



A comprehensive survey of salmon habitat in nearshore areas of WRIA8 and WRIA9

Regional Priority Approach	CHIN1.3: Develop a regional definition of critical areas and key habitats and coordinate data
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Stage	Implementation
Duration	2018 - 2022
Activity Progress	Off-Track
Activity Progress Barrier	Inadequate resources: Funding not fully secured
2018 NTA ID	2018-0597
Total Proposed NTA Cost	\$251,728.00

CHIN1: Protect all remaining salmon habitat, optimize function gain and improve region-wide accountability ▶ **CHIN1.3: Develop a regional definition of critical areas and key habitats and coordinate data**

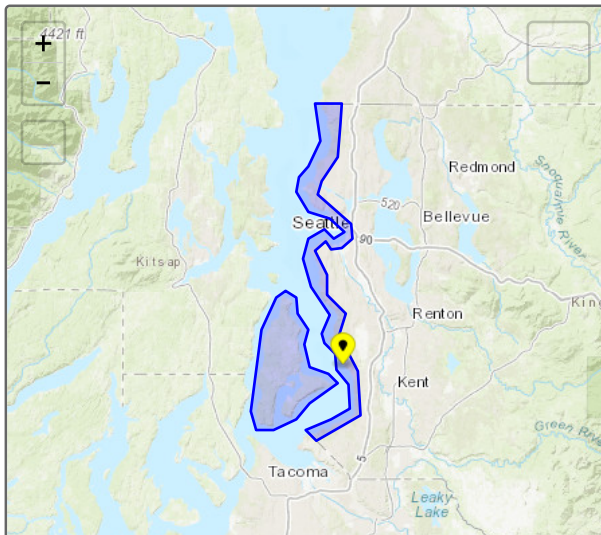
Assessing the spatial distribution of submerged aquatic vegetation is critical for quantifying the effectiveness of regulatory measures for protecting nearshore salmon habitat. We will comprehensively survey eelgrass, kelp and other macroalgae in WRIAs 8 and 9. Results will describe two key vegetation attributes: areal extent and depth distribution. These data will form a baseline for understanding current distribution and assessing change in salmon habitat over time in response to stressors, restoration, and other management actions. This will allow managers to avoid impacts during project review and assess regulatory effectiveness of the Shoreline Master Program.

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Activity Types

- Enabling Conditions - Monitoring

Location



Expenditures



Photos

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