

No other state in the nation has accomplished the same level of restoration of shellfish growing areas as we have in Washington.

Moving forward with the targeted approach to shellfish project funding...

The targeted approach is a change from the SCC's traditional funding model. In the past, entities seeking our capital funding would have their projects scored and ranked based on a set of criteria that did not include geographic "clustering," resulting in projects scattered across a broad landscape. We anticipate that our more targeted approach to Shellfish Program funding will not only maximize the use of state funding, but also increase our ability to re-open additional shellfish harvest areas and strengthen efforts to reduce ocean acidification.

Supporting implementation of the Puget Sound Action Agenda

- The SCC Shellfish Program supports the Action Agenda Strategic Initiative to "recover shellfish beds."
- The program also supports the 2016 Action Agenda Strategy 11 to "prevent, reduce, and control agricultural runoff," and the two associated sub-strategies:
 1. Target voluntary and incentive-based programs that help working farms contribute to Puget Sound Recovery.
 2. Improve water quality to prevent downgrade and achieve upgrades of important current tribal, commercial, and recreational shellfish harvesting areas.

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TARGETED IMPLEMENTATION OF SHELLFISH FUNDING

Investing in shellfish recovery projects at a watershed-scale to build cumulative results



The Washington State Conservation Commission (SCC) uses the state-funded Shellfish Program to invest in the right projects, in the right places, for the right result:

- In the 2013-15 capital budget, the Washington Legislature appropriated \$4.5 million to the SCC to fund conservation district projects that address ocean acidification and improve water quality in shellfish harvest areas. They appropriated an additional \$4 million to continue the program for the 2015-17 biennium.
- The SCC takes a results-focused approach to administering program funds — priority is given to "project clusters" located within the same watershed, river system, or sub-basin where there's an identified resource concern.
- This targeted approach helps the SCC contribute to Governor Jay Inslee's "Results Washington" multi-agency goal to increase improved shellfish harvest acreage in Puget Sound from a net increase of 3,038 acres from 2007-13 to a net increase of 8,614 acres by the end of 2016.



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Targeted implementation of shellfish funding

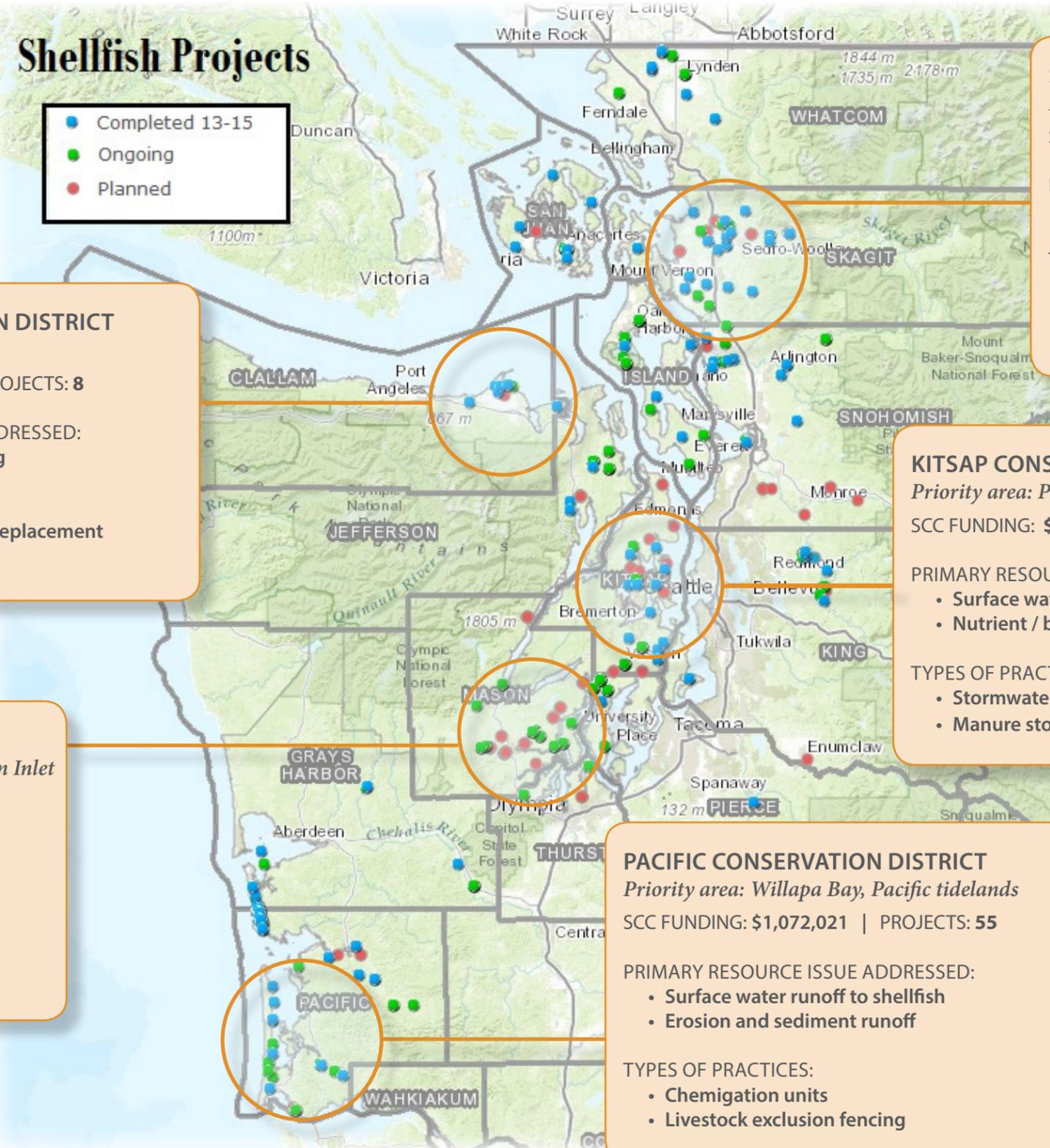
13-15 and 15-17 biennium: Examples of completed, ongoing, and planned shellfish projects

TOTAL SCC INVESTMENT:

\$5.1 million

PROJECTS FUNDED:

214



CLALLAM CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Priority area: Dungeness Bay
 SCC FUNDING: **\$181,858** | PROJECTS: **8**
 PRIMARY RESOURCE ISSUE ADDRESSED:
 • Nutrient / bacteria loading
 TYPES OF PRACTICES:
 • Septic system repair and replacement
 • Manure storage facilities

SKAGIT CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Priority area: Samish Bay
 SCC FUNDING: **\$457,827** | PROJECTS: **37**
 PRIMARY RESOURCE ISSUE ADDRESSED:
 • Nutrient / bacteria loading
 TYPES OF PRACTICES:
 • Septic repair and replacement
 • Manure storage facilities
 • Livestock exclusion fencing

KITSAP CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Priority area: Port Orchard Narrows, Rich Passage
 SCC FUNDING: **\$661,461** | PROJECTS: **19**
 PRIMARY RESOURCE ISSUE ADDRESSED:
 • Surface water runoff to shellfish
 • Nutrient / bacteria loading
 TYPES OF PRACTICES:
 • Stormwater infiltration
 • Manure storage facilities

MASON CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Priority area: Oakland Bay, Case Inlet, Totten Inlet
 SCC FUNDING: **\$420,787** | PROJECTS: **19**
 PRIMARY RESOURCE ISSUE ADDRESSED:
 • Nutrient / bacteria loading
 TYPES OF PRACTICES:
 • Manure storage facilities
 • Livestock exclusion fencing

PACIFIC CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Priority area: Willapa Bay, Pacific tidelands
 SCC FUNDING: **\$1,072,021** | PROJECTS: **55**
 PRIMARY RESOURCE ISSUE ADDRESSED:
 • Surface water runoff to shellfish
 • Erosion and sediment runoff
 TYPES OF PRACTICES:
 • Chemigation units
 • Livestock exclusion fencing

