

# CHEHALIS RIVER BASIN MASTER FOREST STEWARDSHIP LANDSCAPE PLANNING INITIATIVE



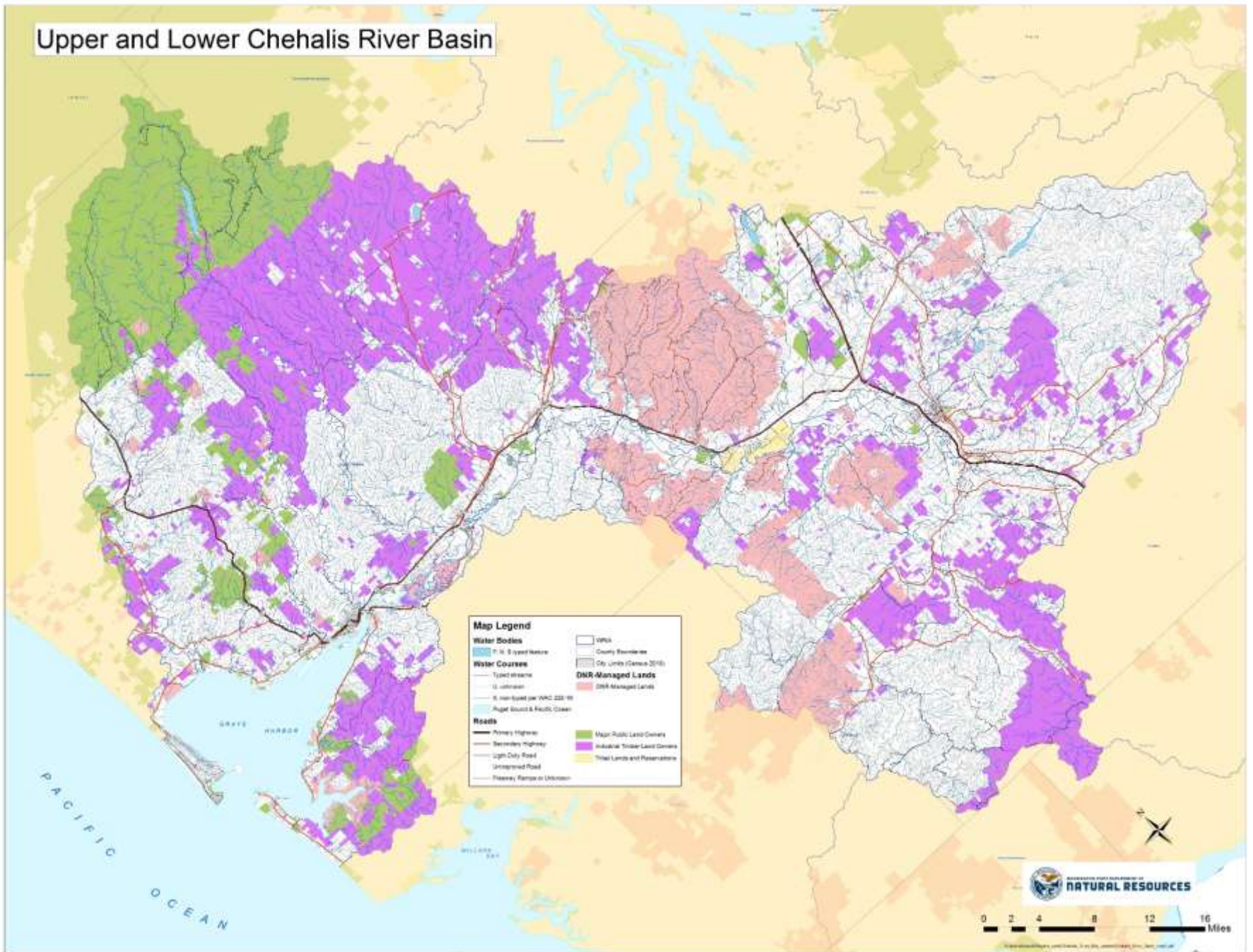
**OCTOBER 28, 2016 CHEHALIS BASIN PARTNERSHIP PRESENTATION**  
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# FOREST STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM PRIORITIES

- ❖ Conserve Working Forest Landscapes
- ❖ Protect Forests From Harm
- ❖ Enhance Public Benefits From Trees & Forests



# Upper and Lower Chehalis River Basin



## INITIATIVE OBJECTIVES

- ❖ Collaborate with key basin stakeholders to create a landscape-scale Master Forest Stewardship Plan.
- ❖ Use the plan to guide landowner education and serve as a template for individual Forest Stewardship Plans.
- ❖ Benefit fish populations by reducing stream temperature, increasing water clarity and preserving spawning beds.

# INITIATIVE OBJECTIVES

- ❖ Provide targeted technical assistance -
  - To retain forest cover
  - Minimize development footprints
  - Implement best management practices to restore or enhance properties
  - Maximize wood fiber production
  - Enhance and restore fish and wildlife habitat
  - Protect water quality

# INITIATIVE COMMITMENTS

- ❖ Landowner Incentives
- ❖ Forest Stewardship Coached Planning
- ❖ Forest Owners Educational Field Day
- ❖ Workshops



# LANDSCAPE SCALE PLANNING

- ❖ Involves Multiple Ownerships & Stakeholders
- ❖ Recognizes Role of Markets for Forest Products
- ❖ Incorporates County, State, Extension & Non-profit Resources
- ❖ Helps Landowners Understand Management Actions
- ❖ **Ties Individual Ownership Objectives to Landscape Scale Resource Management Objectives**

# LANDSCAPE SCALE PLANNING

Upper Chehalis WRIA is 1 of 6 Core Forest Stewardship Assistance Landscapes

Forestland (acres)	Small Private Forestland (acres)	High COF Forested (acres)	Unhealthy Salmonid Stocks (stream miles)	Assessment Priority (H-high; M-medium)
494,448	105,856 (21%)	248,330 (41%)	814	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Working Forest-H</li><li>• Biodiversity-H</li><li>• Water Qual.-M</li></ul>



# INDIVIDUAL SCALE PLANNING

## COMPONENTS OF A FOREST STEWARDSHIP MANAGEMENT PLAN:

- ❖ Forest Health  
*Disease, Insects, Over-stocked*
- ❖ Invasive Species
- ❖ Wildfire  
*Access, Structures, Abatement*
- ❖ Soils  
*Type, Site Class, Operability*

# FOREST STEWARDSHIP MANAGEMENT PLANS

- ❖ Water Quality, Riparian & Fish Habitat, Wetlands  
*Functions, Protection, Enhancement*
- ❖ Forest Inventory, Timber & Wood Products
- ❖ Property Access, Roads & Trails  
*Legal access? Condition, Sediment Issues*
- ❖ Wildlife

# FOREST STEWARDSHIP MANAGEMENT PLANS

- ❖ Protection of Special Resources & Biodiversity  
*Unique site, T&E species, registered sites, FORI, diversity*
- ❖ Aesthetics & Recreation
- ❖ Carbon Sequestration & Climate Change
- ❖ Special Forest Products, Agro-forestry & Silviculture

# QUESTIONS?

