

**STATE OF WASHINGTON**  
**WATERSHED PLANNING ACT**  
**HB 2514, 90.82 RCW**

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# WATERSHED PLANNING

ESHB 2514 passed in the 1998 legislative session codified into  
RCW 90.82

## Purpose

- Develop a cooperative method of determining the current water resource situation in watersheds
- Involve local governments, water interests, and citizens in making decisions about future water uses in their watersheds

# PLANNING COMPONENTS

- Quantity – Required
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- Instream Flows - Optional
- Water Quality - Optional
- Habitat - Optional

# WATERSHED PLANNING ACT LIMITATIONS

- shall not conflict with existing state and federal laws, and tribal treaty rights
- shall not impair or diminish in any manner any existing water right
- shall not change existing local ordinances or existing state rules or permits
- shall not affect or interfere with an ongoing general adjudication of water rights

# HB 2514 BASE FUNDING

- **Phase 1 - Organizing Grants**  
\$50,000/WRIA \$75,000 multi WRIA
- **Phase 2 - Watershed Assessments**  
\$200,000/WRIA
- **Phase 3 - Developing Watershed Plan**  
\$250,000/WRIA

# HB 1832 SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING

- Instream Flows - \$100,000/WRIA
- Water Quality - \$100,000/WRIA
- Storage - \$100,000/WRIA

# INITIATING GOVERNMENTS

- All Counties within the WRIA
- Largest City/Town
- Largest Water Supply Utility
- Tribes with Reservation Land

# PHASE 1 - Organization

- Form Planning Unit Membership
- Identify Issues, Mission, Objectives
- Establish Operating Procedures

# PHASE 2 – Watershed Assessment

- Water Present
- Water Use - Allocated , Actual, & Future
- Instream Flows
- Storage Opportunities
- Identify Data Gaps

# PHASE 3 – Watershed Plan

- Revisit Issues, Mission, Objectives
- Identify Alternative Solutions
- Evaluate Alternatives and Recommend Solutions
- Get Plan Adopted
- Establish Strategies for Implementing Solution

# STATE PARTICIPATION

- State Agencies membership at discretion of Planning Unit
- Membership may “obligate” Agencies to change policies/rules
- MOU - The 12 Participating State agencies speak with one voice

# Watershed Planning Act

## Coordinated State Effort

Memorandum of Understanding - Coordination on Watershed Planning Act - 12 Agencies signed

Agriculture

Conservation Commission

Fish and Wildlife

Parks and Recreation

Salmon Recovery Office

Community Trade Economic Development

Puget Sound Water Quality Action Team

Interagency Committee for Outdoor Education

Health

Natural Resources

Transportation

Ecology

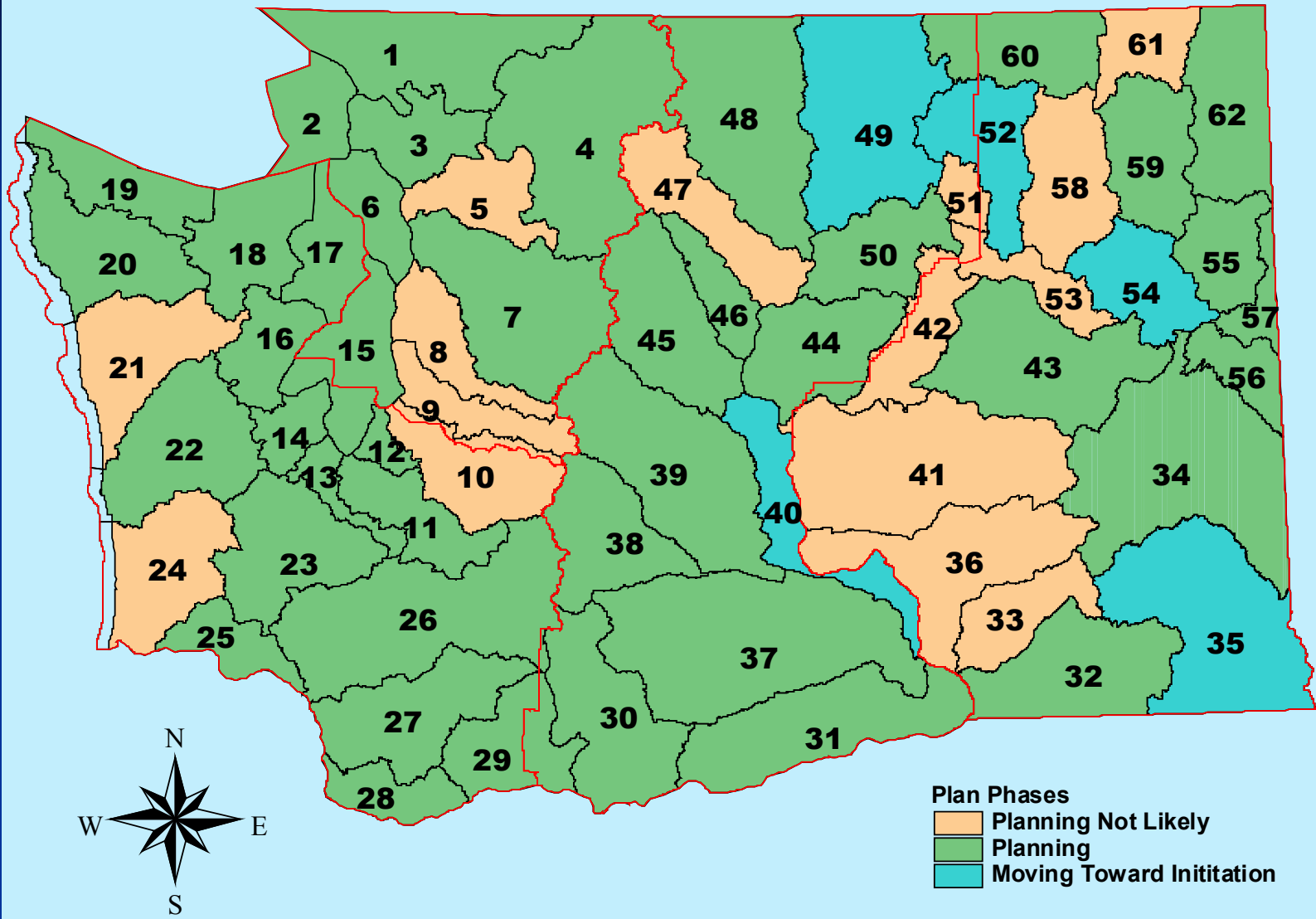
# COORDINATION WITH SALMON RECOVERY

The Watershed Planning Act requires HB-2496 limiting factors analysis & projects list to be the “primary nonregulatory *habitat component*” for watershed plans that include habitat.

# STATEWIDE PLANNING EFFORTS

- **Planning in 70% of WRIAs Statewide**
- **50% of WRIAs doing Instream Flows**
- **50% Eastern WA WRIAs Planning**

# Status of Watershed Planning - February 2002



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*Thank you*

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