



Priority Habitats & Species Program

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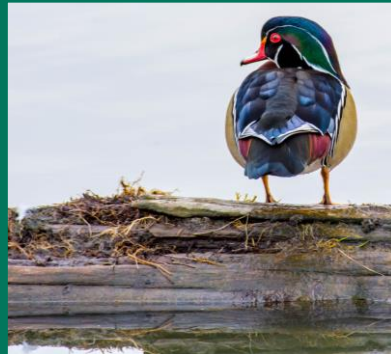
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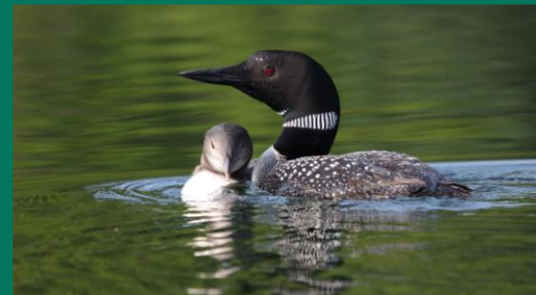
- Since 1990 PHS is **how** WDFW provides info to inform land use decision making
- Court-recognized source of **Best Available Science**
- PHS Uses:
 - Critical Area Ordinance (CAO) updates
 - Planning/permitting development projects & harvest
 - Informing mitigation projects
 - Acquisition planning; managing land for wildlife





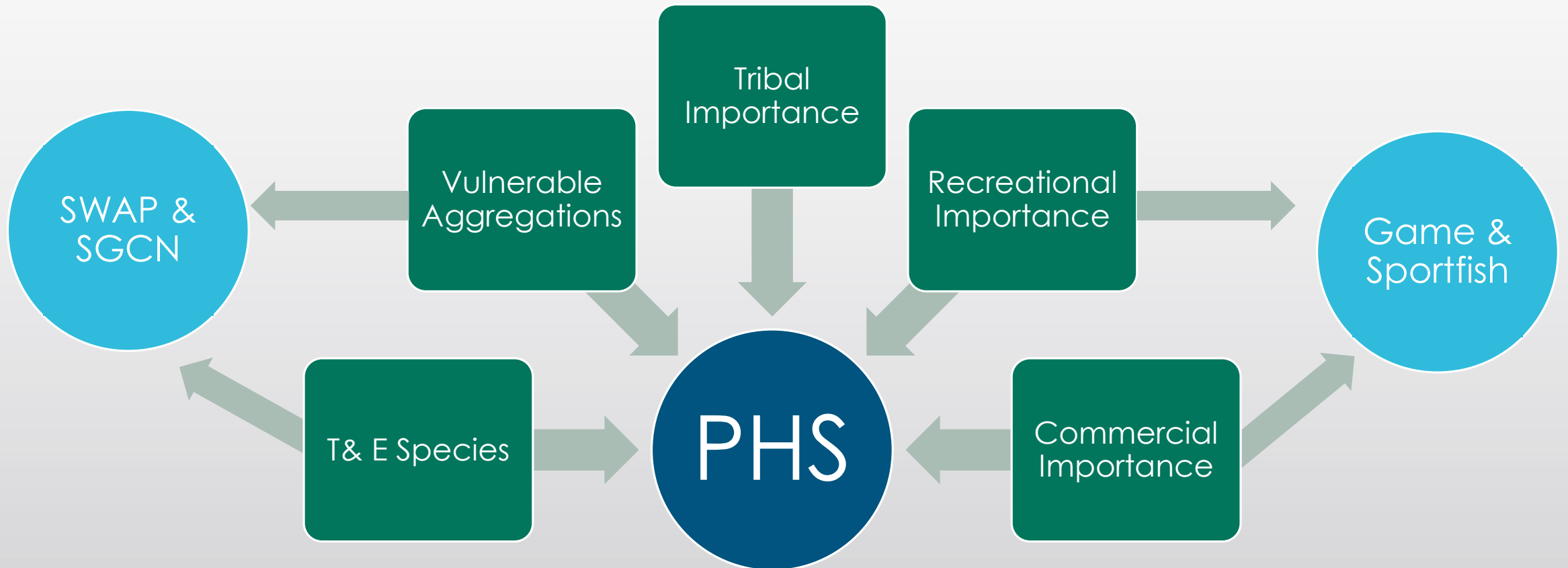
...But what *IS* PHS?

- Principle means to provide important fish, wildlife, & habitat information for land use planning to:
 - Local governments
 - State agencies
 - Federal agencies
 - Private landowners
 - Tribal biologists
- Primary means to transfers fish and wildlife information from experts to those that affect land use changes.





PHS *is* One DFW





What PHS *IS* and *IS NOT*



PHS IS---



A **suite** of info and tools

Guidelines and advice

Key species/habitats
vulnerable to harm via **land use change**

A general tool that requiring skillful application

PHS IS NOT...



Just a list, management recommendations, or a map

Regulations

An exhaustive list of species/habitats

A cookbook providing a ready answers for all cases



Priority Habitat and Species Suite

- PHS List
 - Criteria-based; listed, vulnerable, or culturally significant
- PHS Maps
 - Known locations of Species and Habitats
 - High Resolution Change Detection
- PHS Management Recommendations
 - Synthesis of science-based land management considerations





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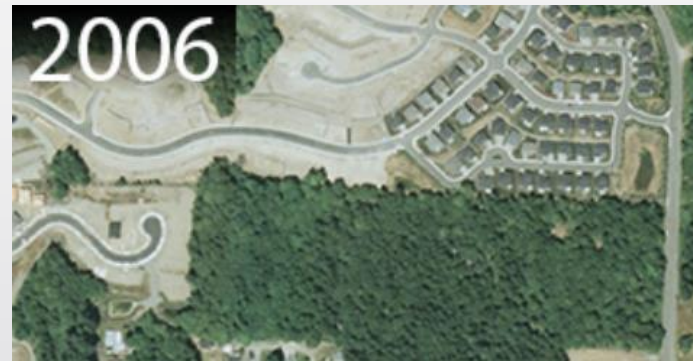
- PHS Technical Advice
 - Site-specific, situation-specific advice from Habitat Biologists
 - Headquarters and Regionally
- PHS Monitoring and Adaptive Management
 - Tools to evaluate and improve land use management and habitat





Current *In Progress* Products

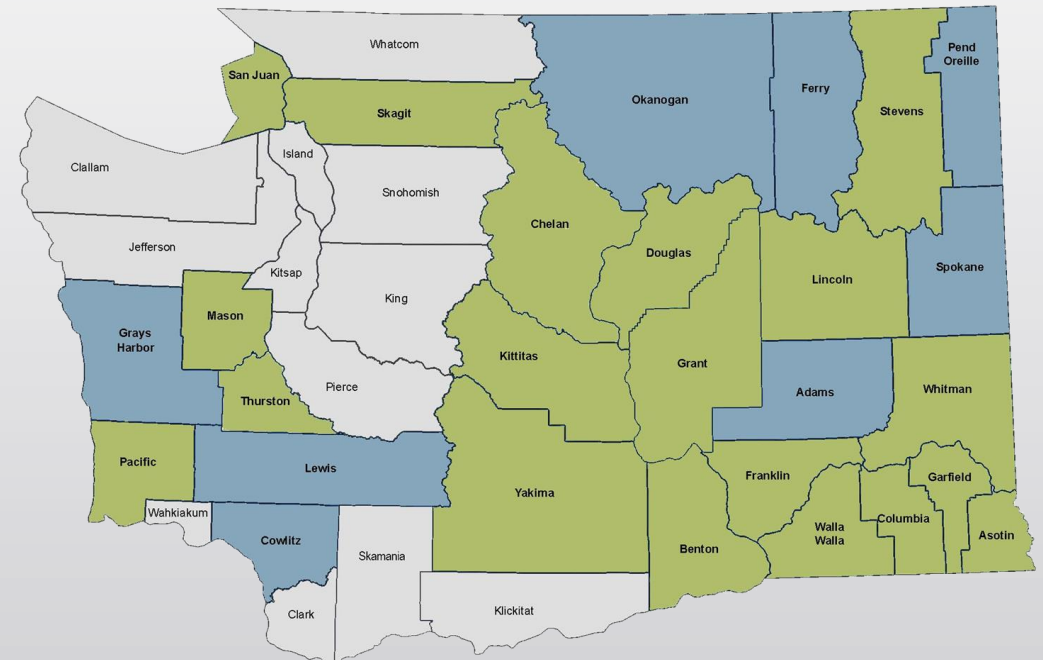
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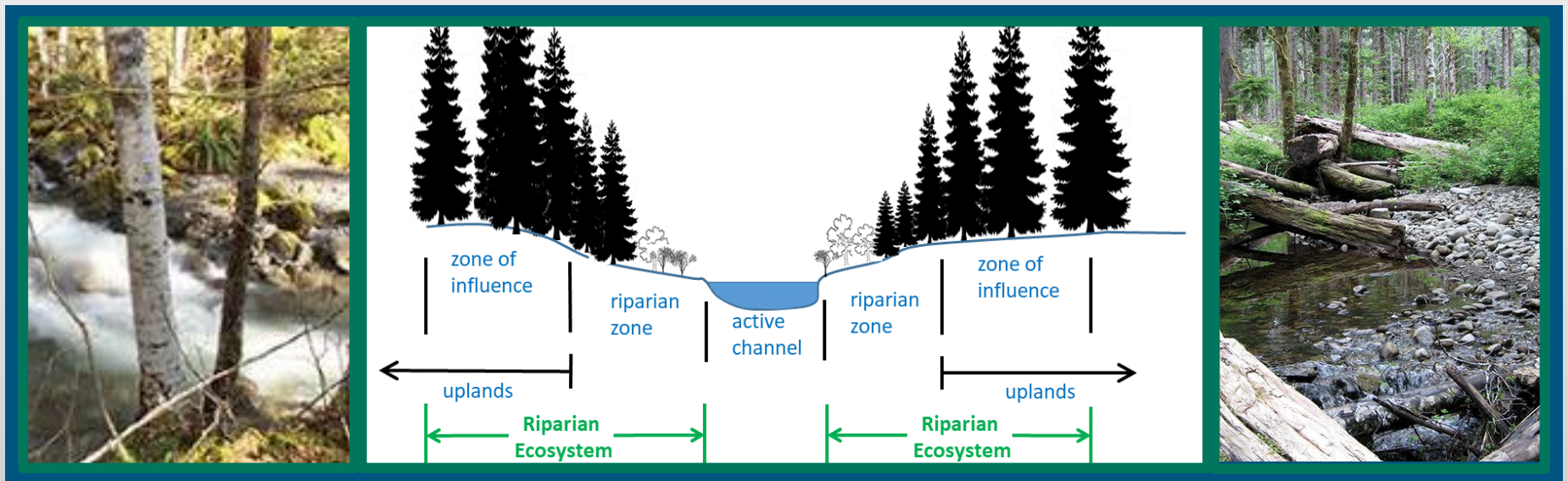
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- High Resolution Change Detection Maps
- Voluntary Stewardship Program
- Riparian Ecosystems Science Synthesis (Volume 1) and Management Guidelines (Volume 2)





Modernization of PHS

- Updating lists
- Improving recommendations
- Filling information gaps
- Streamlining agency-wide data
- Enhance training materials
- Increase technical assistance
- Improve customer service





Forward Looking...





Questions?

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