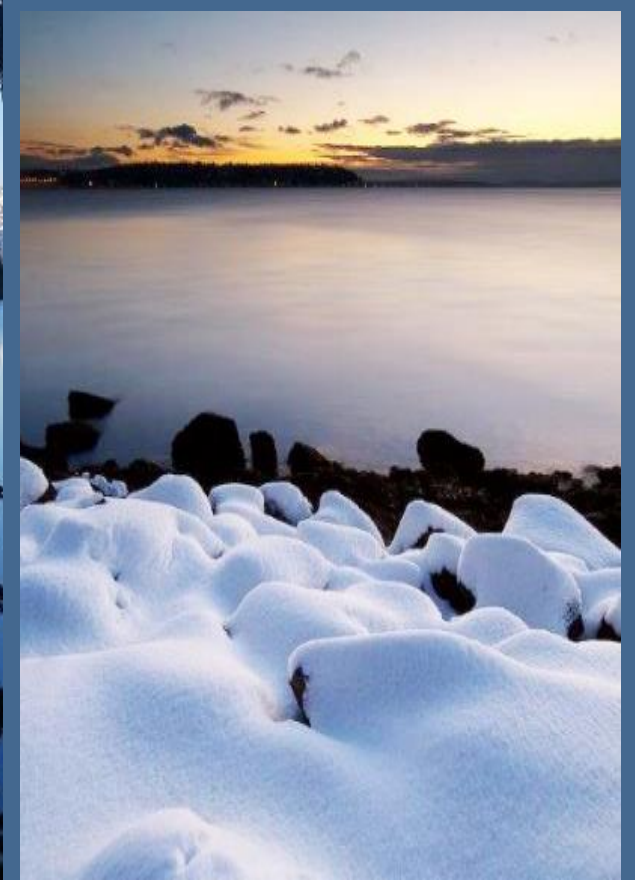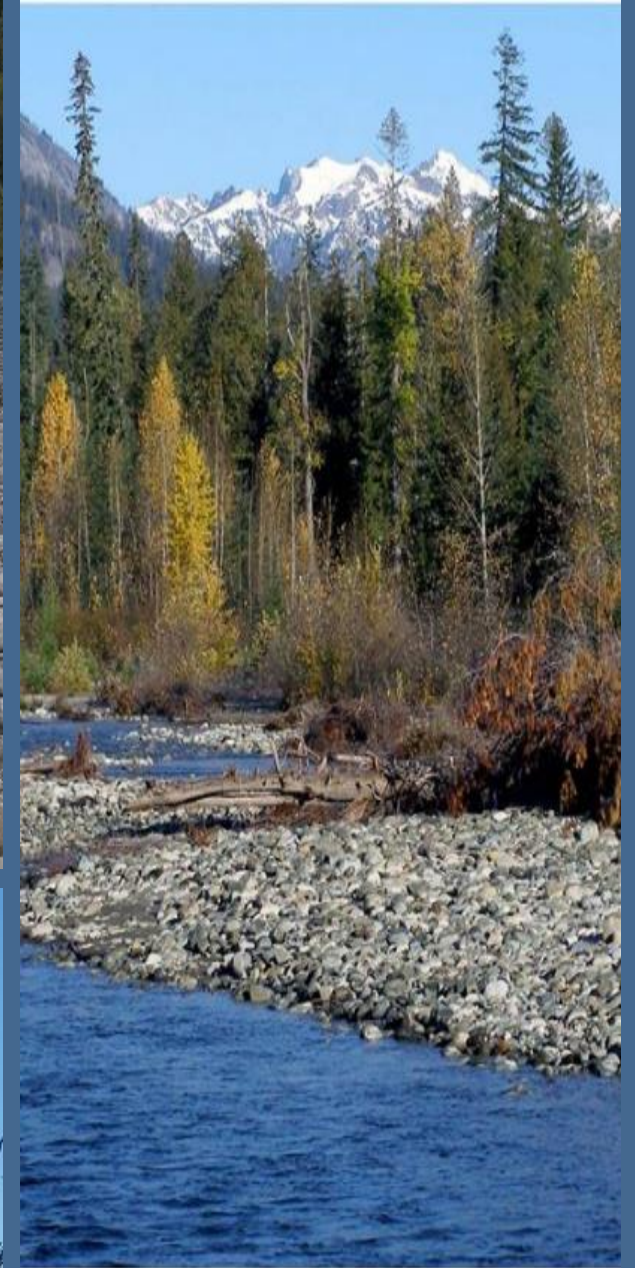
Streamflow Restoration Funding Program Overview

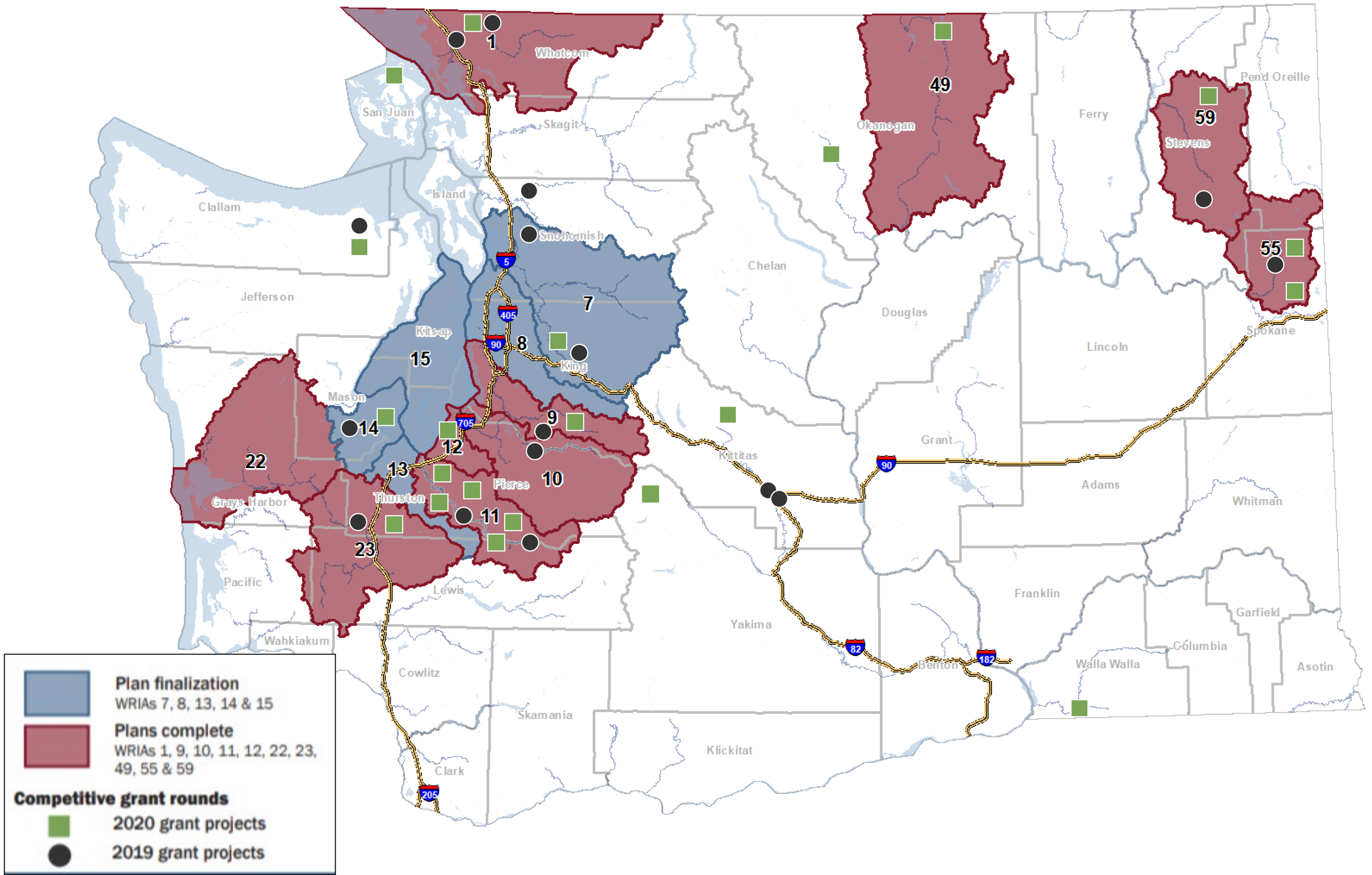15 Year Competitive Grant Program - $300 million
- 2022—up to $40 million

Statewide

Funding Rule
Chapter 173-566 WAC

Funding Guidance
Publication 21-11-019

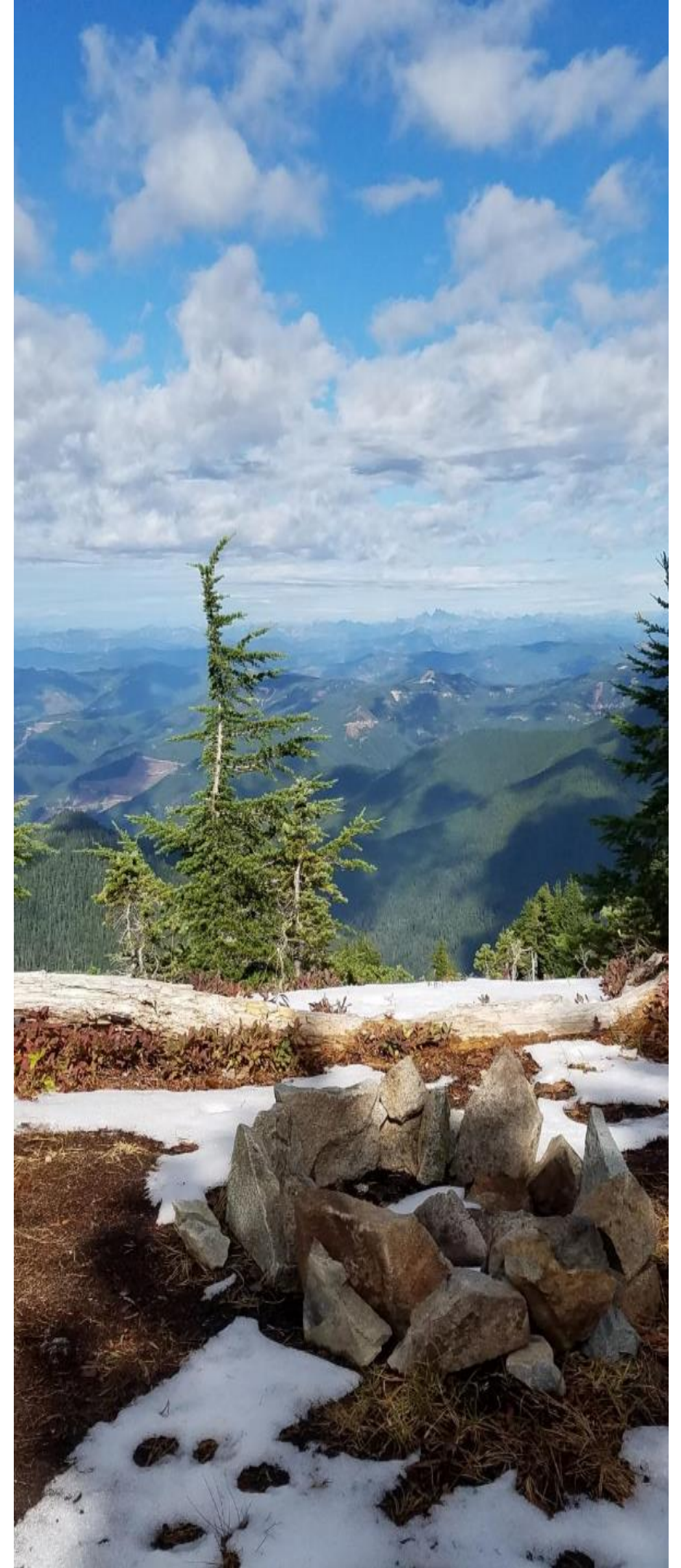■ **109** total applications <u>received</u>.   ■ **37** total projects <u>funded</u>.   ■ **$42** million <u>obligated</u>.

Updates to the Guidance for 2022

- New Cultural Resources Appendix.
- Additional critical grant funding considerations around acquisition projects.
- Minor edits.
- Emphasized the need for QAPPs for any monitoring task.

Streamflow Restoration Competitive Grant Round (2022)

- Designed to encourage and support the local implementation of projects that restore streamflows to levels necessary to support robust, healthy, and sustainable salmon populations and meet the purpose of Chapter 90.94 RCW.

- **Up to $40 million for 2022 grant round**

- Projects that <u>increase</u> streamflows are the highest priority for funding
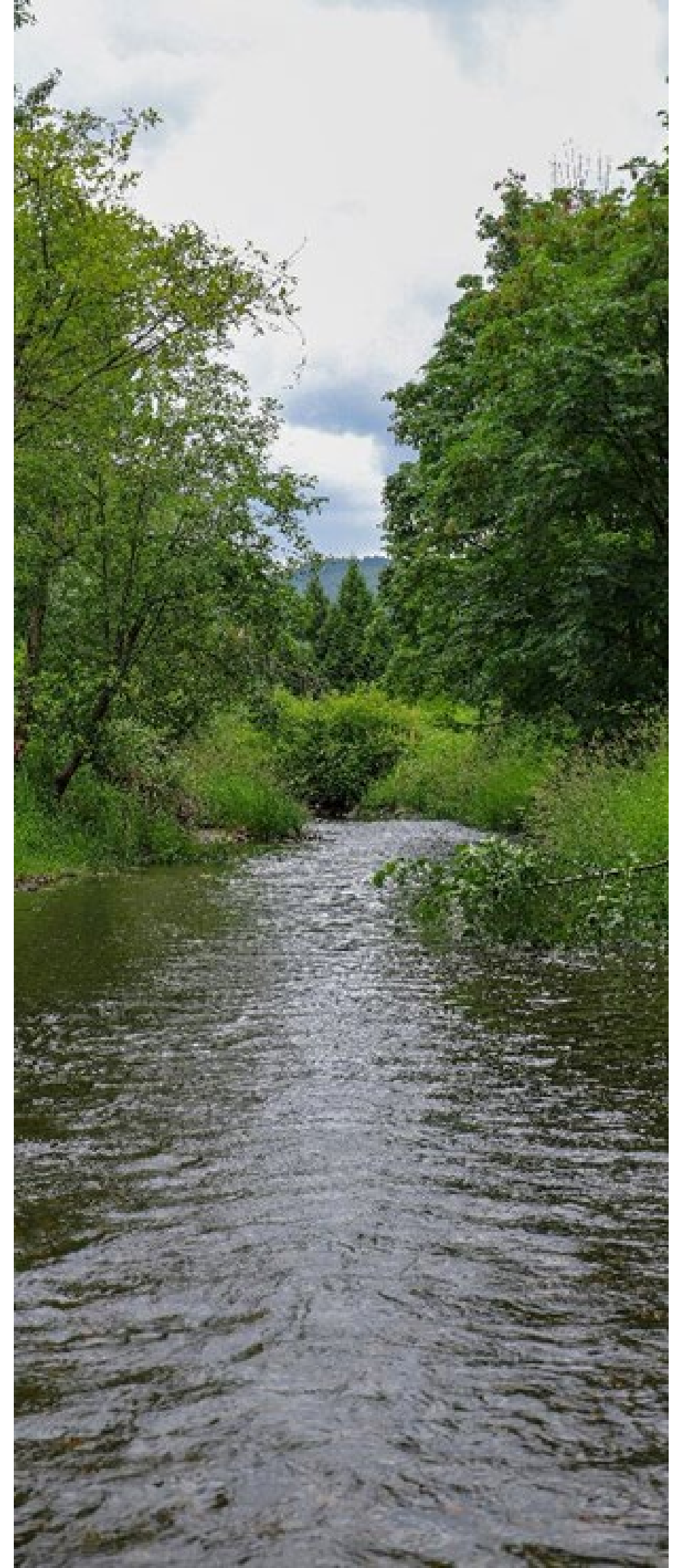
Grant Round Timeline

Fall 2021	Applicant Workshops
Oct. 2021- Jan. 2022	Pre-Application Meetings
Nov. 2 2021 – Feb. 1 2022	Application Period Deadline: February 1, 2022 **5pm**
Feb. – June 2022	Grant Application Evaluations
Fall 2022	Offer Letters
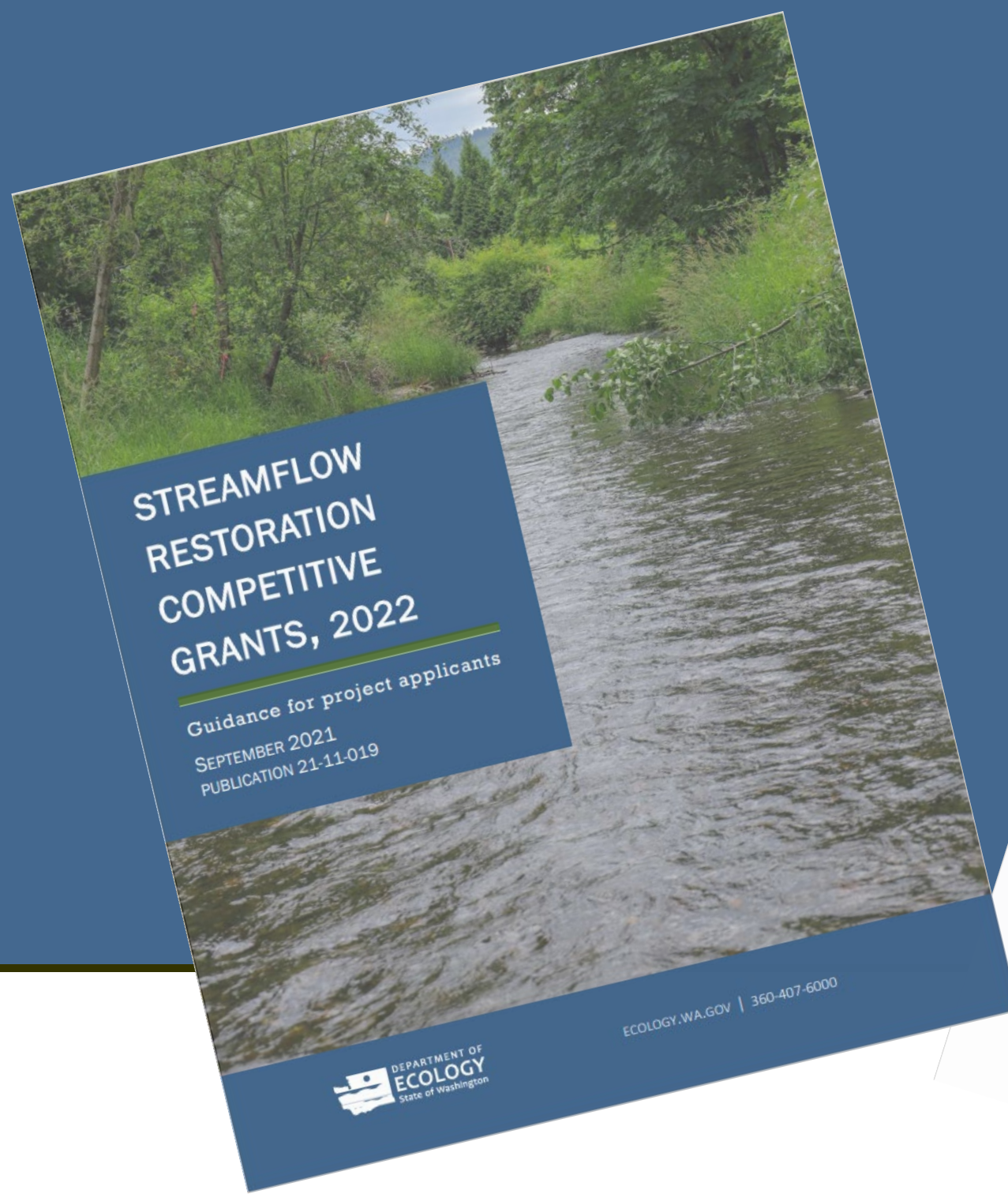
Grants Guidance Overview

Eligible Applicants

- Washington state agencies

- Local governments

- Quasi-governments in the state

- Federal agencies

- Tribal governments with reservation lands or treaty rights in Washington

- Non-profit organizations

Out-of-state agencies and organizations, and for-profit companies are not eligible to apply for these competitive grants.

Eligible project types include, but are not limited to:

Water right acquisitions.

Water storage.

Altered water management or infrastructure.

Watershed function, riparian and fish habitat improvements.

Environmental monitoring.

Feasibility studies.

Other projects consistent with intent of the law.

Funding Priorities

Funding program priorities are consistent with WAC 173-566-150 and Chapter 90.94 RCW

- Geographic location
  - Planning WRIA
  - Metering Pilot

- Projects identified:
  - In an adopted watershed plan; or
  - Through a rulemaking process

- Projects that improve streamflows

- Projects that benefit:
  - Threatened and endangered salmonids; or
  - Other native fish and aquatic species of concern
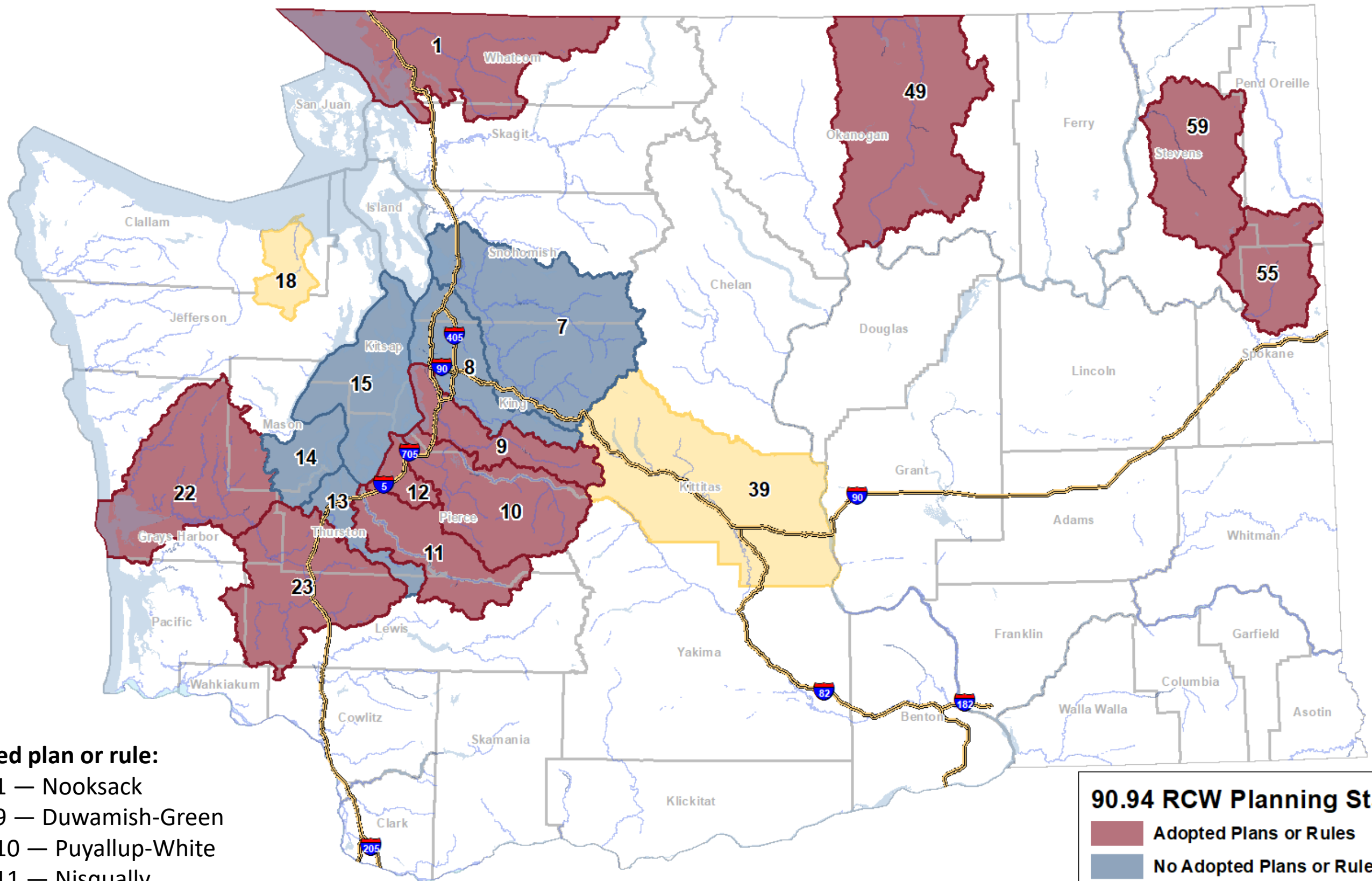
Adopted plan or rule:

WRIA 1 — Nooksack
WRIA 9 — Duwamish-Green
WRIA 10 — Puyallup-White
WRIA 11 — Nisqually
WRIA 12 — Chambers-Clover
WRIA 22 — Lower Chehalis
WRIA 23 — Upper Chehalis
WRIA 49 — Okanogan
WRIA 55 — Little Spokane
WRIA 59 — Colville

No adopted plans or rules:

WRIA 7— Snohomish
WRIA 8 — Cedar-Sammamish
WRIA 13 — Deschutes
WRIA 14 — Kennedy-Goldsborough
WRIA 15 — Kitsap

Metering pilot:

Part of WRIA 18 - Dungeness
WRIA 39 - Kittitas

90.94 RCW Planning Status

Adopted Plans or Rules
No Adopted Plans or Rules
Metering Pilot Basins

Find Your WRIA

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Application Requirements and Considerations

Important Considerations

- Coordination with partners and stakeholders
- Project resiliency
- Budget Considerations
- Requirements for certain project types
- Funds are <u>limited</u>
- <u>No</u> guarantees
- Projects may be divided into phases
- Funding in one phase does <u>not</u> obligate funding in subsequent rounds

Water Right Acquisitions

Purpose and Primary Benefits:

- Increase streamflows to benefit vulnerable fish and wildlife.
- Offset the impacts of water use.

Project Requirements:

- Pre-application meeting.
- Water right purpose of use changed to instream flow.
- Permanently convey the right to Ecology's Trust Water Rights Program.

Water Storage

Examples:

- Active Surface Storage.
- Managed Aquifer Recharge.
- Cisterns.

MAR Specific Requirements:

- Phased approach.
- Feasibility study.
- Must meet WR/WQ program requirements.

ADS Slotted Pipe

HBDIC Recharge Project Site
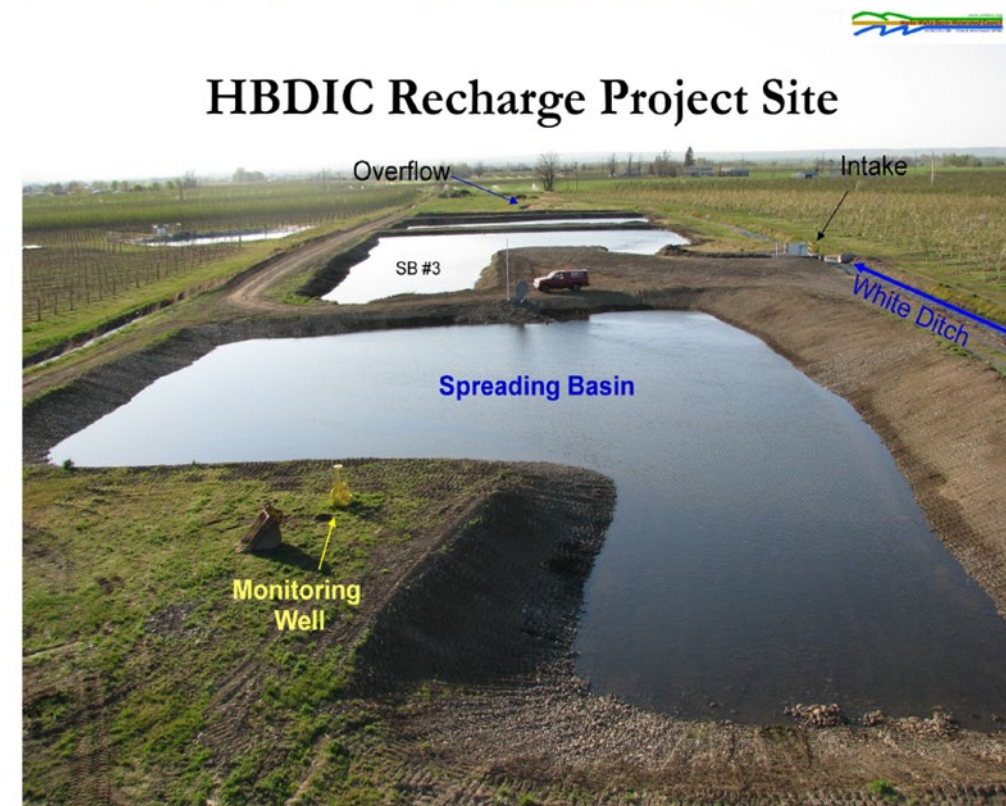
Altered Water Management or Infrastructure

Examples:

- Conservation and Efficiency.

- Source Switches.

Project Requirements:

- Permanently convey the saved water to Ecology's Trust Water Rights Program, and create:

    - Permanent streamflow improvement.

    - Access to new water supplies when identified in an adopted plan.

Watershed Function, Riparian and Fish Habitat Improvements

Examples:

- In channel habitat improvements
- Riparian restoration
- Strategic land acquisitions
- Levee modification
- Floodplain modification
- Large wood placement in incised streams
- Fish passage
- Beaver dam analogs and/or beaver introduction

Land Acquisitions Project Requirements:

- Signed Landowner Acknowledgement Form

Scored Criteria
(Possible Points = 300)

1. Funding Priorities = 100 pts

2. Project Benefits = 40 pts

3. Budget = 30 pts

4. Durability & Resilience = 50 pts

5. Scope of Work = 30 pts

6. Applicant Readiness & Monitoring = 20 pts

7. Additional Project Considerations = 30 pts
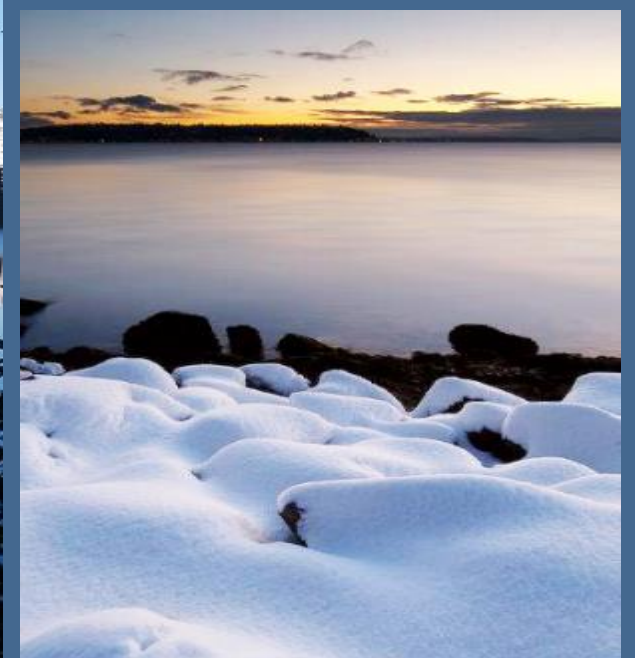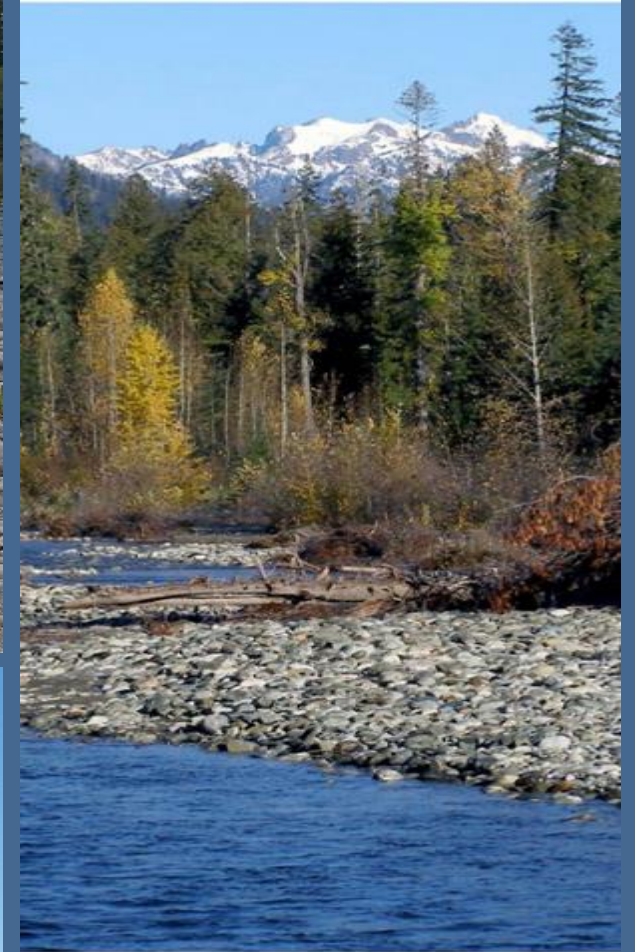
What makes a good application?

- Clear and concise.
- Describe the problem.
- Support your statements.
- Provide clear citations and resources.
- Spelling and grammar.
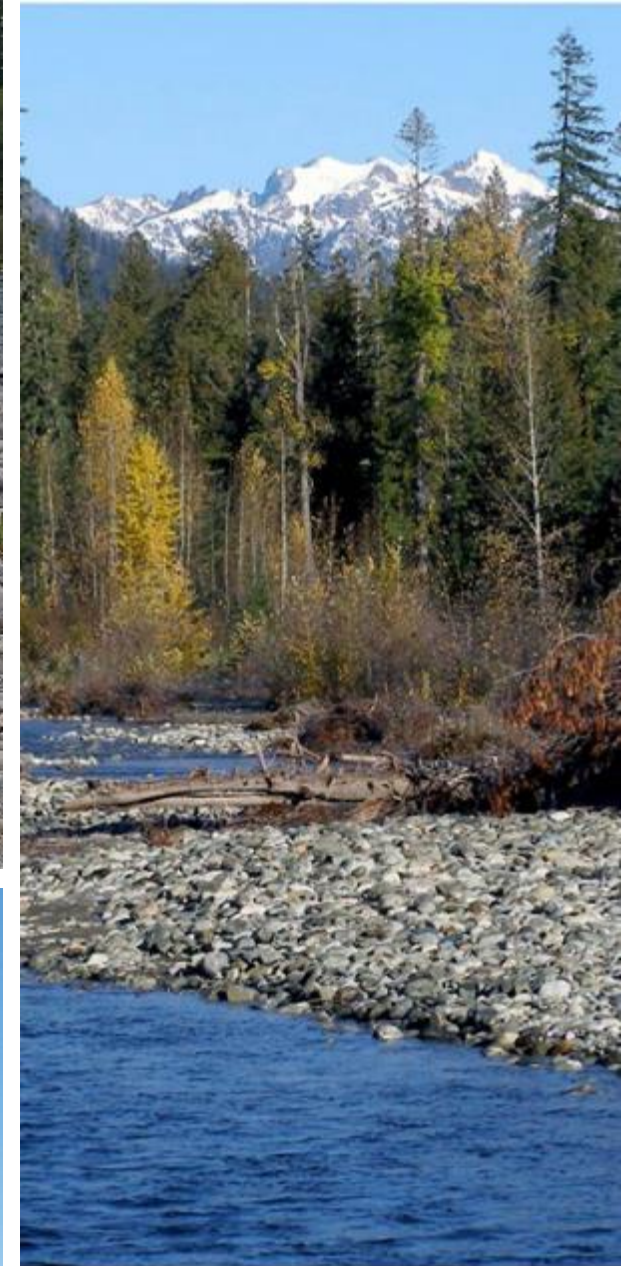
Mandatory Application Elements

- Project specific requirements
  - Water Right Acquisitions: Pre application meeting
  - Land Acquisitions: Signed Landowner Acknowledgement Form
  - MAR Storage Projects: Feasibility Study
- EAGL = automated application system
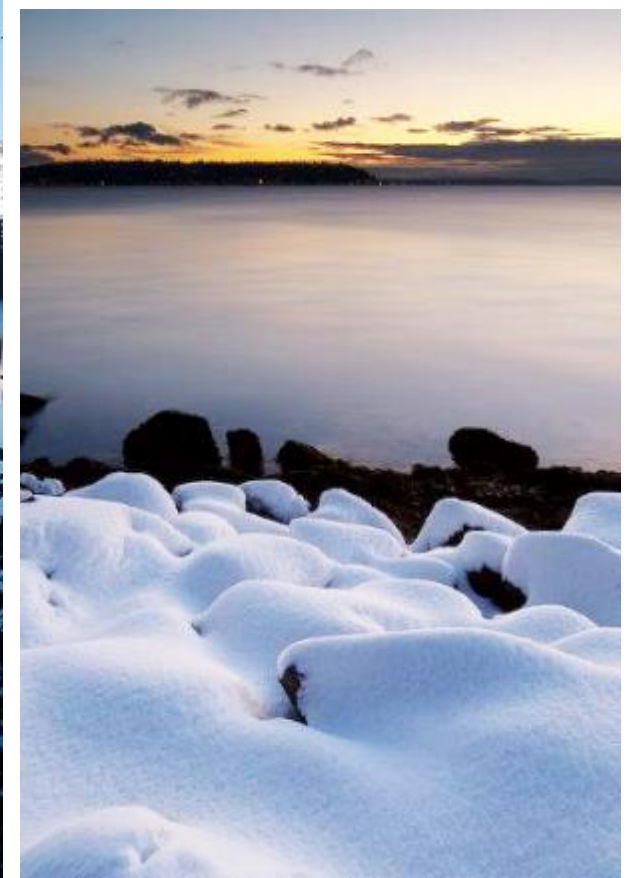- Applications without all mandatory elements are incomplete.
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted by the EAGL system.
- Therefore, incomplete applications <u>will not be reviewed</u>.
- Submit by Feb. 1 at 5 pm.

Pre-Application Meeting

Opportunity for applicants to discuss the details of their project with Ecology staff before application submission

- Water Right Acquisitions
  - Ecology priority
  - Additional documentation required.

- All Other Projects
  - Ecology will meet requests as capacity allows
  - In the order they are received

- To request a pre-application meeting, send an email by Dec. 17, 2021 to sfrprjgrants@ecy.wa.gov.
  - Scheduling is first-come-first-served and based on staff availability.
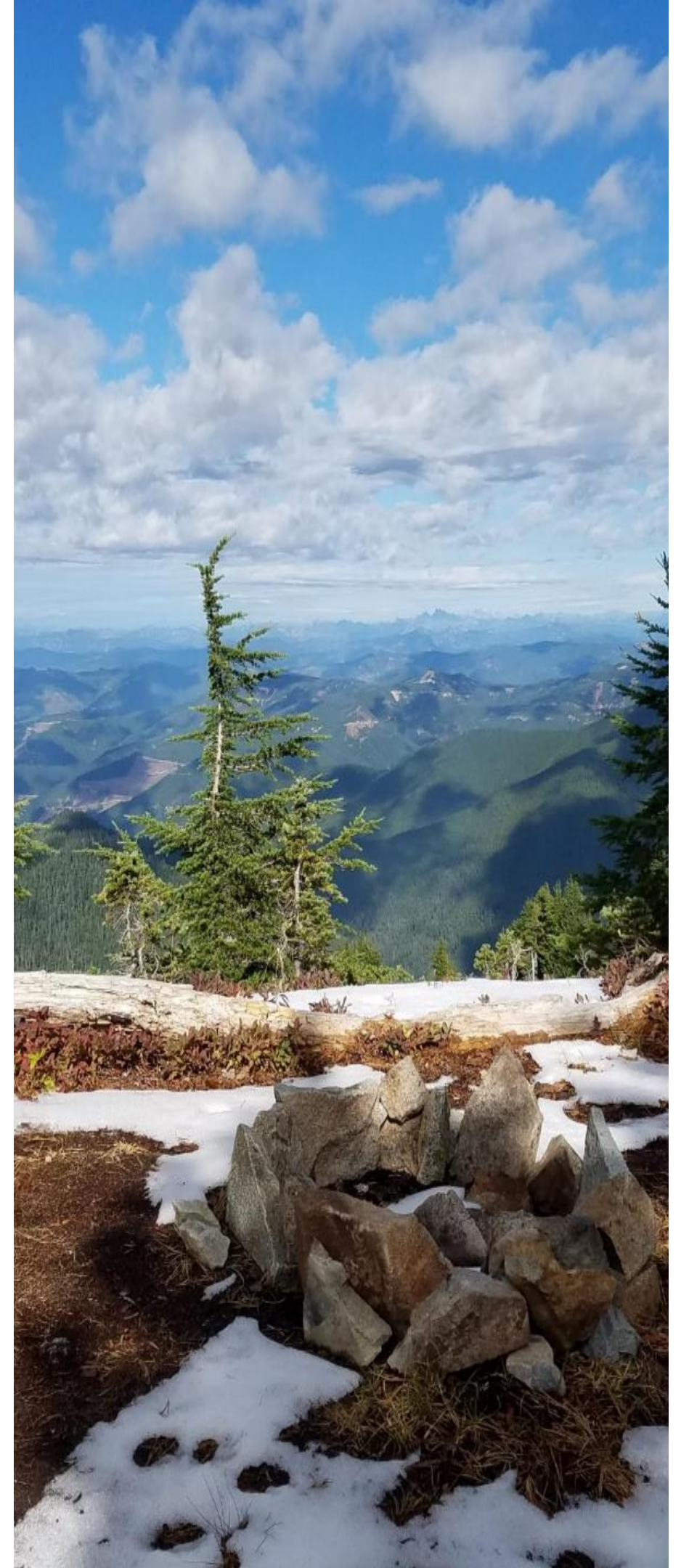
EAGL
(Ecology's Administration of Grants and Loans)

Application Through EAGL

Applying for Ecology Grants

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- What is EAGL?
- Applying for Ecology Grants

Tips for Working in EAGL

- Make sure your EAGL account info is up to date.

- Write application in word processing program, then copy/paste into EAGL.

- Save often!

- Avoid EAGL maintenance periods - Mondays from 2-3pm

- Use Chrome, Edge, Mozilla, or Safari.
  - DO NOT USE Internet Explorer

- Remember your application number (WRSRP-2022-OrgName-000##)

- Start early.

- Submit early.

- Pay attention to character limits.

- Use uploads.

- Use the short description field.

- Consultants cannot be an authorized official.

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Streamflow restoration competitive grants

Our streamflow restoration competitive grants help state and local agencies, Tribal governments, and non-profit organizations implement local watershed plans and projects to improve streamflow and aquatic resources.

Our published guidance outlines our consistent and transparent process for awarding these grants:

- Streamflow Restoration Competitive Grants, 2022: Guidance for Project Applicants ↗

For more information, see Streamflow Restoration.

I want to...

❯ See the applicant workshop information

❯ Apply for or manage a grant or loan

❯ Read the 2022: Guidance for Project Applicants ↗

Resources

Publications: (Also found at ecology.wa.gov/pubs)

- Grant Funding Guidance: 21-11-019
- "Yellow Book": 17-01-004
- Landowner Acknowledgment Form*: ECY 070-614
- Water Resources Program QAPP: 18-11-018

EAGL User Manual: Located under "My Training Materials" in EAGL.

We are accepting meeting requests through Dec. 17.
To schedule a pre-application meeting* and general inquires:
sfrprjgrants@ecy.wa.gov

*Required for water right acquisition projects. See grant funding guidance.

Questions?

Help us improve!

Please contact sfrprjgrants@ecy.wa.gov with ideas to improve the grant guidance for our next grant round.