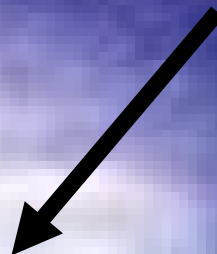


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W A T E R S H E D

**Nisqually
Watershed**



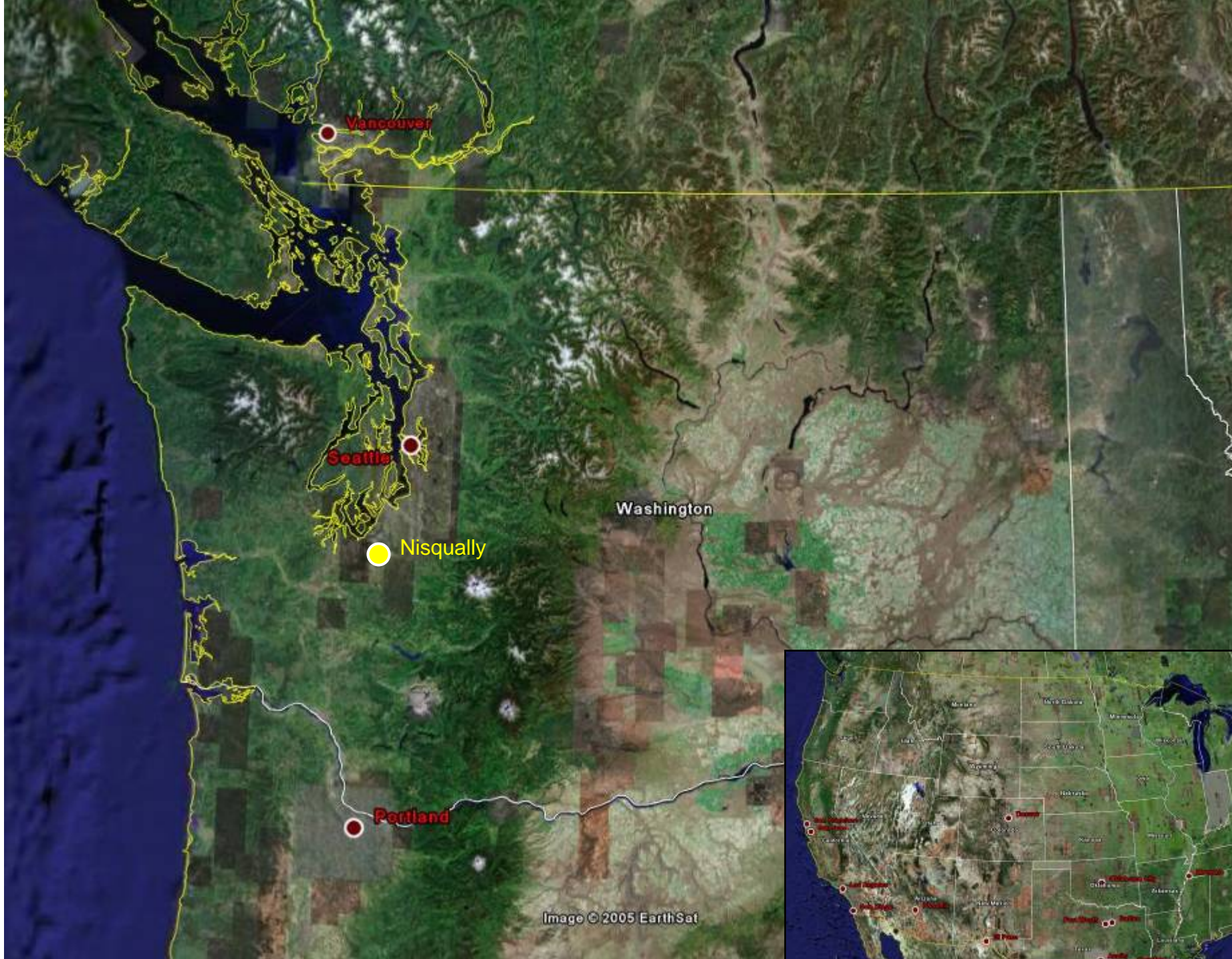


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Nisqually River Watershed



Nisqually River Management Program



Formed out of
desire to provide an
effective forum to
deal with issues in
the Nisqually
Watershed

Nisqually River Management Program

Factors leading to the Formation of the Nisqually River Council:

- Early attempt in 1970's to develop a plan.
- Boldt Decision in 1974 – recognized the Nisqually Tribe as key player.
- 1985 Jennifer Belcher introduces legislation to establish Nisqually River Task Force.

Nisqually River Management Program

1985 - Nisqually River Task Force convened at request of Washington legislature, including

- timber
- agriculture
- hydropower
- conservation organizations
- private landowners
- resource management agencies
- Nisqually Indian Tribe

Nisqually River Management Program

1987

Nisqually River Management Plan approved by
State Legislature

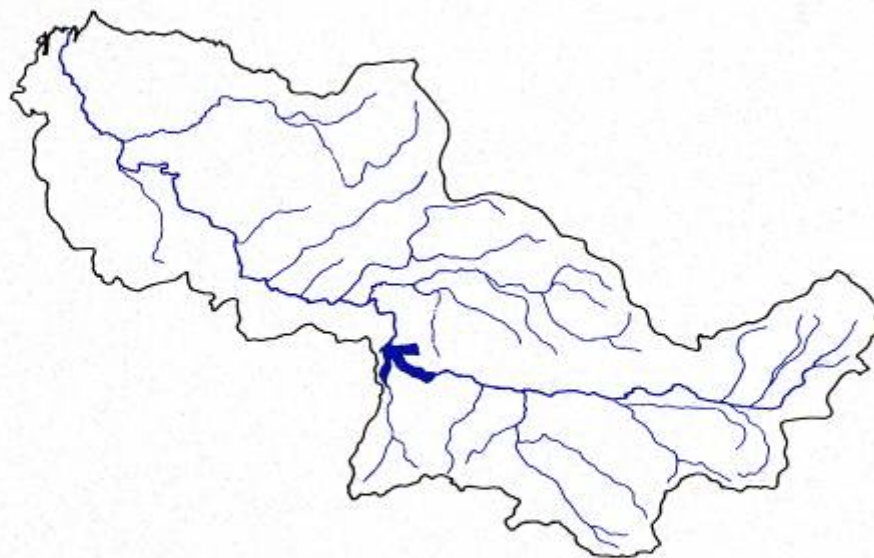
Nisqually River Council formed to oversee
implementation of the plan

Key principle of the plan:

Healthy watershed = Healthy economy



NISQUALLY RIVER MANAGEMENT PLAN



*Approved by the Washington State Legislature
June, 1987*

Nisqually River Management Program

Greatest success over the last 21 years:

**Creation of watershed community in
an atmosphere of respect and trust.**



Nisqually River Council

Citizens Advisory Committee

*Information
& Advice*

Mt Rainier NP
Nisqually NWR
Gifford Pinchot NF
Fort Lewis
Nisqually Tribe
WA Conservation
WA Ecology
WDFW
WDNR
WA Parks & Rec.
WA Sec State
Lewis County
Pierce County
Thurston County
Yelm, Roy, and
Eatonville
UW Pack Forest
Tacoma Power
Conservation Districts
Advisory Comm. Rep.

Joint Subcommittees

Executive

Education

Natural Resources

Public Access

- self nominated, designated by Council
- at least two thirds residents or landowners from within the watershed
- elects its own officers



Nisqually Watershed Stewardship Plan



Nisqually River Council

Mission

- To encourage and support sustainability in the watershed in order to steward the resources in perpetuity and build a model for harmonious living.



Vision

- We live in a watershed where vibrant communities, a healthy natural environment and a prosperous, innovative economy are valued.
- Our waters, from glacier to sound, run clean and clear, fish and wildlife thrive in our streams, forests and prairies.
- People are drawn to live, work, and play in our rural landscape.
- As stewards of our land and water, we value our working farms and forests which protect our natural, cultural, and scenic heritage.

Guiding principles

- We embrace the people who live in the Nisqually watershed, their sense of identity and responsibility that has existed for generations.
- We embrace a diverse landscape that can simultaneously support essential ecological functions, viable populations of all native species, economic prosperity, and social well-being.
- We value a vibrant local economy that benefits from and values the watershed's resources.
- We will use all available and practical tools to plan, measure, and evaluate our progress.

Main Activities

- A Viable, Healthy Natural Resource Base
- A Community that is Healthy, Wealthy, and Wise
- Increased Economic Productivity in a Sustainable Manner
- The Development of a Stewardship Ethic
- Education of Council members and watershed residents
- Coordination of watershed activities
- Maintenance of the watershed community in an atmosphere of respect and trust

Watershed Governance Changes

A stylized landscape illustration in shades of blue and white. It features a winding river in the foreground, rolling hills in the middle ground, and a range of mountains in the background. The sky is a solid light blue.

- Created collaboration and focus
- State and Local Governments operate differently here

Ecosystem Benefits

The background of the slide features a stylized illustration of a mountain range in shades of blue and white, with a winding river or path in white and light blue flowing through the foreground.

- Much greater coordination for salmon recovery projects
- Nisqually Salmon Habitat Workgroup
- Funding coordination for high priority projects

Stakeholder Benefits

- Direct access to on the ground managers
- Greater funding for watershed projects – bringing money to the community
- Coordination of preservation, recovery, and enhancement efforts – environmental, economic, and community

Challenges



- Participation
- Staffing/Funding
- No negative impacts to governments or stakeholders

Pros and Cons of Our Structure

- Legislature approved
- No regulatory authority
- Voluntary participation in programs
- Operate through influence and incentives
- Agency heavy



*“I believe in the sun and the stars,
the water, the tides, the floods, the
owls, the hawks flying, the river
running, the wind talking. They’re
measurements. They tell us how
healthy things are. How healthy we
are”*. –**Billy Frank Jr.**

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Discussion

- Are there aspects of the experience that are transferable to the Coquitlam River Watershed Strategy –
What are the pros and cons of applying their approaches in this Coquitlam River setting?