

# FWC – Habitat Committee Update

September 9, 2020

# Working Agenda

- Riparian habitat
- Shrub steppe habitat
- Puget Sound nearshore habitat
- Co-Manager Habitat Workplan

# Riparian Habitat

**Our Values:** We value the protection and restoration of healthy, intact, and fully functioning riparian ecosystems statewide.

- ▶ Remaining steps to finalize PHS Riparian Management Guidelines Volume 2
- ▶ Policy environment for riparian protection and enhancement - Governor's Office, legislative, other





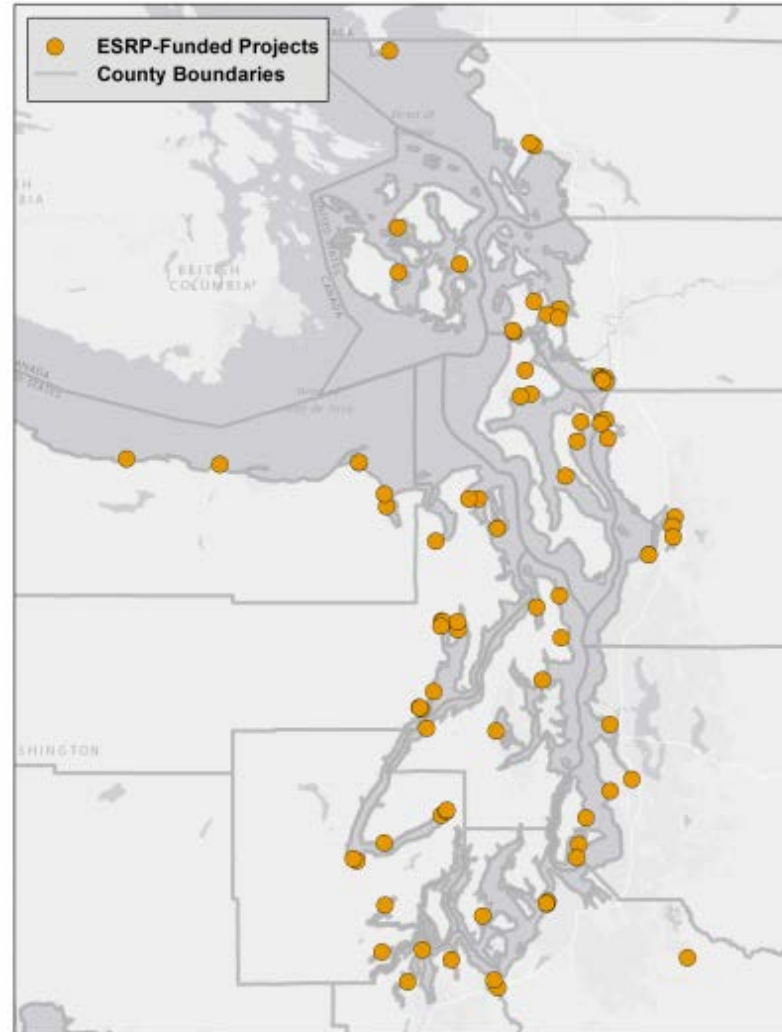
# Shrub Steppe Habitat

- ▶ Increasing pressures on remaining habitat
- ▶ What guidance are we providing to staff right now?
- ▶ Does science indicate burned areas still have habitat value?
- ▶ What science already exists to help us understand the effects of solar infrastructure and operations?
- ▶ How are we coordinating with others to help solar move forward and conserve fish and wildlife resources?

# Puget Sound Nearshore Habitat

Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program (ESRP) biennial project list submitted via RCO to the Governor's Office

- \$20M list in total
- Restoration and protection projects ~70-80% of funding
- Small grants ~ \$500k
- Learning projects ~10% of funding
- Shore Friendly Programs ~\$2M



Locations of all projects funded since 2006.

# Co-Manager Habitat Workplan

- ▶ Riparian
- ▶ Better integrate habitat with fisheries
- ▶ Growth management
- ▶ Water quality and quantity
- ▶ WDFW permitting and enforcement
- ▶ Climate resiliency
- ▶ Culvert replacements
- ▶ Outreach and education
- ▶ Funding

