

# Petition: Green (Duwamish) River Tacoma Watershed Closure Area to fishing

## Briefing and Public Hearing

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# Presentation Outline

- Timeline and public involvement
- Current rule background
- Petition process
- Proposal and public comments
- Public testimony

# Timeline and Public Involvement

- August 23                      Petition accepted by Commission Action
- Sept. 3                         CR 102 (Proposal Rulemaking) filed
- Sept. – Oct.                 Proposal posted to website for public comment
- Sept. 24                      Regional public meeting
- **October 18-19              Briefing and Public Hearing**
- November 1                 Commission decision
- Rules will take effect 31 days after filing

# Current Green (Duwamish) River Section rule

- Section was closed to fishing in past years.
- Municipal Watershed was changed from “closed” to “open” for fishing during the rule simplification process.
- Public access within the municipal watershed is currently prohibited and anglers cannot legally walk to any part of the Green River that flows through the municipal watershed.

# Petition Process

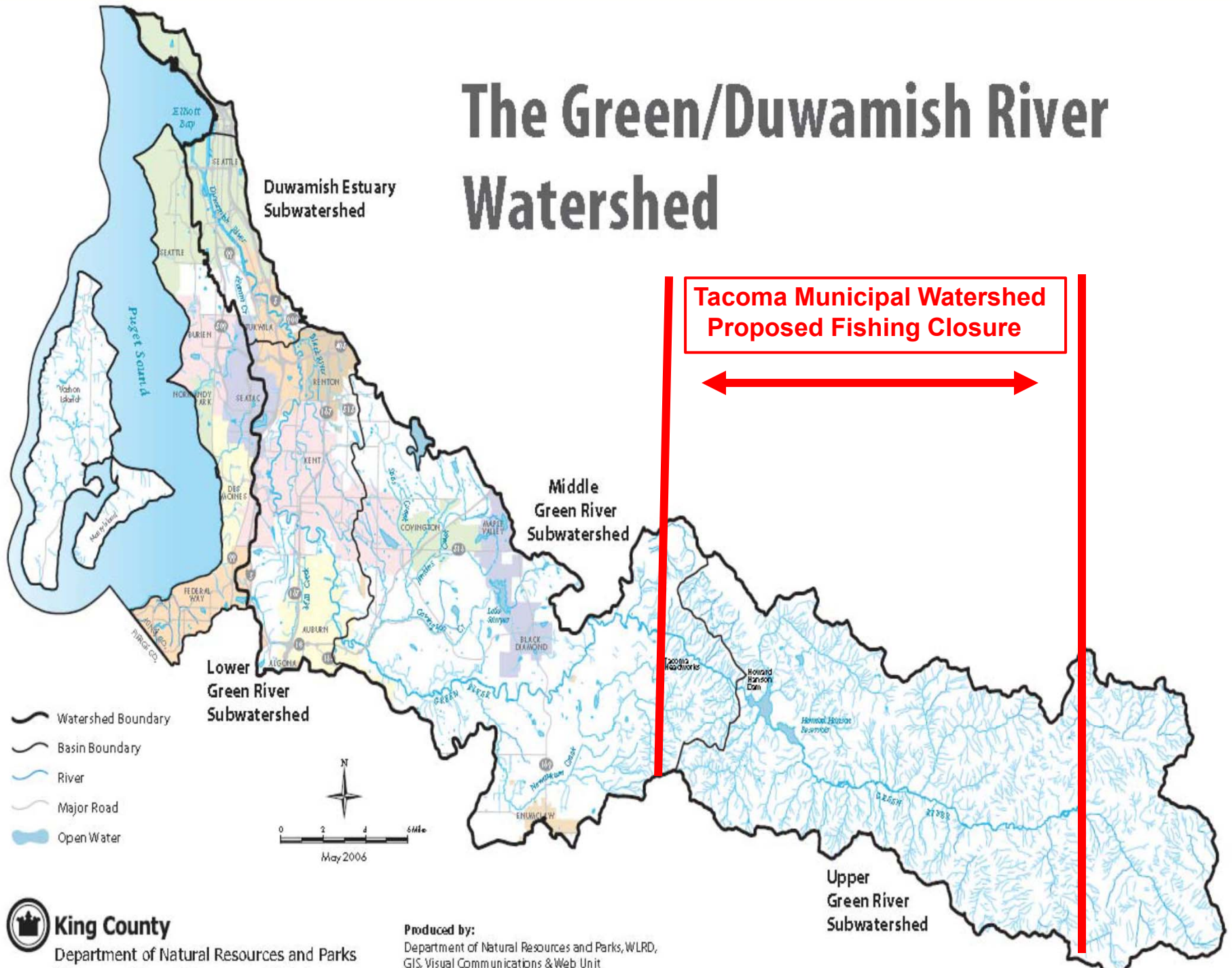
## Commission Petition Presentation August 2019

- Close to fishing the section of the Green (Duwamish) River from the Tacoma Municipal Watershed Boundary Marker (approximately 1.3 miles downstream of the Tacoma Headworks Dam) to the Friday Creek confluence.
- Staff recommended the petition be accepted and to initiate rule making.

# Rule Change Proposal

Green (Duwamish) river (King County): *from Tacoma Municipal Watershed Boundary Marker (1.3 miles downstream to Tacoma Headworks dam) to Friday Creek: Closed Waters.*

# The Green/Duwamish River Watershed



# Public Comments as of October 4, 2019

Public meeting comments: None

- Number of attendees: None

5 total online comments received

- Support (3): Helps to protect a vital resource
- Oppose (2): Concern for the loss of access to public lands



# Questions

# Public Testimony