

The Forested Salish Sea

The Role of Forest Stewardship in Protecting Marine Health

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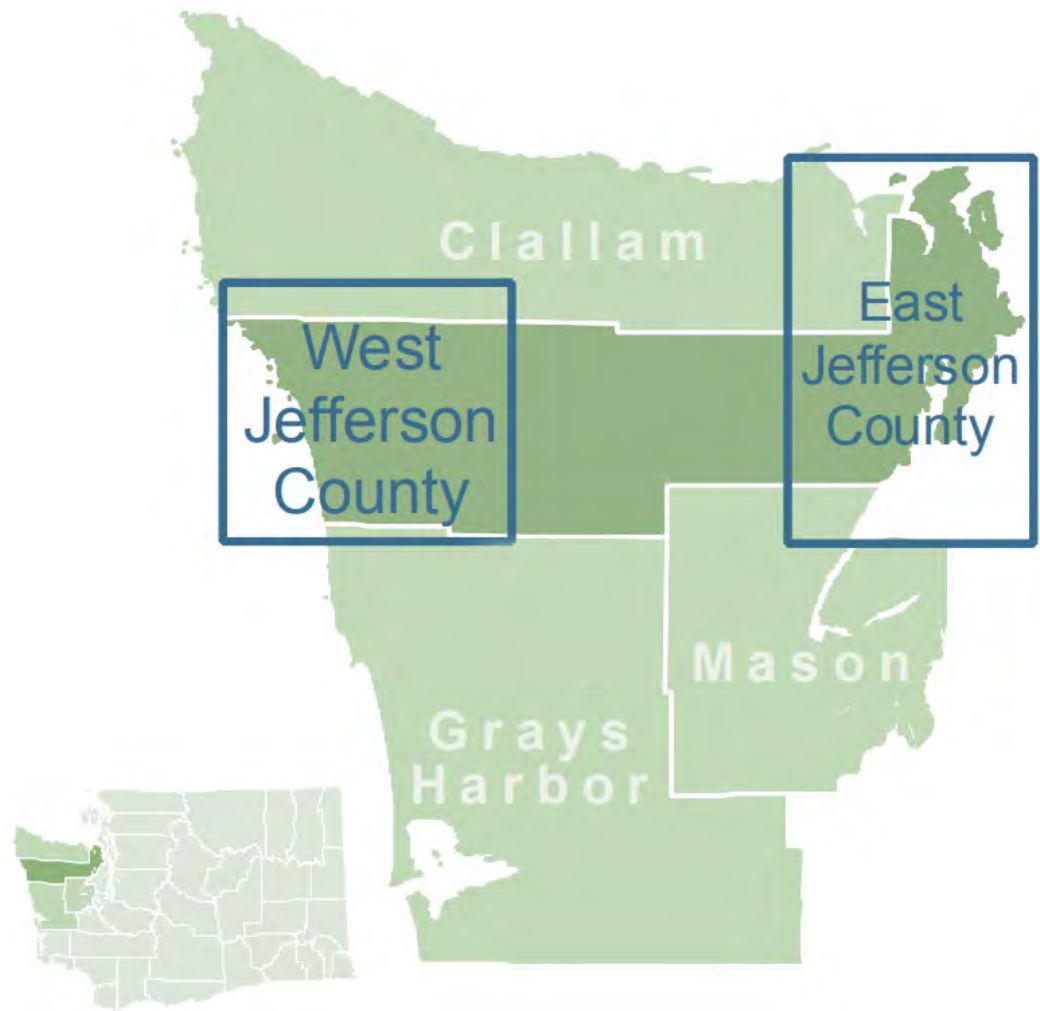
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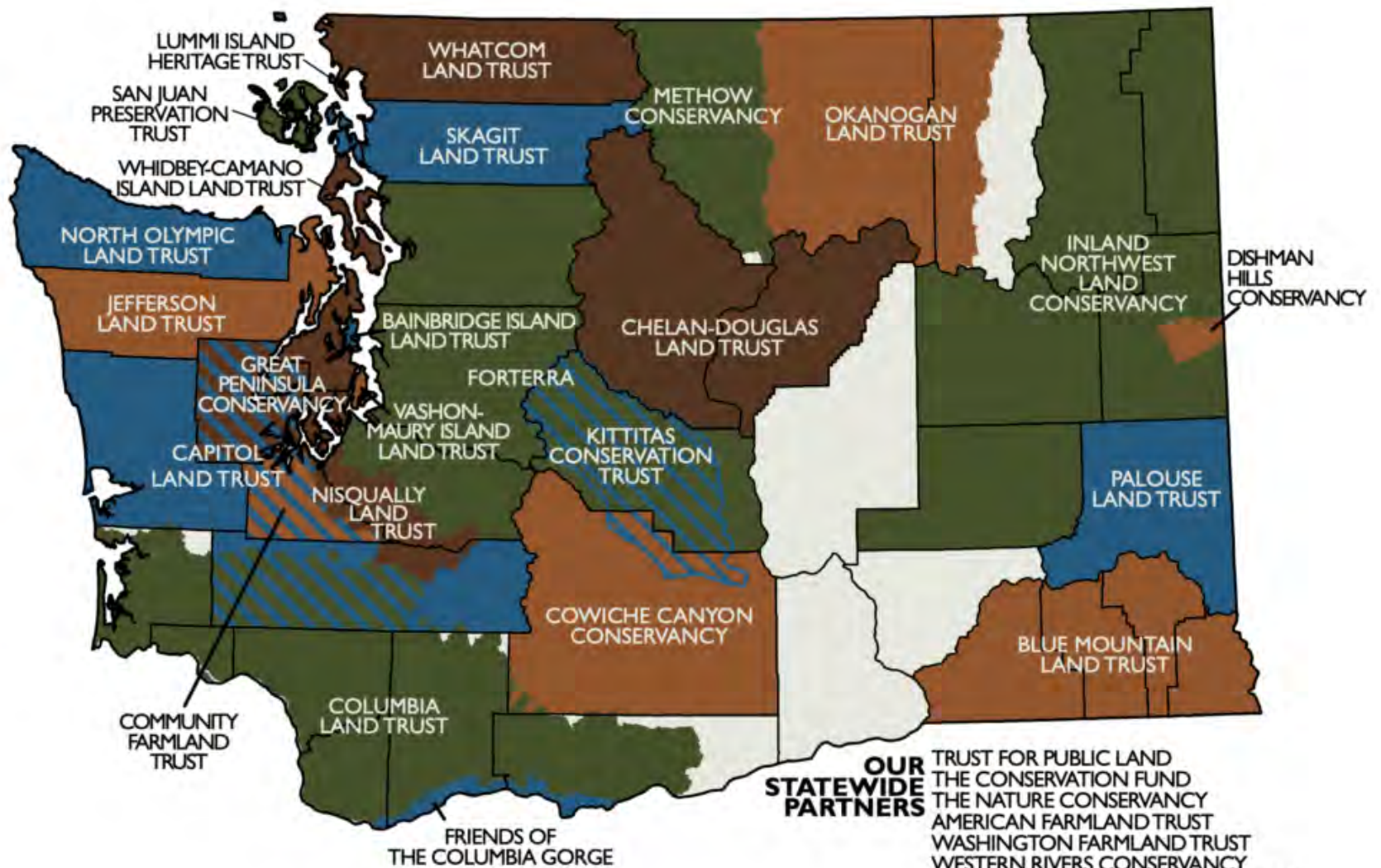
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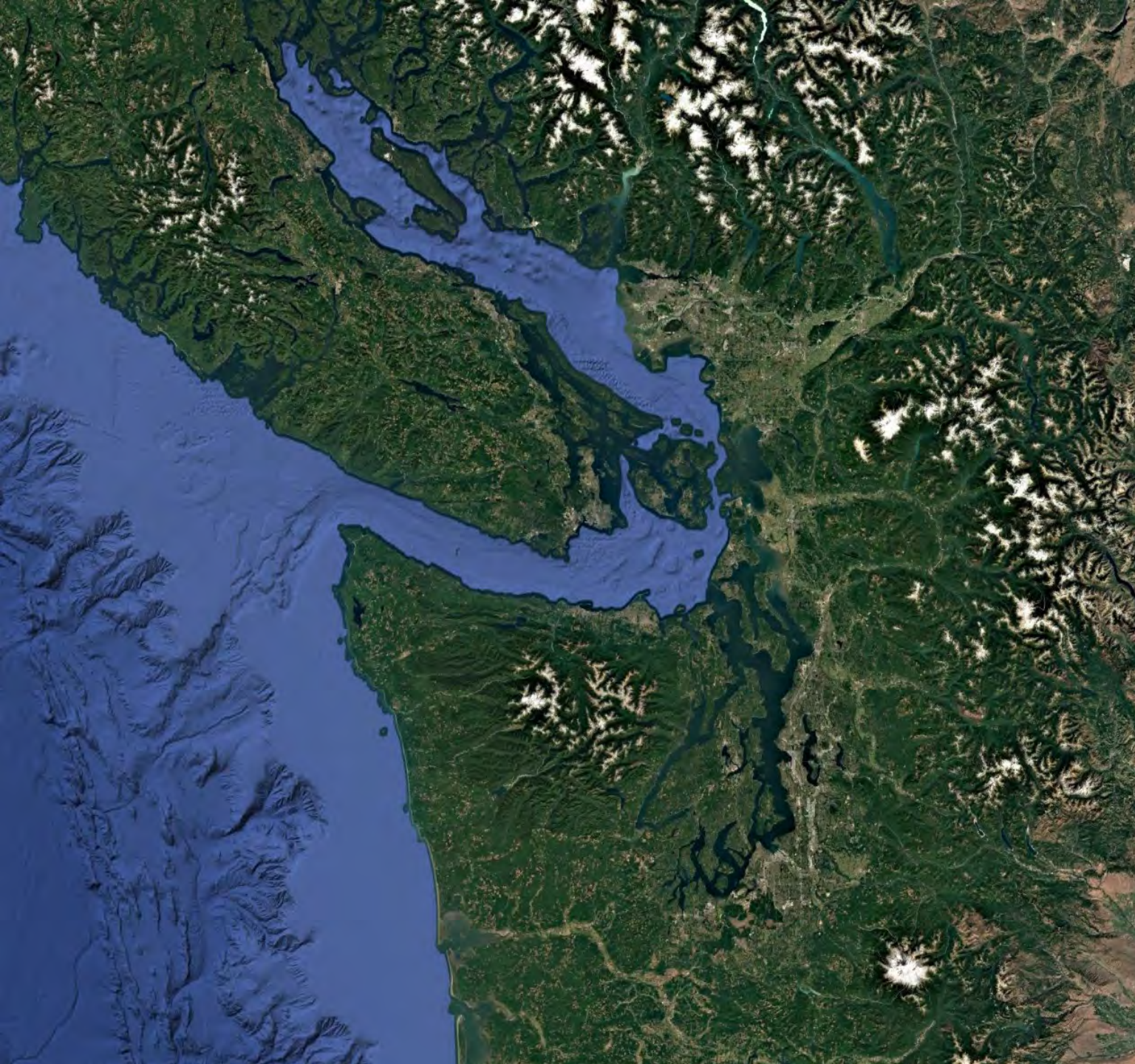


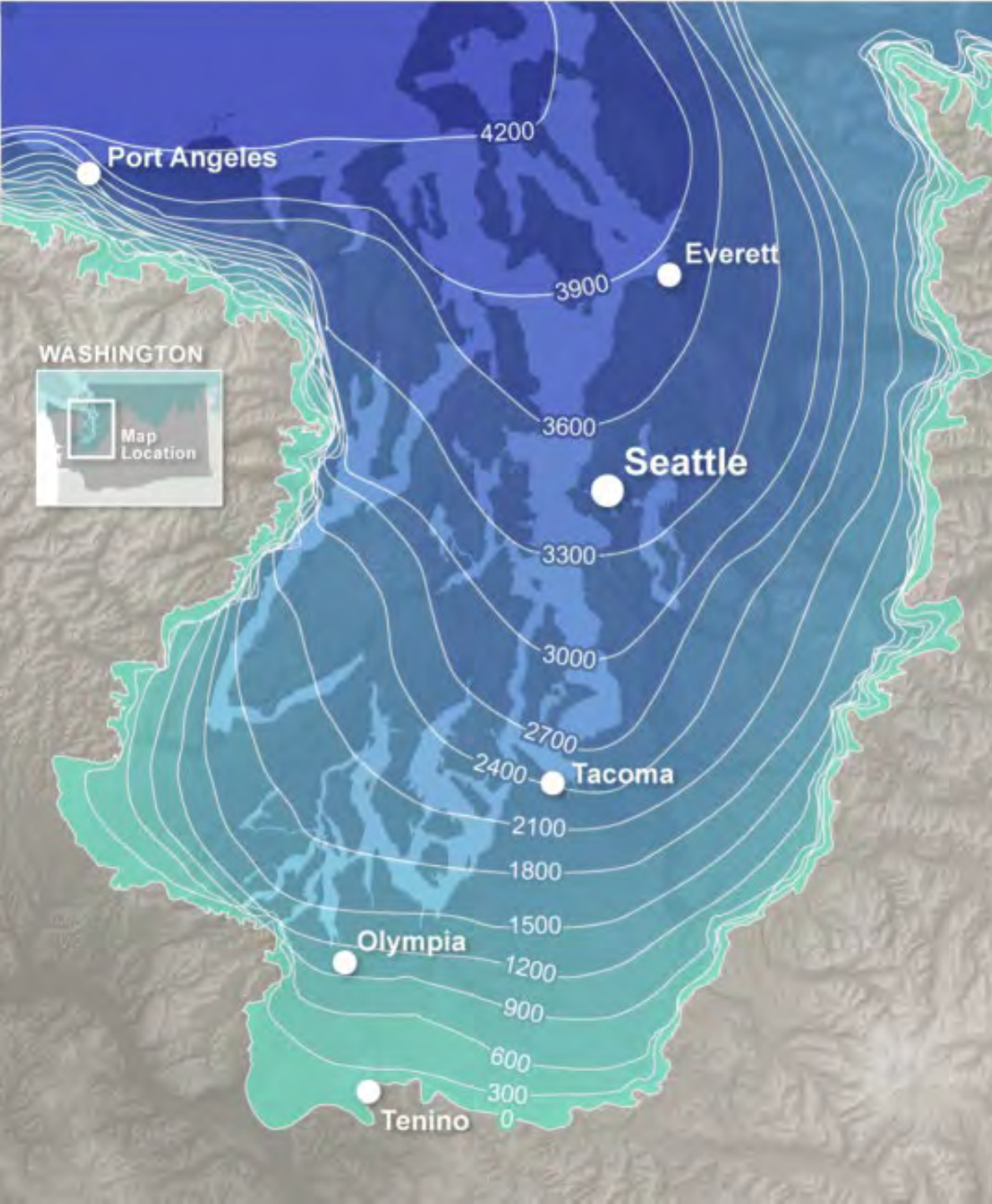
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Upland Forests: Ecological Functions



Capture rainfall, release gradually



Stabilize soil and prevent erosion



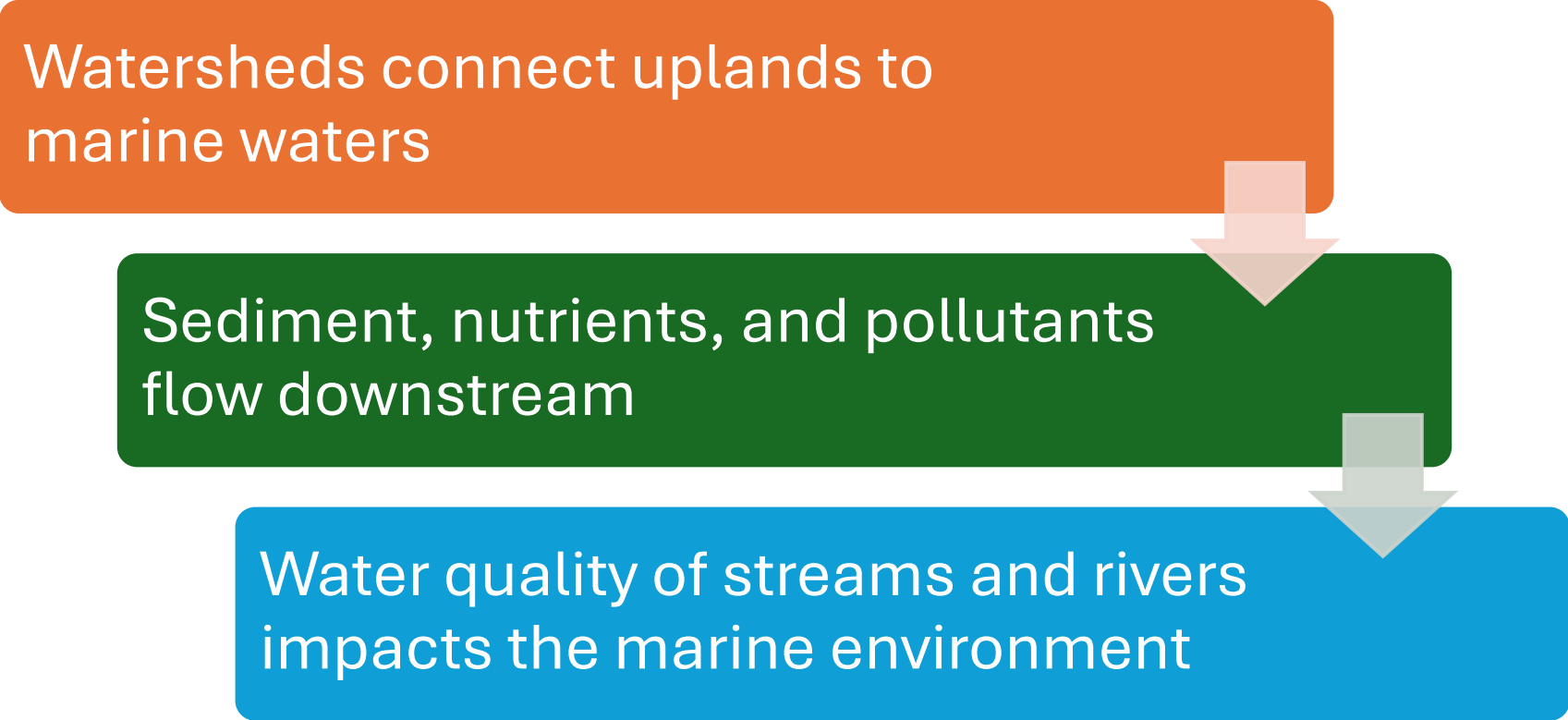
Provide shade and habitat for salmon streams



Sequester carbon

The Forest-to-Sea Connection

Watersheds connect uplands to marine waters



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Sediment, nutrients, and pollutants flow downstream

Water quality of streams and rivers impacts the marine environment







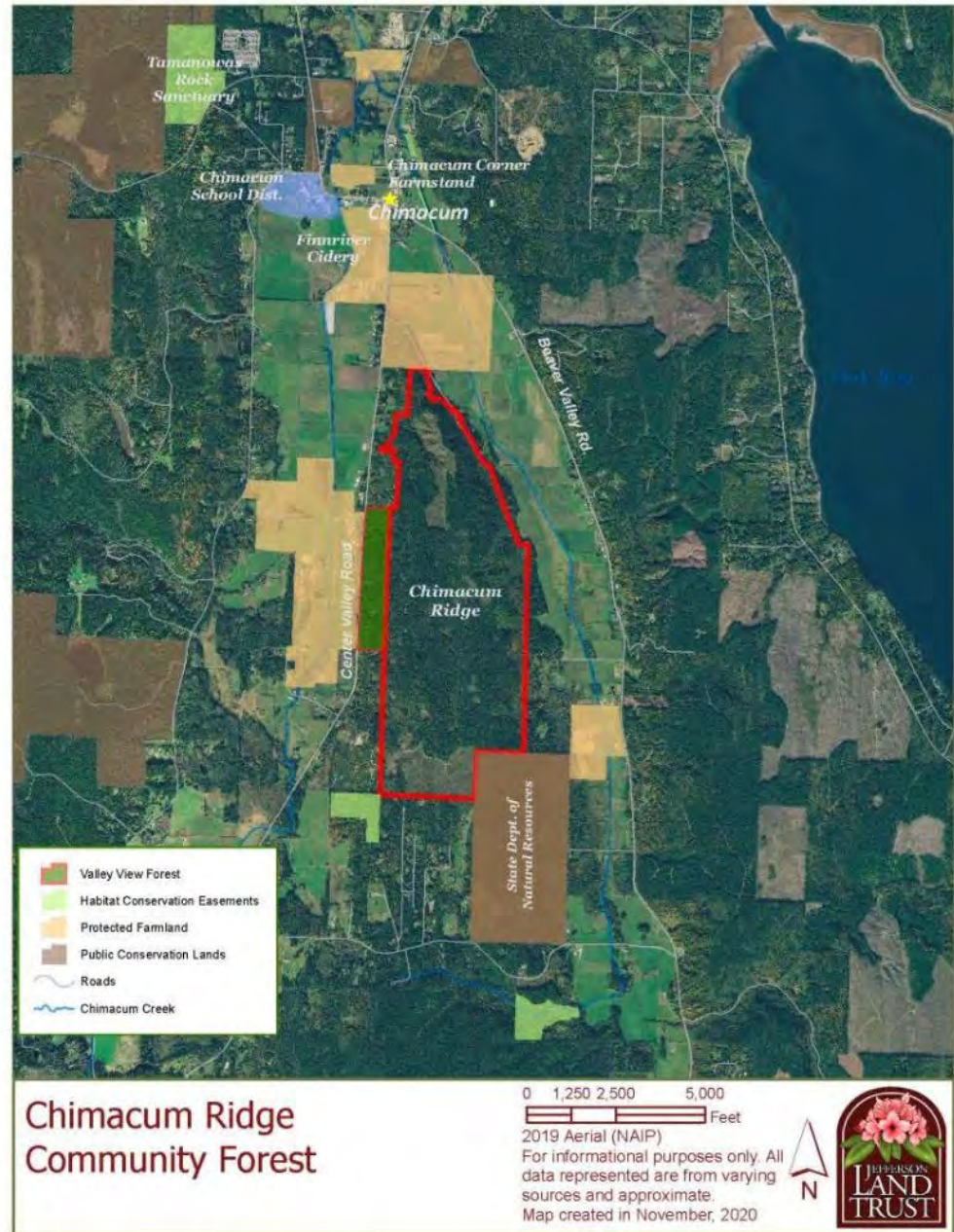
Marine Benefits of Healthy Forests

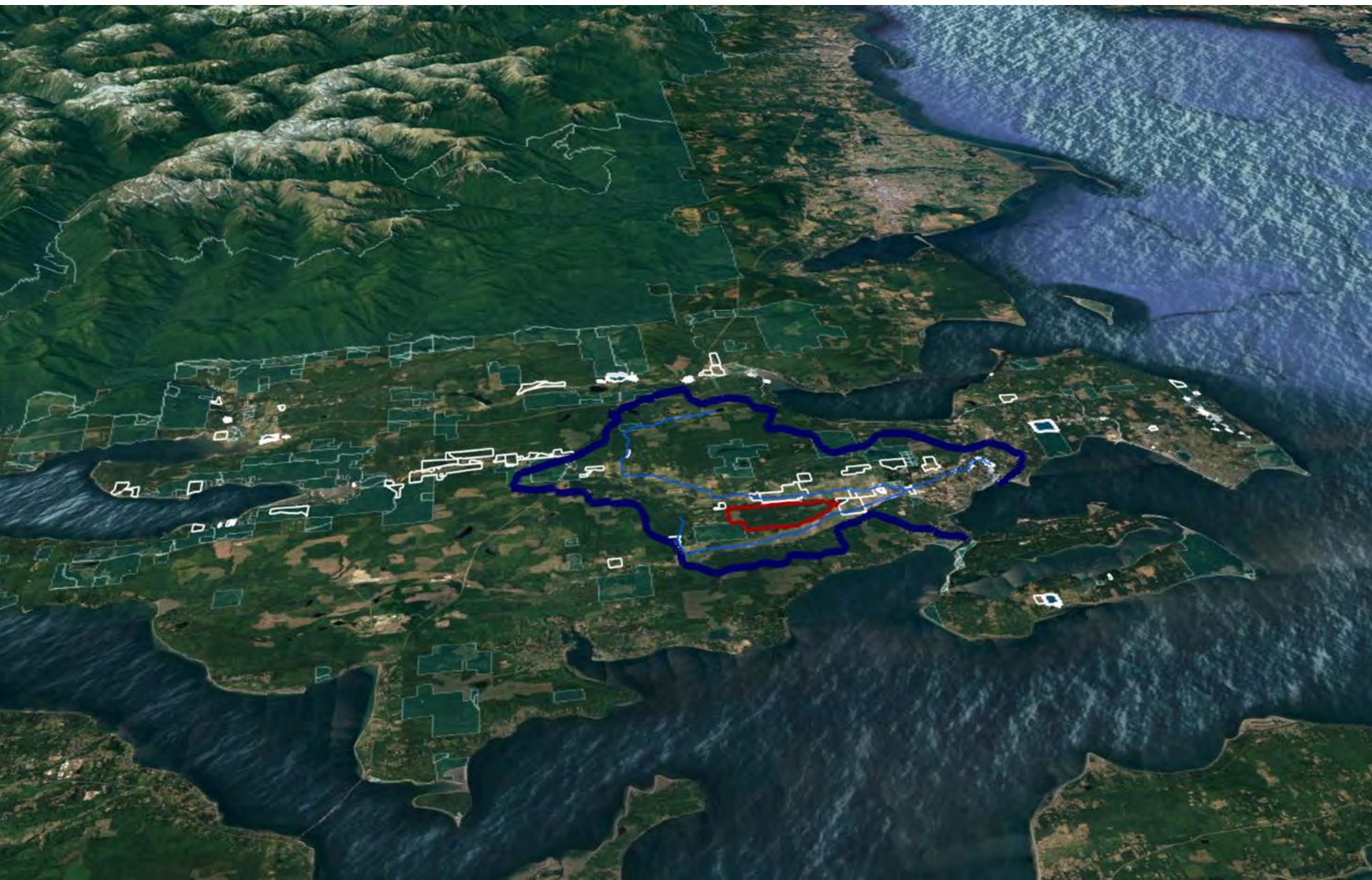
- Improved salmon survival supports orcas
- Clean water benefits shellfish beds
- Healthy estuaries and eelgrass thrive

The Role of Land Trusts

- Help protect forests from conversion and development
- Help preserve watershed features critical for salmon and marine life











Changes to Summer Stream Flow 2011-2040

Forecasted Change in Summer Flow

Mean Summer Pct Chng 2011-2040

-61.7% - -44.9%

-44.8% - -34.4%

-34.3% - -23.4%

-23.3% - -13.7%

-13.6% - -0.8%

Highways

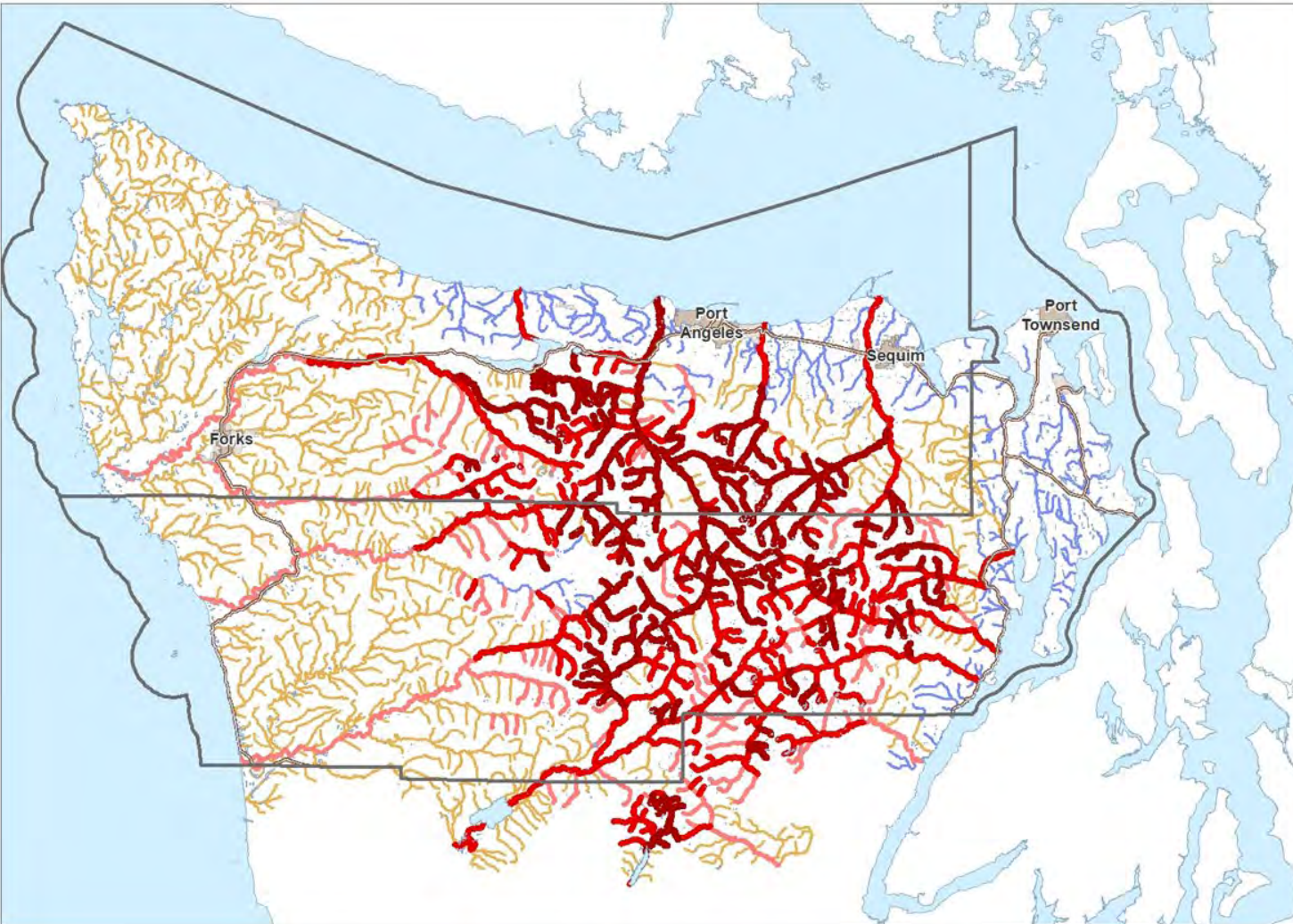
Lakes

Incorporated City

UGA

County Boundaries

VIC (Variable Infiltration Capacity) model produced by USFS Rocky Mountain Research station



Changes to Winter Stream Flow 1995-2040

Forecasted Change in Winter Flow

Mean Winter Pct Chng 1995-2040

- 6.2 - 0.0
- 0.1 - 94.3
- 94.4 - 191.5
- 191.6 - 357.1
- 357.2 - 700.0

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Changes to Stream Temperature 2011-2040

NorWeST Predicted Streams Temperatures

Temp chng C 2011-2040

- 0.00
- 0.01 - 1.37
- 1.38 - 1.40
- 1.41 - 1.42
- 1.43 - 1.46

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Date of Freeze, 1975-2005

Date of Freeze (1975-2005)

Julian Days

268 - 295
296 - 311
312 - 317
318 - 320
321 - 323
324 - 325
326 - 327
328 - 332
333 - 339
340 - 352

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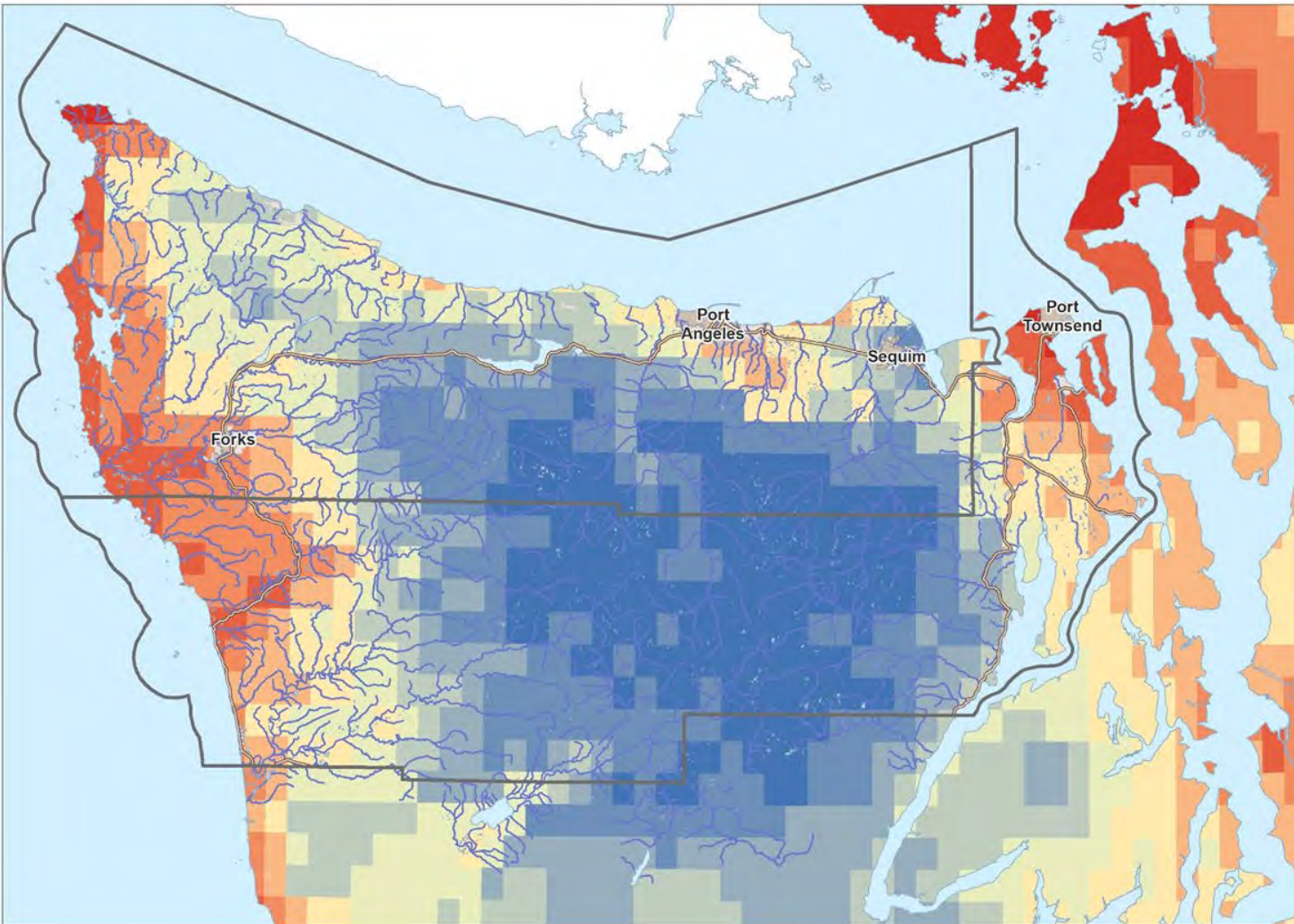
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Date of Freeze, 2071-2090

*RCP 8.5 (High Emissions
Scenario)*

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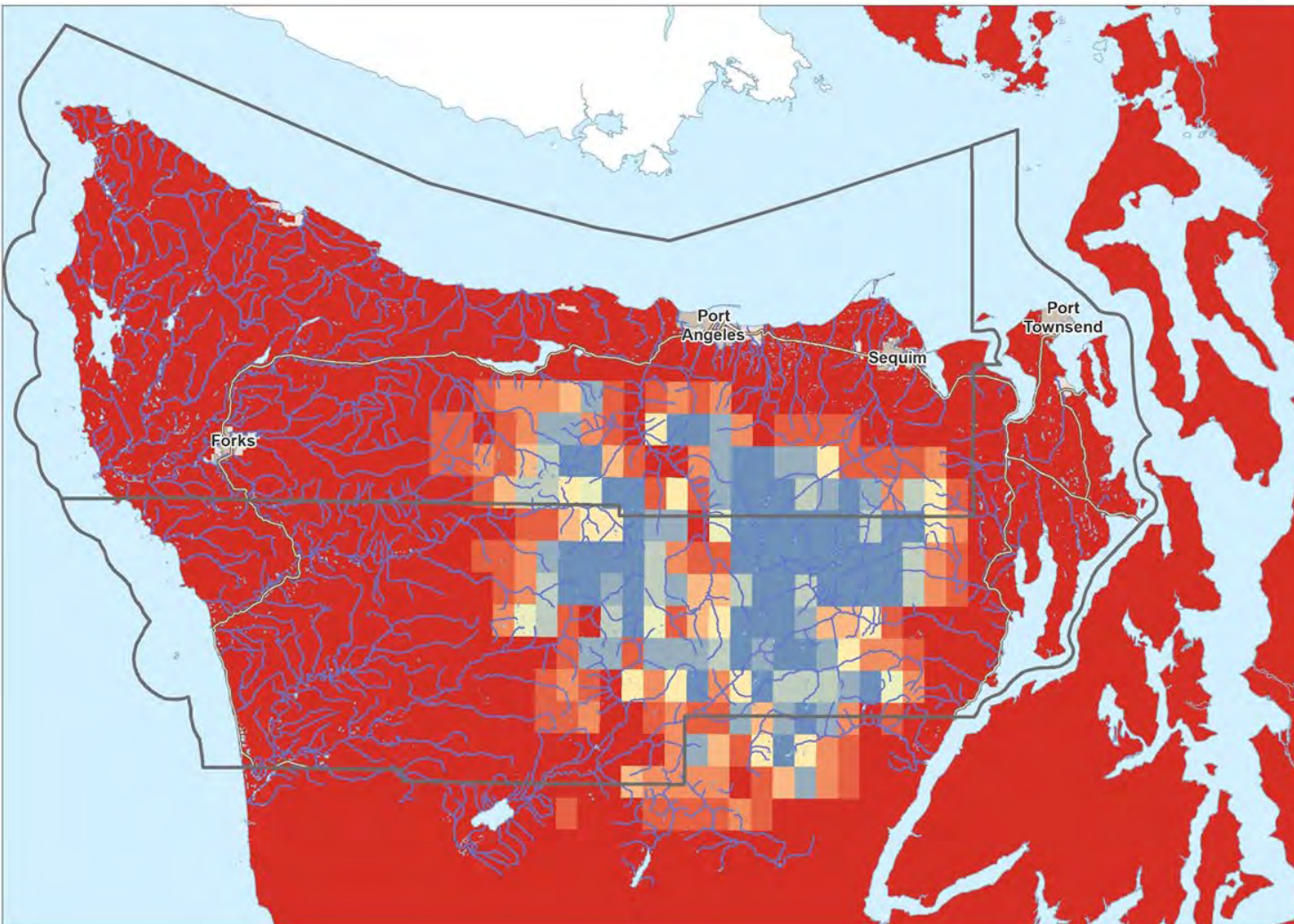
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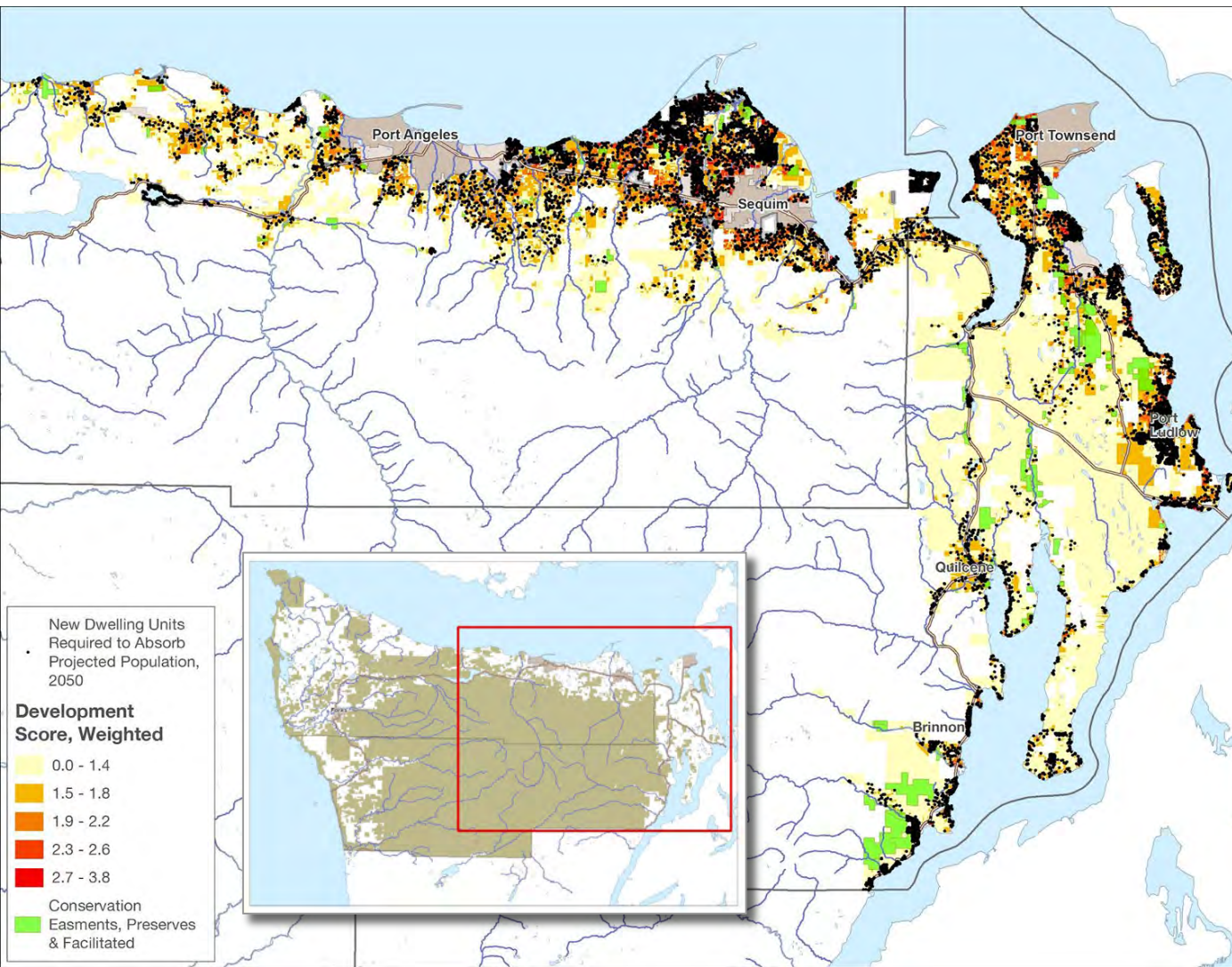
New Development by 2050, OFM 'High' Series

We used the most recent population projection generated by OFM for 2050 and held ratios of City/UGA/Unincorporated constant:

Clallam +8,363 units

Jefferson +8,353

Then distributed by avg
ppl/du from high to low
probability



Maintaining Ecological Function

Healthy forests support a healthy sea



Responsible forestry + conservation support a resilient Salish Sea



Maintaining a forested land base supports future marine conditions



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