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- Volume 1 is a statewide review of Oregon Plan implementation.
 The report summarizes basin-level accomplishments and
 investments related to water quality improvements, fish
 recovery, and watershed health. The report also provides an
 overview of state agency actions and recommendations to
 enhance the effectiveness of the Oregon Plan.
- Volume 2 is an executive summary of Oregon's assessment of the Oregon Coastal Coho Evolutionarily Significant Unit (ESU), including the following key elements:
 - 1. Viability analysis
 - 2. Population bottlenecks
 - 3. Evaluation of conservation efforts
 - 4. Monitoring
 - 5. Evaluating current threats to ESU viability
 - 6. Oregon's conclusions regarding future ESU viability
 - 7. Lessons learned and adaptive management commitments

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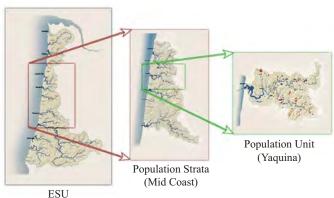
To restore the watersheds of Oregon and to recover the fish and wildlife populations of those watersheds to productive and sustainable levels in a manner that provides substantial environmental, cultural, and economic benefits.





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This document (Oregon Plan Biennial Report · Volume 2) captures the key elements of the State of Oregon Assessment of the Coastal Coho ESU. This Assessment required significant contributions from local watershed partners and Oregon and federal agencies that contributed data, analyses, and administrative support. The complete Assessment documents can be viewed at: http://nrimp.dfwstate.or.us/ OregonPlan/. This document is produced by the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, as part of Biennial Reporting of Oregon Plan work by government $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left($ agencies and local partners. This document should be cited as: Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board. 2005. 2003-2005 Oregon Plan Biennial Report, Volume 2. Salem, Oregon. Copyright ${\rm @\ }$ The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, 2005. All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system or transmitted in any form or by any means without the written permission $% \left\{ 1,2,...,n\right\}$ of the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board. This product is for informational purposes and may not have been prepared for, or be suitable for legal, engineering, or surveying purposes. Users of this information should review or consult the primary data sources to ascertain the usability of the information. Printed in Oregon.

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Description of Volume 2

Assessment of the Oregon Coastal Coho Evolutionarily Significant Unit

The Oregon Coastal Coho Evolutionarily Significant Unit (ESU) is being considered for listing as threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA).

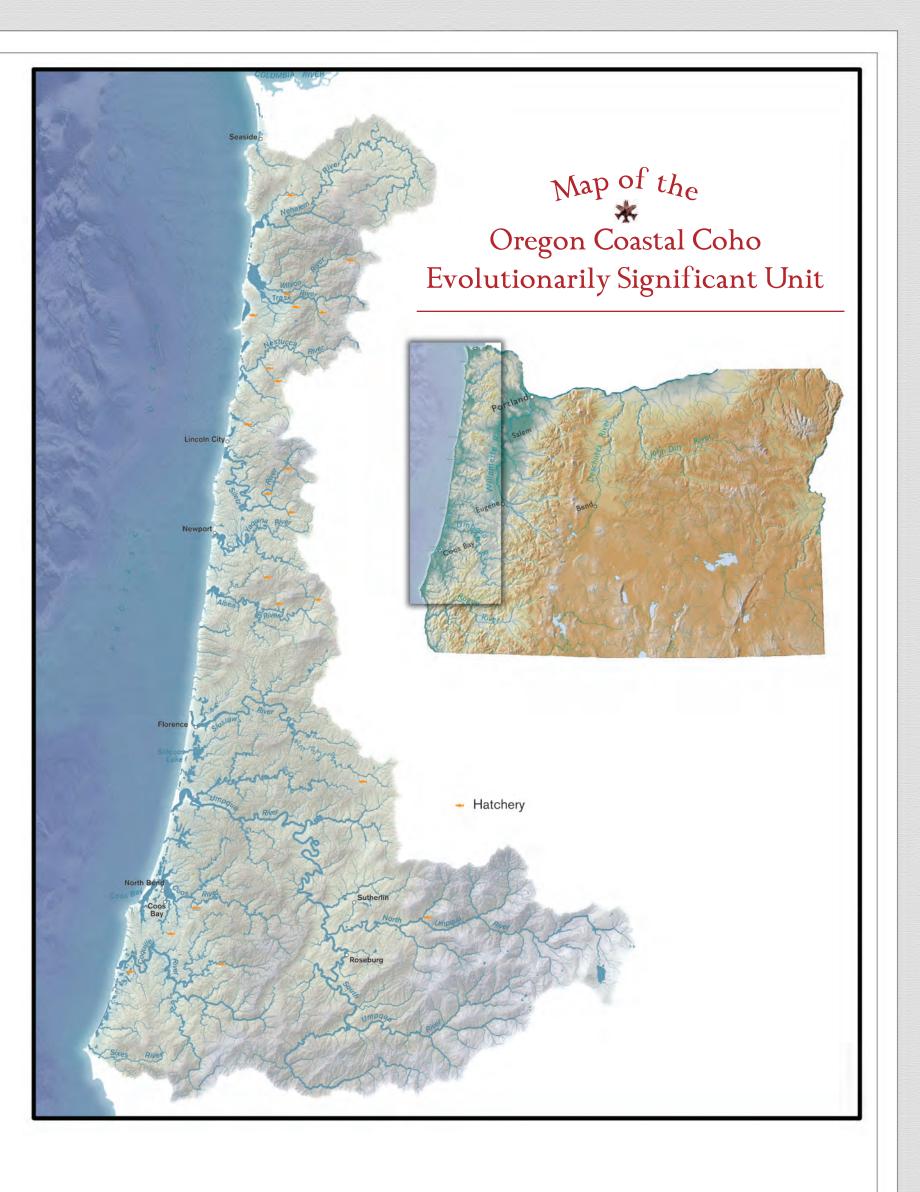
The State of Oregon has completed a comprehensive Assessment of the status of the fish and the ongoing conservation efforts for this ESU in order to inform the ongoing conservation efforts as well as the federal government's listing decision. This Assessment required significant contributions from local watershed partners and Oregon and federal agencies that contributed data, analyses, and administrative support.

The complete Assessment documents can be viewed at: http://nrimp.dfw.state.or.us/OregonPlan/

Oregon's assessment includes:

- 1. Evaluating the biological viability (sustainability) of the ESU.
- 2. Identifying risk factors contributing to the decline of coho or potentially threatening viability in the foreseeable future.
- 3. Evaluating the status and trends in management programs, restoration work, habitat, and other conditions in place to address these risk factors and maintain or enhance the continued viability of the ESU.

This document (Oregon Plan Biennial Report - Volume 2) captures the key elements of the Assessment.





Background

populations of coho salmon (Oncorhynchus kisutch) that occur in coastal watersheds between Seaside and Cape Blanco are being evaluated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries for listing under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA). These populations, which have been designated a single Evolutionarily Significant Unit (ESU), have been the focus of a considerable conservation effort by the State of Oregon, local and private entities, and federal management partners. Much of this conservation effort has been developed and implemented under a planning framework called the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds (Oregon Plan). The Oregon Plan brings together various governmental and non-governmental entities to implement conservation strategies for fish populations throughout Oregon, including those belonging to the Oregon Coastal Coho ESU. In this context, the Oregon Plan refers to the broad suite of conservation efforts implemented to improve the status of coho and their watersheds, e.g., harvest, hatcheries, habitat, etc.

The Coastal Coho Project and the Coho Assessment

The State of Oregon, in partnership with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), initiated a collaborative project to address the conservation of coastal coho on the Oregon coast. The primary objectives of the Coastal Coho Project are to:

- 1. Assess Oregon Plan efforts to conserve and rebuild coastal coho populations.
- 2. Use the assessment to inform NOAA Fisheries' status review listing determination.
- 3. Use the assessment as a foundation for developing a conservation and recovery plan for coastal coho.
- 4. In the event that NOAA Fisheries determines to list this ESU as threatened, use the assessment as a basis to seek legal assurances for those carrying out activities that are consistent with the Oregon Plan.

Volume 2 is an executive summary of Oregon's assessment of the Oregon Coastal Coho Evolutionarily Significant Unit (ESU) that addresses objective two above.

The Coho Assessment Process

The framework for this Assessment included developing measurable criteria to define population and ESU viability, utilizing the best available information to evaluate fish status relative to these criteria, identifying key factors likely responsible for the evaluation result, assessing the implementation certainty and effectiveness of conservation efforts to address factors for decline and potential threats to viability, and concluding with Oregon's overall evaluation of what threats to this ESU remain and what the significance of those threats is in terms of risk to viability.

To accomplish this, various types of data were examined, including: fish abundance and distribution; marine survival; fishery harvest; hatchery programs; stream complexity; riparian condition; water quality; streamflow; fish passage (access to spawning and rearing streams); predation; fish disease; and exotic fish species. These data represent available information collected both before and after the formal implementation of the Oregon Plan in 1997.

The State of Oregon has conducted this comprehensive assessment of the status of the fish, the status of freshwater habitat that supports the species' life cycle, and the ongoing conservation efforts for this ESU in order to inform the continued management programs and activities. The results of this Assessment are intended also to inform the federal government's listing decision. Oregon's assessment includes:

- 1. An evaluation of the biological viability (sustainability) of the ESU.
- 2. Identification of key risk factors that contributed to the past decline of coho or threaten coho viability in the foreseeable future.
- 3. A determination of the current levels of risk to ESU viability presented by these key risk factors.
- 4. An evaluation of the status and trends of management programs, restoration work, habitat, and other conditions in place to address these risk factors and maintain or enhance the continued viability of the ESU.

The Coho Assessment will Inform Recovery Planning

The Coastal Coho ESU Assessment is the starting point for more effective future restoration investment, monitoring, and adaptive management action.

Regardless of the current ESA listing decision, Oregon, in partnership with NOAA Fisheries and interested stakeholders, will continue the ongoing process of completing a full conservation/recovery plan. This plan builds upon the Assessment to establish goals beyond the threshold of viability, focuses management actions on the primary limiting threats to reaching those goals, and establishes a comprehensive monitoring and evaluation program for adaptive management. The draft conservation/recovery plan is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2006.



Key Conclusions Regarding ESU Viability

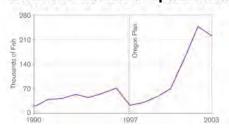
Analysis of ESU

Biological Viability Status



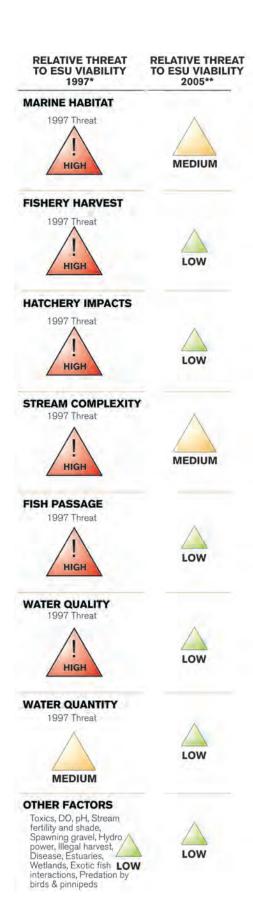
Coho Abundance Harvest Spawners Spawne

Number of Wild Spawners



Average abundance of wild coho spawners in the ESU during 2001-2003 was greater than the average for any of the previous five decades.

- 1. The Coastal Coho ESU is viable, that is, coho populations generally demonstrate sufficient abundance, productivity, distribution and diversity to be sustained under the current and foreseeable range of environmental conditions. In fact, the ESU retains sufficient productivity and is supported by sufficient habitat to be sustainable through a future period of adverse ocean, drought, and flood conditions similar to or somewhat more adverse than the most recent period of poor survival conditions (late 1980s and 1990s).
- 2. During and after the recent period of poor marine survival, coho populations generally demonstrated adequate resiliency to resist continued downward population trends, and demonstrated the ability to rebound dramatically as marine survival conditions improved.
- 3. The mechanisms for this response are most likely a combination of inherently strong density-dependent recruitment coupled with sufficient high quality habitats to sustain productivity during periods of adverse environmental conditions. This reasoning does not imply that habitat conditions are optimum for the species nor that habitat is currently sufficient to achieve broader Oregon Plan recovery goals for the ESU.
- 4. Although the ESU passed viability criteria, 7 of 21 independent coho populations failed at least one of the viability criteria. These populations are distributed across 4 of 5 population strata.
- 5. The possibility that a number of adverse environmental conditions could converge and create a catastrophic threat to ESU viability is real. The convergence of the worst marine survival conditions in the last five decades, drought and extreme floods all occurred in the 1990s. Although the impacts were dramatic, the ESU remained viable through this period and rebounded quickly once conditions moderated. The life cycle of the species, its population dynamics and structure, and its broad geographic distribution reduce the likelihood that catastrophic events or convergence of multiple adverse environmental conditions would result in this ESU not being viable in the foreseeable future.
- 6. The assessment that Oregon coastal coho are likely to persist into the foreseeable future is predicated on the assumption that freshwater habitat and marine survival conditions in the future will generally correspond with environmental conditions and variability evident in the past several decades.



This chart compares perceived level of threat to ESU viability, for each potential limiting factor, in 1997 and 2005.

- * 1997 threats are Oregon's interpretation of NOAA evaluation.
- ** 2005 threats are Oregon's assessment.

Threats to ESU Viability

- 1. Based on Oregon's finding that the Coastal Coho ESU is viable plus evaluation of habitat data, conservation efforts, and monitoring programs current levels of threat to continued ESU viability were determined.
- 2. Oregon concluded that two risk factors (marine habitat and stream complexity) currently present moderate levels of risk to future ESU viability.
- 3. This finding is in sharp contrast to 1997 when many risk factors (marine habitat, fishery harvest, hatchery impacts, stream complexity, fish passage, and water quality) were thought to present high levels of threat to ESU viability.

Future ESU Viability

- 1. A diverse set of conditions supports the conclusion that this ESU will maintain its viability into the foreseeable future. This set of conditions includes laws, management programs, monitoring, environmental conditions, and societal networks. In concert, these conditions serve to sustain and improve future viability of the ESU by: (1) reversing many of the environmental alterations and fishery impacts caused by historical management practices; (2) conserving existing conditions that support viability of the ESU; (3) creating future environmental conditions, based on an understanding of primary threats to individual populations, that will further improve the viability of the ESU in fulfillment of Oregon Plan objectives; and (4) maintaining a comprehensive monitoring program to allow adaptive management of conservation efforts as new information is gained.
- 2. It is unlikely that conditions currently supporting viability of the ESU will change so rapidly or dramatically as to preclude future, timely detection and protective action under Oregon management programs or the federal ESA.
- 3. Ongoing vigilance regarding conservation and restoration programs is necessary to sustain and improve viability of the ESU, most notably the responsiveness of these programs to variation in marine survival.



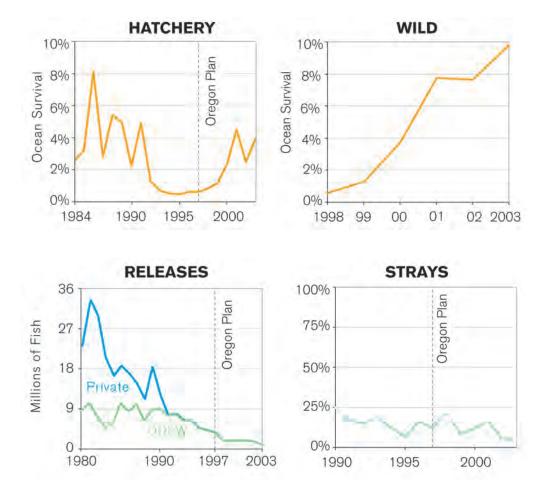
Key Conclusions Regarding Population Bottlenecks

- 1. Oregon has identified primary and secondary risk factor bottlenecks for each of the 21 independent populations that comprise the ESU.
- 2. This work will help prioritize future management and restoration work to further strengthen ESU viability and achieve the intent of the Oregon Plan.
- 3. Stream complexity and water quality were the two most commonly identified population bottlenecks, regardless of whether populations were or were not classified as viable.
- 4. Stream complexity was the primary bottleneck for 13 of 21 populations and was a secondary bottleneck for eight of 21 populations.
- 5. Water quality was not a primary bottleneck for any populations; however, it is a secondary bottleneck for 15 of 21 populations.
- 6. Other risk factors that were identified as primary population bottlenecks include: hatchery impacts (two populations), exotic fish species (three populations), water quantity (two populations), and spawning gravel (one population).
- 7. Oregon concludes that it will often be more reasonable to simultaneously pursue remediation of both primary and secondary population bottlenecks, using local data to prioritize restoration funding at local spatial scales, rather than to adopt a narrow view of only attempting to remediate the primary risk factor bottleneck.

PRIMARY LIMITING FACTORS: The risk factor (bottleneck) that most limits the population. Consequently, effective efforts to improve viability or production of the population will address this risk factor first.

Risk Factor	Necanicum	Nehalem	Tillamook	Nestucca	Salmon	Siletz	Yaquina	Alsea	Beaver	Siuslaw	Lower Umpqua	Middle Umpqua
MARINE HABITAT	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FISHERY HARVEST												
HATCHERY IMPACTS												
STREAM COMPLEXITY									•			0
FISH PASSAGE												
WATER QUALITY											0	0
WATER QUANTITY												0
OTHER FACTORS									1			
Biological Viability Status	PASS	FAIL	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	FAIL	PASS+	FAIL	PASS+	PASS+	PASS+	PASS+

Spawning Gravel



Survival of hatchery and wild coho salmon is strongly influenced by ocean conditions. The graph at left represents an average survival for all coho returning to Oregon hatcheries; the graph at right represents an average survival of wild coho returning to 5 life-cycle monitoring sites in the ESU. Year indicates year of return.

Estimated releases of hatchery coho salmon juveniles, and occurrence of stray hatchery coho adults in natural spawning streams, for the Coastal Coho ESU. The graph at left represents estimated releases of hatchery coho juveniles by private and ODFW hatcheries; the graph at right represents estimated percent of coho observed in spawning areas that were stray hatchery fish. Year indicates year of release or return.

North Jmpqua	South Umpqua	Siltcoos	Tahkenitch	Tenmile	Coos	Coquille	Floras	Sixes
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
		•						
	•					•	0	
		2	2	2				
FAIL	PASS+	PASS+	PASS+	PASS+	PASS+	PASS	PASS	FAIL

Primary Limiting Factor - Address this factor first.

Summary of conclusions from the Coastal Coho ESU Assessment regarding population viability and risk factor bottlenecks.

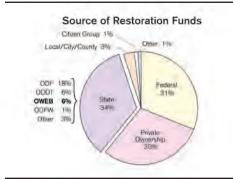
(Populations are listed north to south.)

²Exotic Fish Species

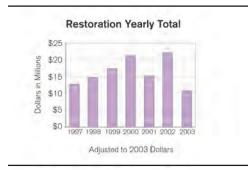


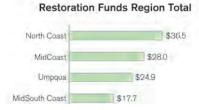
Key Conclusions Regarding Oregon's Conservation Effort









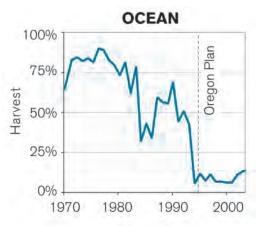


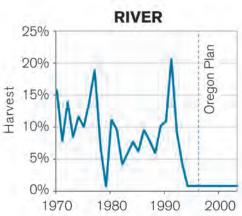
Restoration funding data for the Coastal Coho ESU. (Source: OWEB Restoration Database and federal Regional Ecosystem Office.)

- Historical land, water and fish management activities that were the key contributing factors for the legacy of coho declines have been stopped.
- 2. State and federal laws established during the 1950s through 2004 (splash damming eliminated, gill-netting eliminated in coastal rivers, federal Clean Water Act, federal Endangered Species Act, Oregon Forest Practices Law, Oregon Fill and Removal Law, PFMC Harvest Matrix Amendment 13, Native Fish Conservation Policy, Salmon and Parks Initiative, etc.) establish a far more protective management environment than existed previously.
- Implementation of the Oregon Plan beginning in 1997 demonstrated a substantial effort by the state to expand and strengthen an already considerable programmatic conservation and restoration effort

 designed to improve the status and prevent any future deterioration of this ESU's viability.
- 4. Fishery harvest rates over the last decade have been maintained by management action at unprecedented low levels compared to the prior four decades.
- 5. Hatchery programs and impacts are lower now than in the past four decades.
- 6. Conservative fishery and hatchery management required by state and federal policies will continue to protect and strengthen future ESU viability.
- 7. Reduced adverse impacts from hatchery programs across the ESU in the last two decades may not have been fully reflected in populations that were most adversely affected by historical practices. Such positive expression of current management practices may occur in the next decade or so.
- 8. New regulatory and program action by DEQ, ODA, and ODF should further improve water quality and habitat supporting the ESU.
- 9. A new analysis of water use in the ESU indicates that permitted water use is not and will not become a primary limiting factor of ESU viability.
- 10. Restoration work (including fish passage) in the ESU during 1997-2003 exceeded any previous level of effort.
- 11. Recent analyses of wetlands associated with coastal estuaries indicate that these habitats are being protected by current regulations.
- 12. Primary habitat-related threats to coho viability are being addressed through ongoing conservation efforts.

Key Findings Regarding Future Conditions in the ESU

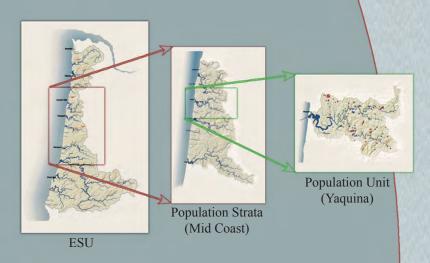




Estimated fishery mortality (harvest rate) of naturally produced coho salmon, (direct take plus indirect mortality). The top graph presents estimates of fishery mortality in ocean fisheries; the bottom graph presents estimates of mortality rate in river-based (terminal) recreational fisheries. Year indicates year of fishery.

- 1. Watershed councils have been established throughout the ESU; these groups will complement future conservation and restoration efforts by soil and water conservation districts, private landowners, and state and federal agencies.
- 2. State funding to support Oregon Plan work (e.g., restoration, watershed council support, soil and water conservation district support, monitoring, assessments, etc.) is provided by Oregon Law until at least mid-2014.
- 3. Substantial new investments in monitoring of coho, habitat, and water quality provided a rich source of data to support Oregon's ESU assessment and adaptive management of conservation efforts.
- 4. The ocean environment for coho survival improved since the mid-to-late 1990s, although current conditions and future trend is uncertain.
- 5. Abundance and density of coho spawners throughout the ESU increased since 1998 to the highest average level observed in five decades, reflecting a rapid and ESU-wide response of the populations that comprise the ESU. Higher spawner numbers distributed widely across the ESU should have a positive impact on the ESU as a consequence of increased input of marine derived nutrients.
- 6. Analyses by the Coastal Landscape Analysis and Modeling Study (CLAMS) suggest that the future availability of larger riparian trees in forestlands will increase on fish-bearing streams regardless of land ownership. In contrast, the future potential for wood recruitment is likely to vary across forestland ownerships, with the higher potentials on public lands and lower potentials on private lands. Oregon concludes that these projections suggest that future habitat conditions for coho across the ESU will be at least similar to and perhaps improved over current conditions.
- 7. CLAMS analyses did not consider what is likely to happen to riparian vegetation on agricultural or urban portions of the landscape. The State concludes that modest improvement in riparian vegetation is likely to accrue on agricultural lands under current rules but acknowledges that considerable uncertainty exists regarding specificity of improvement.
- 8. Monitoring of habitat and water quality since 1997 provides a baseline to detect future trends (positive or negative) that could affect ESU viability. The sensitivity (ability to detect change) of monitoring will increase substantially in the next 3-8 years as more data become available.

Coho Assessment Storyboards



ey elements of the Oregon Coastal Coho Assessment (including maps, data and interpretation) are illustrated on storyboards. Storyboards included in this document are highlighted below. All storyboards can be viewed at http://nrimp.dfw.state.or.us/OregonPlan/. Depending on the available data, one of three scales is used:

- 1. ESU. The Oregon Coastal Coho ESU extends from Seaside to Cape Blanco.
- 2. Monitoring Area. The ESU is divided into four distinct monitoring areas for data collection. These roughly correspond with population strata.
- Population. The ESU contains 21 population units, which are roughly analogous to major river or lake basins along the coast.
 Maps also show the location of restoration work from 1997-2003.

Monitoring Area	Population Strata	Population		
		Necanicum		
North Coast	North Coast	Nehalem		
North Coast	North Coast	Tillamook		
		Nestucca		
		Salmon		
		Siletz		
Mid Coast	Mid Coast	Yaquina		
Mid Coast	Wild Coast	Beaver		
		Alsea		
		Siuslaw		
		Lower Umpqua		
Umpqua	Umpqua	Middle Umpqua		
Ompqua	Ompqua	North Umpqua		
		South Umpqua		
Mid-South Coast		Siltcoos		
	Lakes	Tahkenitch		
		Tenmile		
		Coos		
	Mid-South	Coquille		
	Coast	Floras		
		Sixes		

Characteristics of Coho Habitat

Graphs show ownership and number of miles (at the 1:100,000 scale) for all streams within the distribution of coho and those streams thought to have the highest potential to provide over-winter rearing habitat for coho. These High Intrinsic Potential or HIP streams are relatively small, have modest slope, and a U-shaped valley cross-section.

Coho and Chinook Abundance

A graph of abundance from 1950 to 2003 by decade demonstrates that different species can exhibit different trends in the same region.

Biological Criteria Status

A summary shows the viability of each population or population stratum. (The strata align with the monitoring areas but also include the Lakes stratum, which is part of the Mid-South Coast monitoring area.)

Monitoring

Oregon's investment in monitoring in this ESU includes coho counts, measures of physical habitat, and water quality. The amounts do not include federal, private or other investments.

OWEB Grants

The Oregon Watershed Enhancement / Board invests in salmon recovery, water quality, and watershed health statewide. Grant amounts shown were dedicated for the Oregon Coastal Coho ESU from 1997-2003.

Restoration and Funding

Graphs and charts show how and where funds were spent for restoration in the ESU and the sources of funds.



The state determined viability on three scales:

ESU Population Strata Population

Recent Trend Data for Wild Coho

A graph shows the trend in wild coho spawners; maps show density of adult coho per mile.

Analysis of Potential Limiting Factors

Column 1: Level of risk to ESU viability associated with each limiting factor in 1997. These risk levels were established by NMFS/NOAA.

Column 2: Oregon Plan Action – Actions to address limiting factors include regulatory programs and restoration efforts.

Column 3: Observations – Data on limiting factors allow biologists to determine how conditions have changed since 1997.

Column 4: Interpretation – Actions under the Oregon Plan to address limiting factors have generally resulted in positive impacts.

Column 5: Conclusions of this assessment regarding the current level of risk associated with each limiting factor. These determinations where made by the State of Oregon.

Column 6: Need - These actions would help maintain or improve viability and capacity of the ESU.

The entire Assessment can be viewed at this website. http://nrimp.dfw.state.or.us/OregonPlan/

Limiting Factors: Physical, biological or management conditions that may affect the viability or production of coho were considered in the Oregon Coastal Coho Assessment.

Marine Habitat

Environmental (ocean) conditions that influence survival – ESU-scale estimates of Oregon Production Index hatchery coho and survival of wild coho from life-cycle monitoring sites.

Fishery Harvest

How many fish were caught before they spawned - ESU-scale estimates of ocean and in-river fishery harvest rates.

Hatchery Impacts

Effects of hatchery operations on wild coho, such as competition for habitat, food or shelter, as well as attracting predators and interbreeding - Releases of coho in each of the population units within the ESU.

Stream Complexity

A variety of physical habitat conditions (large wood, alcoves, etc.) that provide shelter to young coho, especially in the winter - Data collected across land ownerships, analyzed at ESU and monitoring area scales.

Fish Passage

The ability of adult and juvenile coho to reach spawning and rearing habitat - Obstacles include dams, culverts, and tide gates. The assessment included culvert data collected across land ownerships, analyzed at the ESU scale.

Water Quality

Physical and chemical properties of streams that support coho, including temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH, and sediment - Data collected across land ownerships, analyzed at ESU and monitoring area scales.

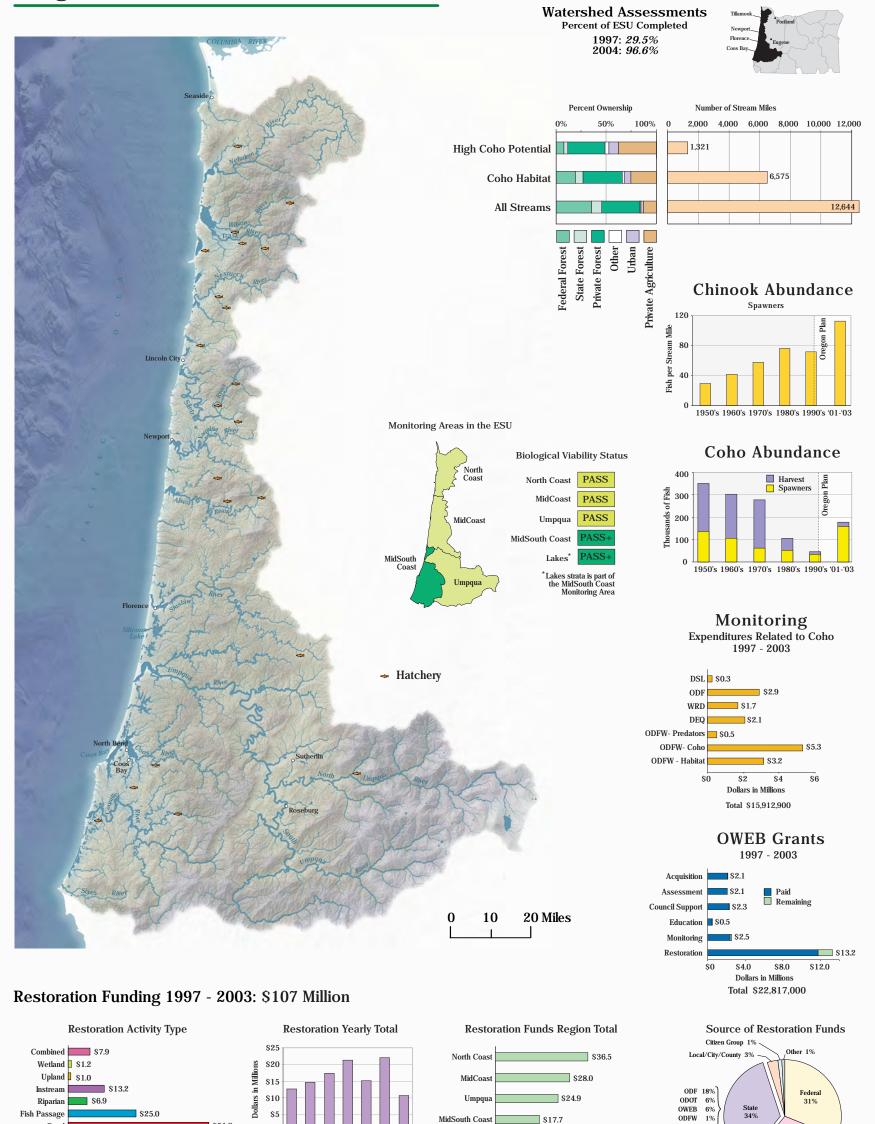
Water Quantity

The amount of water present in streams that support coho - The assessment compared modeled August streamflow to permitted withdrawals at the ESU, monitoring area and population scales.

Other Factors

A partial accounting of other limiting factors that were identified when the ESU was listed in 1997.

Oregon Coastal Coho ESU



Adjusted to 2003 Dollars

\$20

\$30 \$40

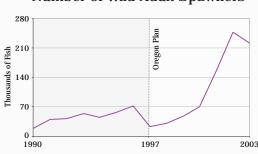
\$40

Dollars in Millions

Biological Viability Status



Number of Wild Adult Spawners



1998 2003 >150 75-150 Coho Adult (10-20 0-10

Analysis of Potential Limiting Factors

RELATIVE THREAT TO ESU VIABILITY 1997*

OREGON PLAN ACTION

OBSERVATIONS

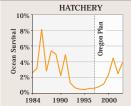
INTERPRETATION

RELATIVE THREAT TO ESU VIABILITY 2005**

NEED

MARINE HABITAT 1997 Threat

Hatchery coho survival monitored at all hatcheries Wild coho survival monitored at five lifecycle monitoring sites.



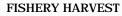
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WILD

Marine survival rate of both hatchery and wild coho increased coincident with Oregon Plan implementation.

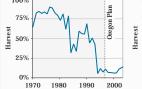


Adjust harvest levels consistent with marine survival, adult escapement and population needs.





Harvest rates dictated by PFMC Amendment 13 will constrain harvest of wild coho consistent with recovery needs.



OCEAN

25% Plan 20% 15% 10% 5% 1970 1990 1980

High harvest rates on coho prior to Oregon Plan have been reduced by management action. Harvest rates are no longer limiting recovery.



Maintain PFMC Amendment 13 to restrain harvest consistent with population productivity.

HATCHERY IMPACTS



Genetic Management Plans have been drafted for all hatcheries - awaiting approval by NOAA. Hatchery practices are managed consistent with local population status and recovery needs.





Hatchery programs are not constraining coho recovery. The percent of hatchery coho in natural spawning areas has declined because of management action and is now within policy guidelines.



Continue implementing Native Fish Conservation Policy and Hatchery Genetic Management Plans.

STREAM COMPLEXITY • Regulatory programs: Oregon 1997 Threat Forest Practices, Fill and 1997 Threat



Removal, Federal Forest Plan,

- Conduct restoration to recruit wood and increase complexity. Instream miles treated......524 Riparian miles planted......380 Riparian miles fenced.......231
- Coho streams have less large wood, more fine sediment, and fewer streamside conifers than reference streams.
- No significant trend was detected in most habitat parameters over the last decade.
- Habitat conditions were generally better in the North Coast and MidSouth Coast area of the ESU.

Availability of complex stream habitat probably limits coho production.



Focus habitat restoration investments in areas of high intrinsic coho potential.

FISH PASSAGE 1997 Threat



• Fish Passage Law

- · Improve fish passage at stream crossings. Improved. 1.140 .3,392 .2,145 Mapped. Assessed. Unknown..
- · Improved access result to date Non Coho Distribution..... Non HIP Coho Distribution... HIP Coho Distribution. + 6%

It is unknown if coho have access to roughly one third of their potential habitat. Access can be improved 10% by correcting documented problems. Impact of tide gates has not been determined.



Opportunity to increase access to high quality habitat may exist in local areas. Focus passage inventory and restoration in these areas.

WATER QUALITY 1997 Threat



• Federal Clean Water Act

- Conduct restoration to reduce sediment, moderate temp. SB-1010 Plans completed
- TMDL's are being developed

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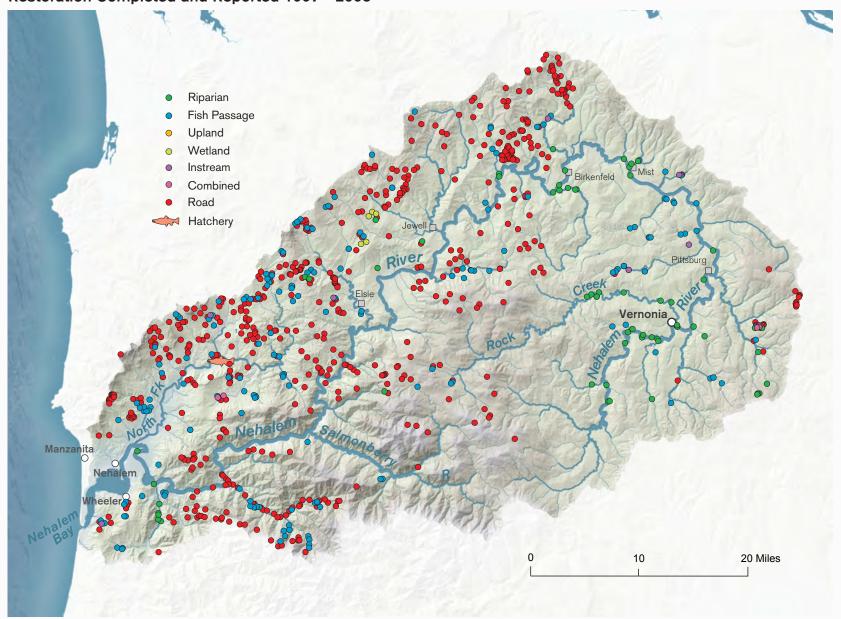
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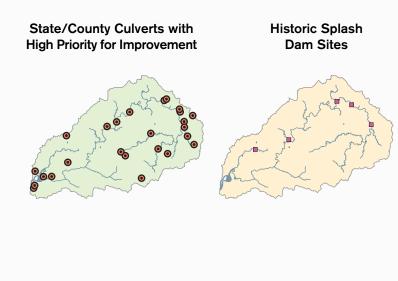
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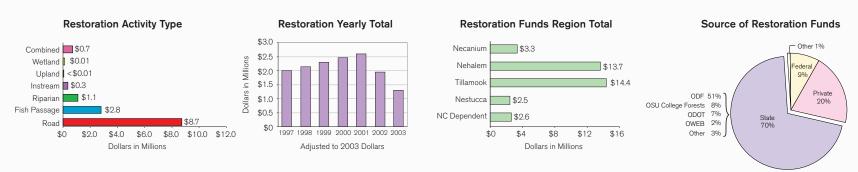
Restoration Completed and Reported 1997 - 2003



Characteristics of Coho Habitat Percent Ownership Number of Stream Miles Ownership O



Restoration Funding 1997 - 2003: \$13.7 Million



Biological Viability Status Number of Wild Adult Spawners 1998 2003 >150 PASS+ 75-150 PASS 40-75 30 20-40 15 10-20 0-10 1990 1997 2003 **Analysis of Potential Limiting Factors PRIMARY LIMITING OREGON PLAN ACTION** INTERPRETATION **FACTOR OBSERVATIONS NEED** FACTOR' HATCHERY wii n **MARINE HABITAT** Hatchery coho survival Marine survival rate of both Adjust harvest hatchery and wild coho increased coincident with monitored at all hatcheries levels consistent <u>8</u>% 8% Wild coho survival monitored at with marine survival, X _ _ adult escapement and population five lifecycle monitoring sites. Oregon Plan implementation. ≥ 6% 6% N/A 0cean 4% needs. 2% 00 01 02 2003 1990 **OCEAN** RIVER Harvest rates dictated by PFMC High harvest rates on coho prior to Oregon Plan have been **FISHERY HARVEST** Maintain PFMC 100% Amendment 13 will constrain Amendment 13 Data scale: ESU MA POF reduced by management action. 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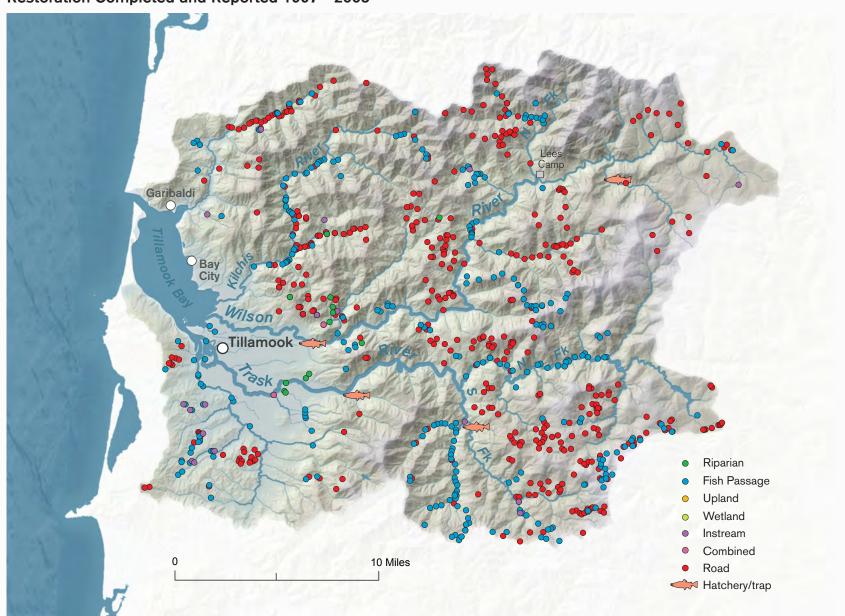
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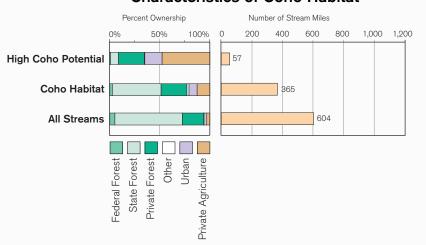
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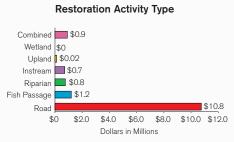
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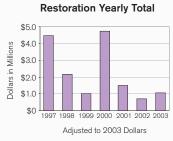


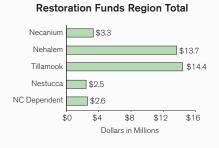
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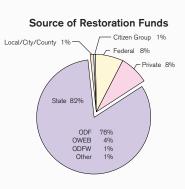


Restoration Funding 1997 - 2003: \$14.4 Million





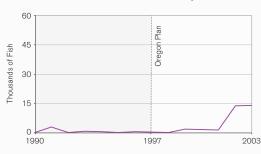


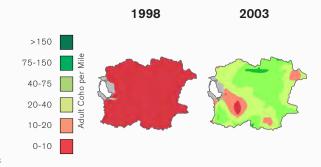


Biological Viability Status



Number of Wild Adult Spawners





PRIMARY LIMITING

N/A

NEED

Adjust harvest

with marine survival.

adult escapement and population

Maintain PFMC

Amendment 13

consistent with

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Continue

Genetic

implementing Native Fish

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Conservation Policy

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2000

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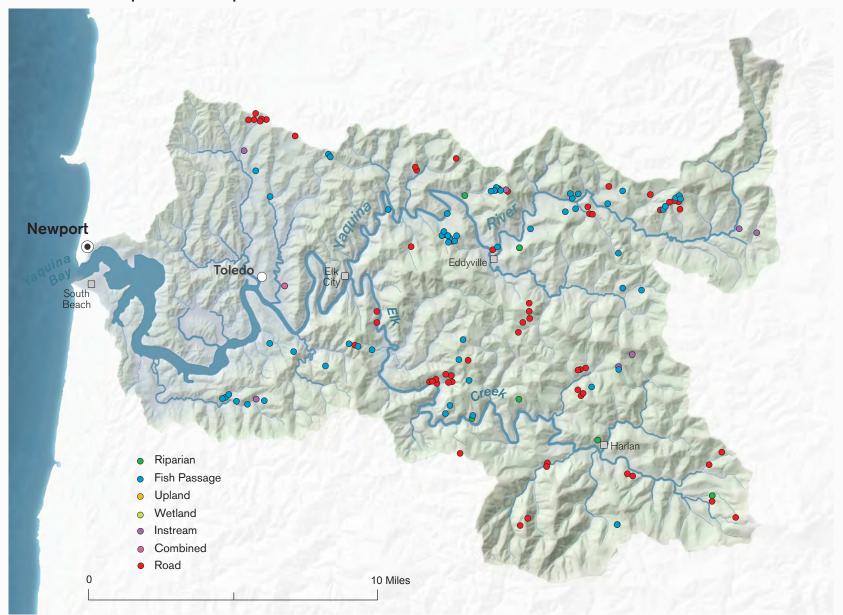
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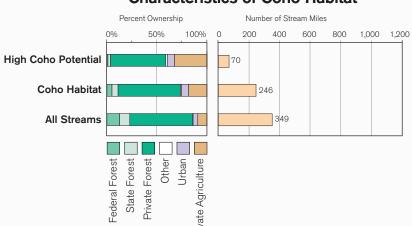




Restoration Completed and Reported 1997 - 2003



Characteristics of Coho Habitat



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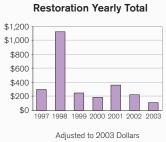


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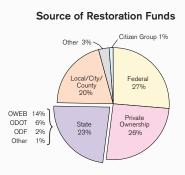
Restoration Funding 1997 - 2003: \$2.3 Million





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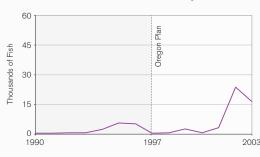
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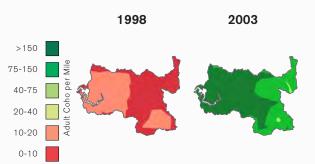


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Number of Wild Adult Spawners





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OBSERVATIONS HATCHERY

WILD 8% 6% 4% 2% 00 01 02 2003

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INTERPRETATION

PRIMARY LIMITING

FACTOR*

Adjust harvest levels consistent with marine survival, adult escapement and population

NEED

FISHERY HARVEST

FACTOR

Data scale: ESU MA POF

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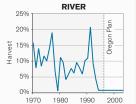
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OREGON PLAN ACTION

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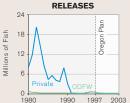


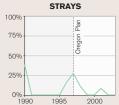
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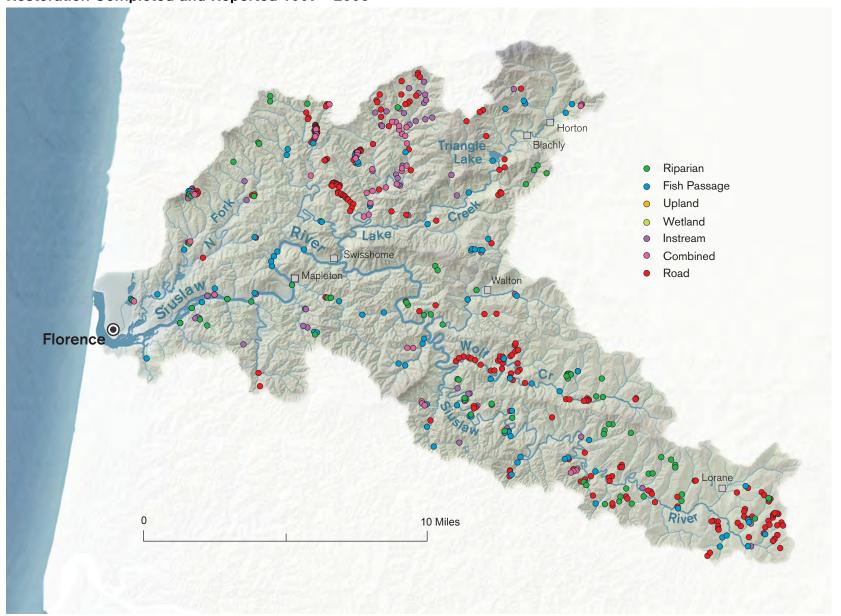
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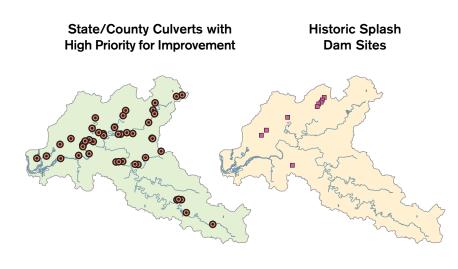
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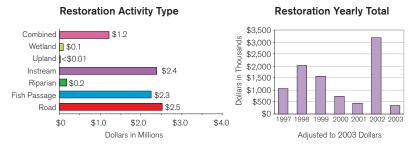
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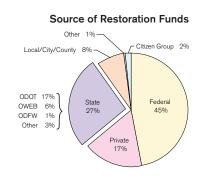
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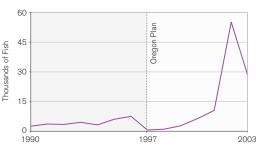




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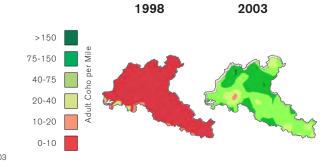


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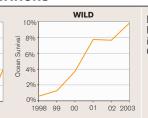
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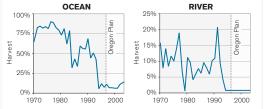
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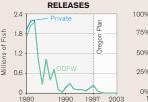
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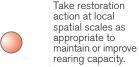
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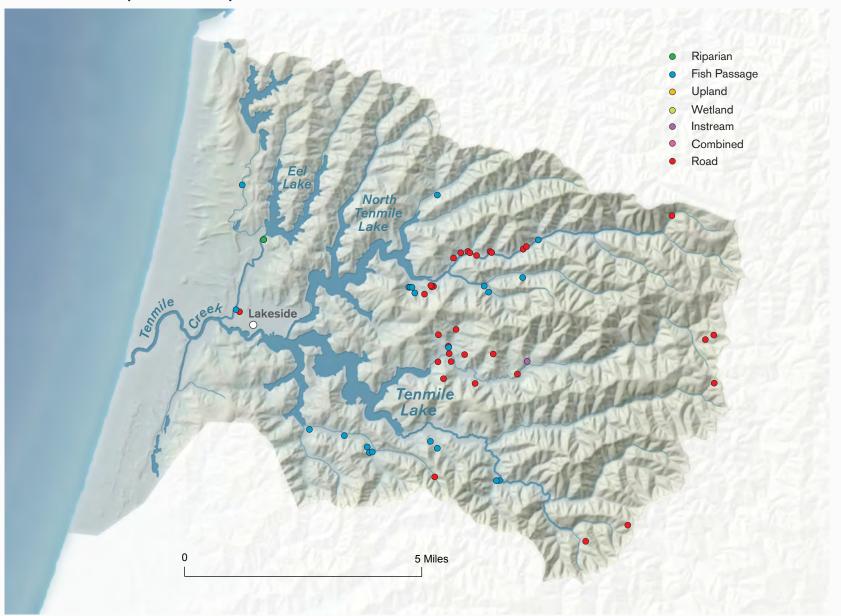
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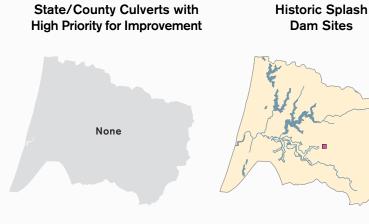
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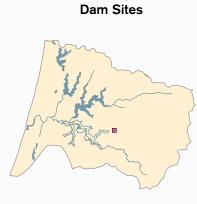


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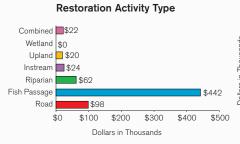


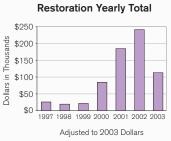
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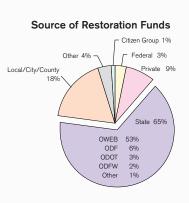


Restoration Funding 1997 - 2003: \$0.7 Million









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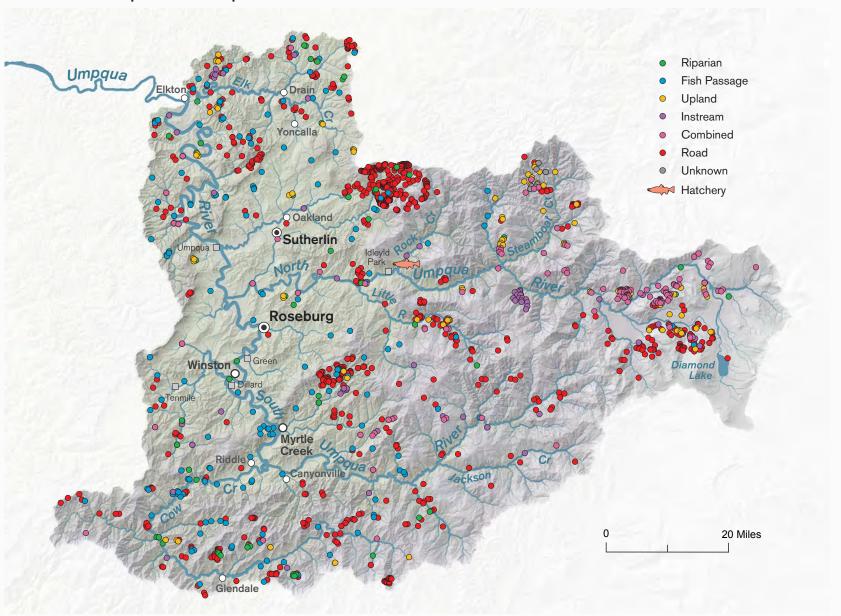
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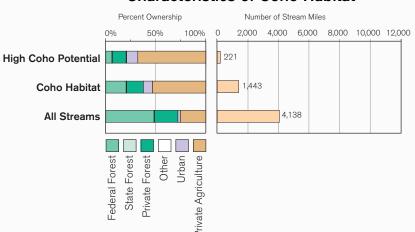
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Restoration Completed and Reported 1997 - 2003



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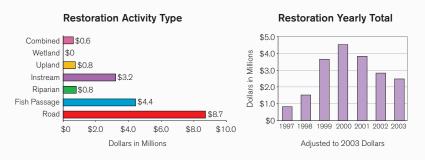
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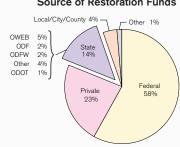
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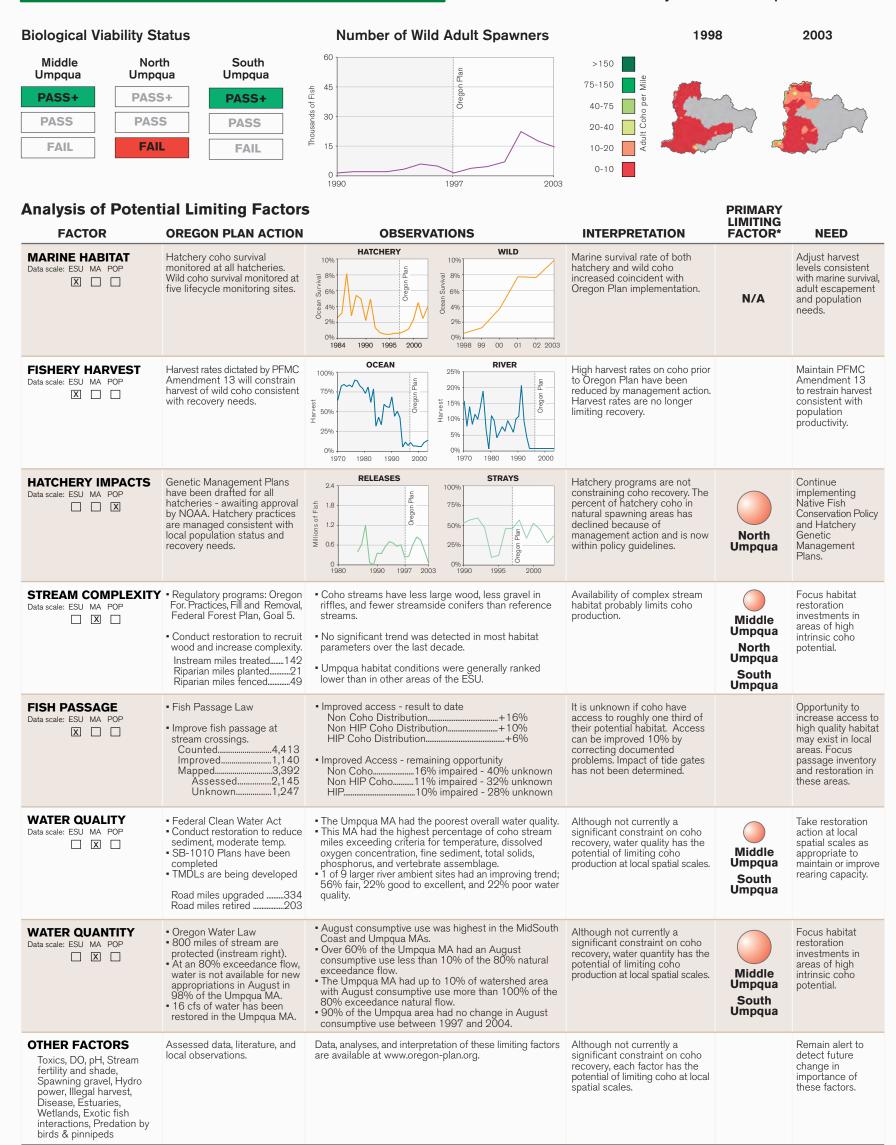


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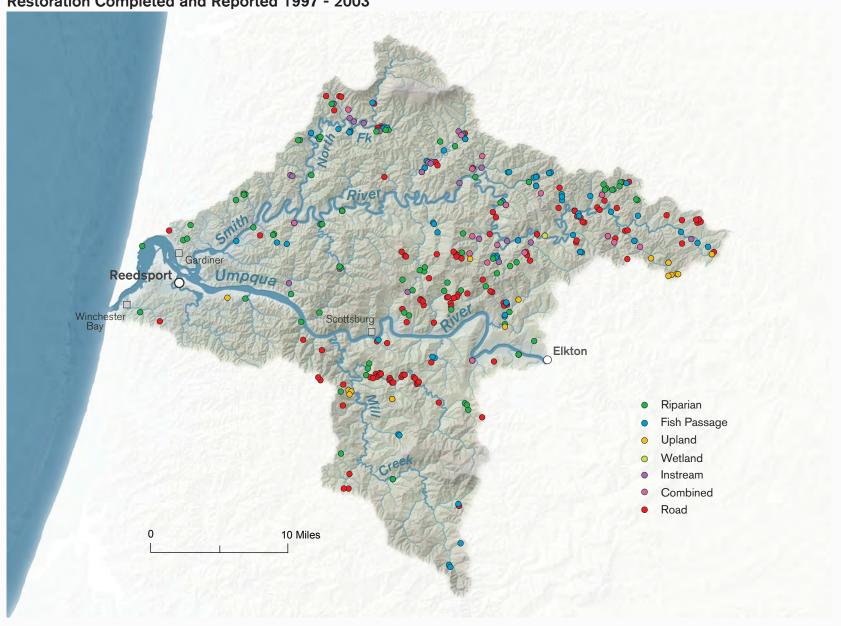


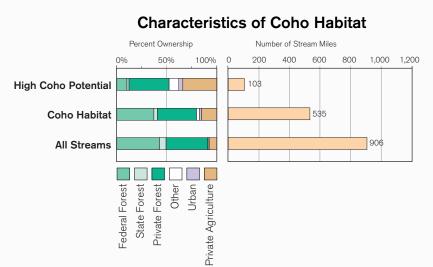


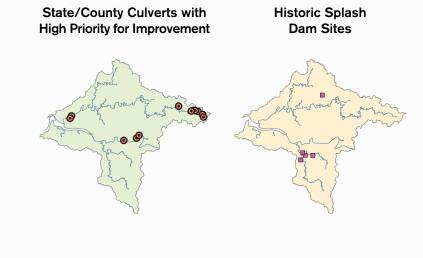
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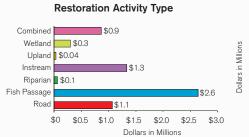
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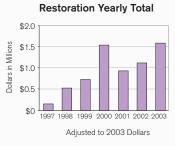






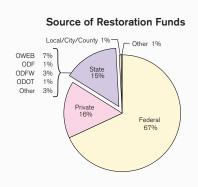
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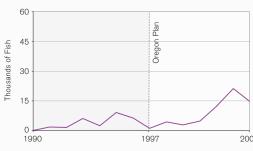
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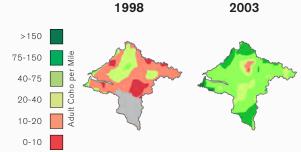


Biological Viability Status









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Focus habitat restoration investments in areas of high intrinsic coho potential.

NEED

Adjust harvest

levels consistent with marine survival,

adult escapement

and population

Maintain PFMC

Amendment 13

consistent with

population

productivity

Continue implementing

and Hatchery Genetic

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Native Fish Conservation Policy

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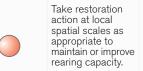
Road miles upgraded334 Road miles retired.

- The Umpqua MA had the poorest overall water quality.
 This MA had the highest percentage of coho stream
- miles exceeding criteria for temperature, dissolved oxygen concentration, fine sediment, total solids,

phosphorus, and vertebrate assemblage.

1 of 9 larger river ambient sites had an improving trend;
56% fair, 22% good to excellent, and 22% poor water quality.

Although not currently a significant constraint on coho recovery, water quality has the potential of limiting coho production at local spatial scales.



WATER QUANTITY

- Oregon Water Law 800 miles of stream are protected (instream right). At an 80% exceedance flow,
- water is not available for new appropriations in August in 98% of the Umpqua MA. 16 cfs of water has been
- restored in the Umpqua MA.
- August consumptive use was highest in the MidSouth
- Coast and Umpqua MAs.

 Over 60% of the Umpqua MA had an August consumptive use less than 10% of the 80% natural exceedance flow.
- The Umpqua MA had up to 10% of watershed area with August consumptive use more than 100% of the 80% exceedance natural flow.
- 90% of the Umpqua area had no change in August consumptive use between 1997 and 2004.

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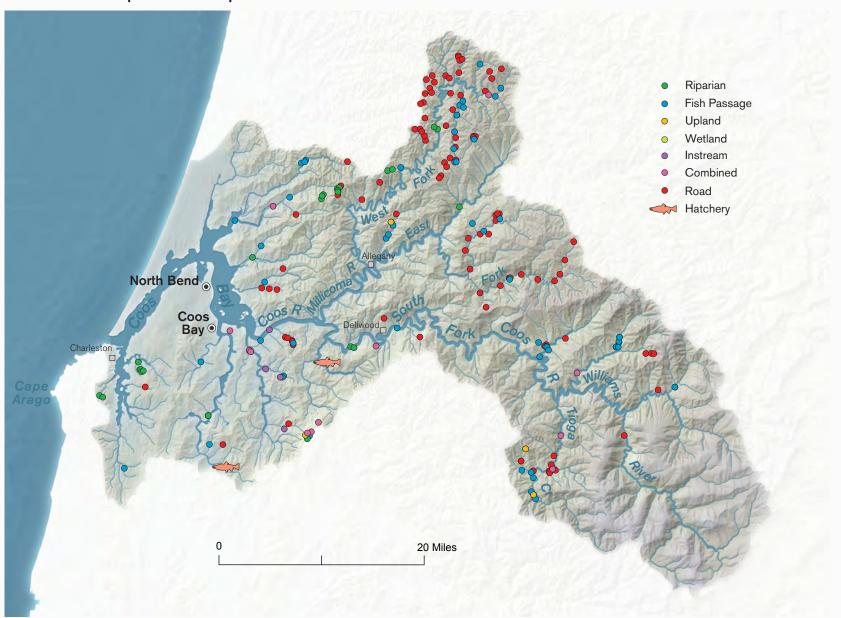
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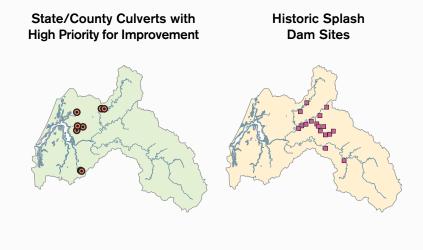
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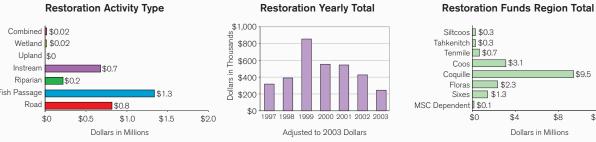
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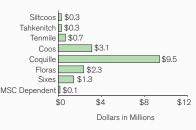


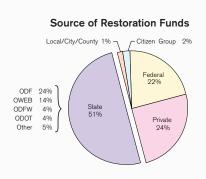
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- parameters over recent decade.
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Coho abundance: ODFW

Elevation: USGS (10 meter DEM)

EMAP Sampling: ODFW **Fish Passage**: ODFW

Land Cover: Oregon Natural Heritage Program (GAP

Analysis)

Land Ownership: BLM
Oregon Plan Basins: OWEB

OWEB Grant Information: OWEB **Populated Places**: USGS (GNIS)

Population: PSU Population Research Center **Projected Agency Investments**: respective agencies

Roads: ODOT

Streams: EPA, StreamNet, USGS

Oregon Watershed Restoration Inventory (OWRI):

Bobbi Riggers. The OWRI is the primary statewide database for watershed restoration project information voluntarily submitted by restoration practitioners. The database includes completed projects funded by private landowners as well as projects funded with public monies such as OWEB grants. http://www.oregon.gov/OWEB/MONITOR/OWRI.shtml.

Federal Interagency Restoration Database (IRDA):

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Acronyms

BLM Bureau of Land Management

EPA Environmental Protection Agency

GAP Gap Analysis Program

GIS Geographic Information Systems
CLAMS Coastal Landscape Analysis and

Modeling Study

DEQ Oregon Department of Environmental

Quality

DSL Oregon Department of State Lands

ESA Endangered Species Act

ESU Evolutionarily Significant Unit

HIP High Intrinsic Potential

MA Monitoring Area

MC MidCoast

MSC MidSouth Coast

NC North Coast

NOAA

NMFS National Marine Fisheries Service

National Oceanic and Atmospheric

Administration

ODA Oregon Department of Agriculture

ODF Oregon Department of Forestry

ODFW Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

ODOT Oregon Department of Transportation

OWEB Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

OWRI Oregon Watershed Restoration Inventory

PFMC Pacific Fishery Management Council

POP Population Unit

PSU Portland State University

TMDL Total Maximum Daily Load

USGS (GNIS) U.S. Geological Survey Geographic

Names Information System

WRD Oregon Water Resources Department

Lessons Learned and Adaptive Management



The Coastal Coho ESU Assessment represents one example of Oregon's long-standing effort to learn and adapt management programs through time. Implementation of the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds represents a continuation of constructive departure from historic practices. Here are three key lessons learned from the Assessment and Oregon's intended action in response.

Assessment Lesson 1. Adequate resources have not been devoted to data analysis. Collaborative analysis is a difficult, resource-demanding process that does not occur as a routine part of agency workloads. Also, current systems for storage, inventory, and sharing of data collected by state and federal agencies hamper collaborative analysis.

Oregon's Commitment to Action. The Oregon Plan Core Team will direct state agencies to:

- 1. Oregon will update, as necessary, data and analysis related to the Oregon Coast Coho ESU to facilitate tracking of population status and implementation of conservation measures for adaptive management.
- 2. Determine if (monitoring) sampling designs should be modified to answer key questions related to species recovery and other Oregon Plan effectiveness issues, specifically at the fish population scale. Focus this evaluation first in the Coastal Coho ESU and complete prior to the 2006 field season.
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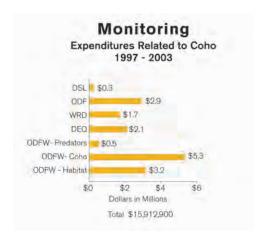
Assessment Lesson 2. An effort to improve the viability of a listed fish species is likely to be most effective if restoration is focused on *bottlenecks* identified for specific populations.

Oregon's Commitment to Action. Develop a draft conservation plan for the Oregon Coastal Coho ESU by December 2006. The conservation/recovery plan that is currently being developed for the Coastal Coho ESU will

consider the results of the viability analysis in context with population bottlenecks identified in the Assessment. This information will provide a basis for focusing future conservation, management, and restoration action to most effectively conserve viability of the ESU and meet Oregon Plan goals (that are being established through the conservation/recovery planning process) for the ESU.

Assessment Lesson 3. The resiliency observed in coastal coho is likely a combination of a strong density-dependent response in productivity at low spawner density and an increased importance of habitats that are of sufficiently high quality (especially over-wintering refuge habitats) to sustain populations during periods of extremely poor ocean survival. Therefore, it is important to define, map and track the status of these high quality habitats over time to ensure they are conserved or enhanced consistent with the conservation/recovery plan that is currently being developed.

Oregon's Commitment to Action: Ensure that high quality habitats are mapped. Adjust monitoring to increase sensitivity to measure potential deterioration in key habitat parameters. Restoration activities that provide increased access to high quality habitats or that maintain/enhance currently accessible high quality habitats will be given higher priority for implementation.



Monitoring expenditures by state agency programs in the Oregon Coastal Coho ESU, related to coho salmon, 1997-2003. These values do not include monitoring by federal agencies, private landowners, or watershed councils. (Source: Unpublished responses to inquiry posed to state agencies participating in the Oregon Coastal Coho ESU Assessment)