

# EVERY CONSERVATION DISTRICT CONTRIBUTES TO ORCA RECOVERY



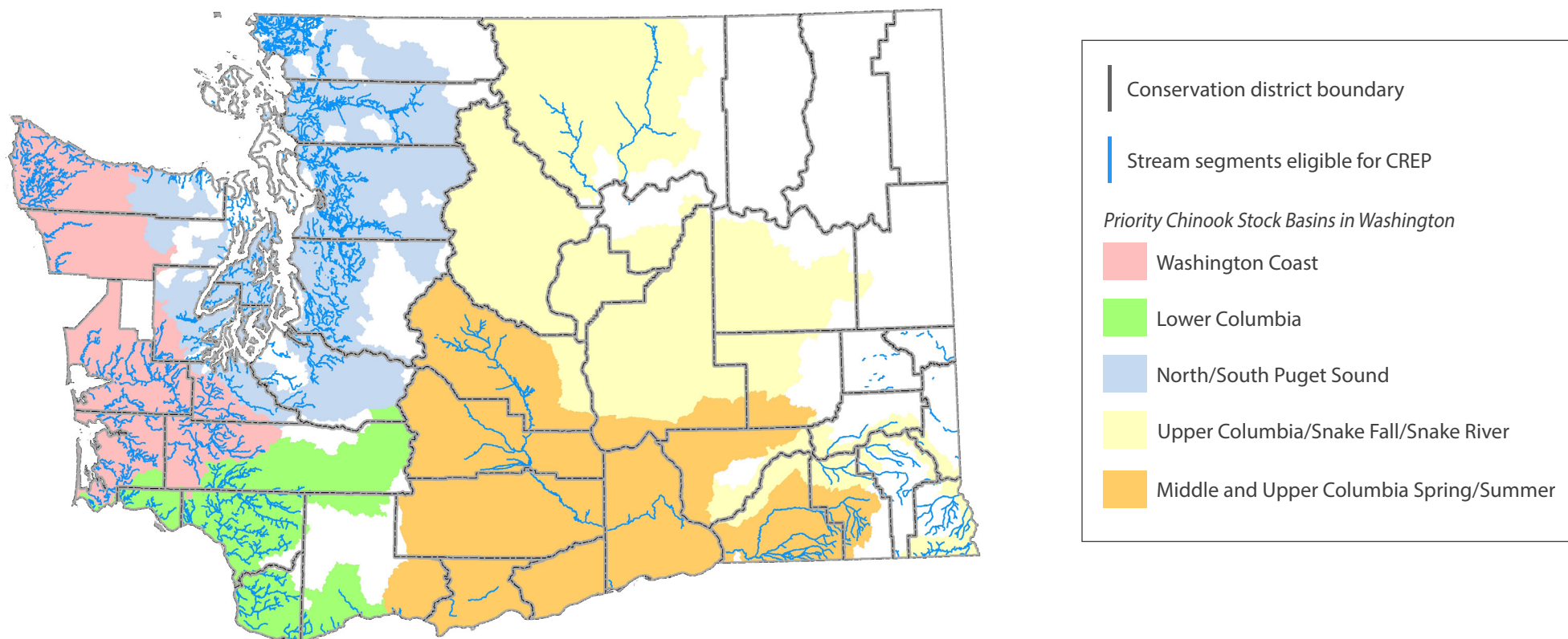
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS  
OF WASHINGTON STATE  
*your window to healthy lands*

Basins that are home to priority Chinook stocks for Southern Resident killer whales stretch across our state.<sup>1</sup> **Several Washington State Conservation Commission (SCC) programs support salmon recovery projects in these basins, and every conservation district completes work that benefits salmon.**

## Example: Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) - Good for Salmon, Good for Orca

- ▶ CREP is an incentive-based program that has helped farmers voluntarily restore habitat along hundreds of miles of salmon-bearing streams in Washington.
- ▶ Nearly all stream segments eligible for CREP are in basins that are home to priority Chinook stocks for Southern Resident killer whales.
- ▶ In watersheds with high levels of participation in CREP, Chinook returns have increased, and water temperatures have cooled.

*CREP is cooperatively administered by the SCC, USDA Farm Service Agency, and conservation districts.*



<sup>1</sup>NOAA and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. (2018) Southern Resident Killer Whale Priority Chinook Stocks Report. Retrieved from: [https://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/publications/protected\\_species/marine\\_mammals/killer\\_whales/recovery/srkw\\_priority\\_chinook\\_stocks\\_conceptual\\_model\\_report\\_\\_\\_list\\_22june2018.pdf](https://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/publications/protected_species/marine_mammals/killer_whales/recovery/srkw_priority_chinook_stocks_conceptual_model_report___list_22june2018.pdf)