

# Washington State Actions for Southern Resident Killer Whales



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# Governor Inslee's Executive Order

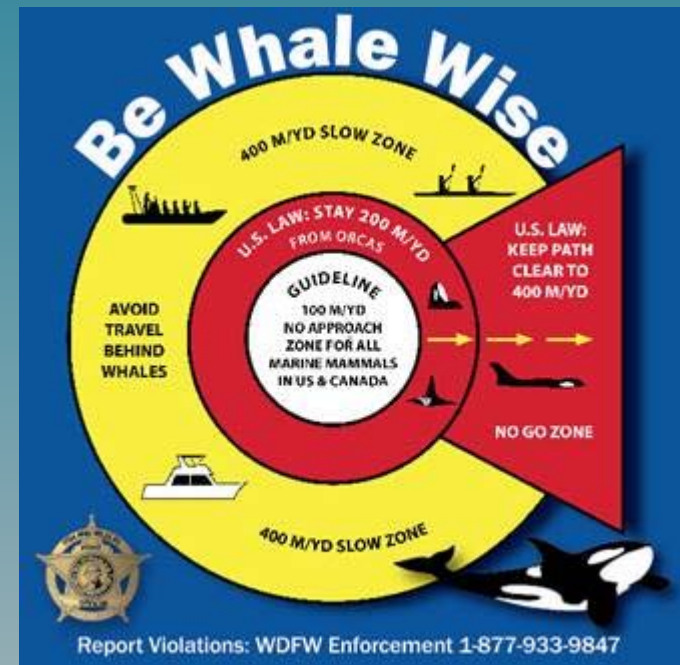


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- **Supplemental Funding**
- **Immediate Actions by State Agencies**
- **Task Force Establishment**

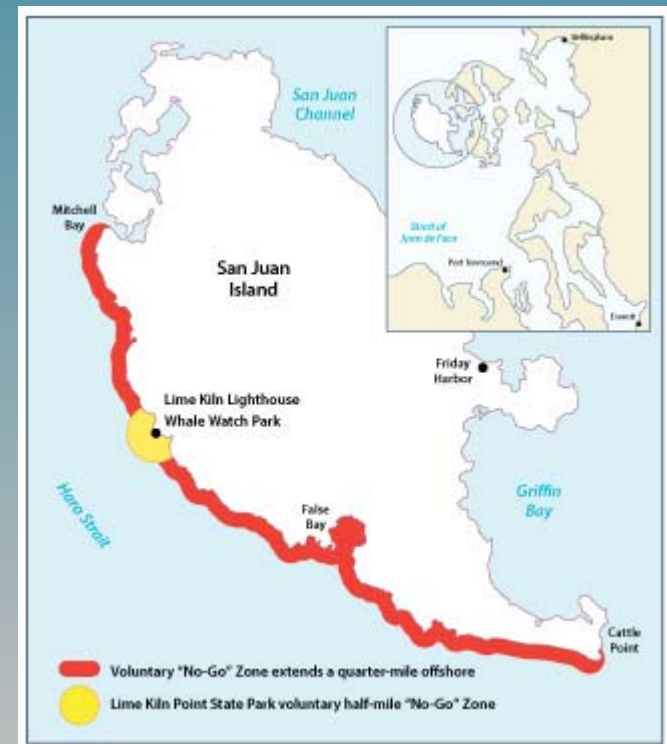
# Existing and New Efforts Bolstered by SRKW 2018 Supplemental Funding

- Enforcement of vessel and fishing regulations
- Fish screen inventory & maintenance
- Pinniped predation research data compiling
- Increase hatchery production and improve facilities
- Public outreach & education
- Oil spill protection
- Taskforce facilitation



# State Agency Immediate Actions

- WDFW, Governor's Salmon Recovery Office, Puget Sound Partnership- Identify highest-priority areas for SRKW prey to guide fish harvest levels, habitat restoration, hatchery operations, and fish passage policies and programs.
- WA State Dept of Transportation- Develop strategies for quieting state ferries in areas most important to SRKWs.
- WDFW- Adjust 2018 recreational and commercial fishing regulations as needed to protect key locations and fish runs.



# State Agency Immediate Actions

- WA State Dept of Ecology- Create a curriculum for whale watching industry to become “vessels of opportunity” to assist in event of an oil spill.
- WDFW and WA State Parks & Recreation- Implementation plan for education, outreach, and enforcement of vessel and chinook fishing regulations.
- PSP, WDFW, GSRO, WSPRC, WA State Dept of Licensing- Prioritize outreach resources to support SRKW recovery and develop a public education program.



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# State Agency Immediate Actions

- PSP, WDFW, GSRO- Demonstrate how grants for chinook recovery projects (Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Fund, Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration Program, Estuary and Salmon Restoration program and Washington Coastal Restoration Initiative) benefit SRKW recovery.
- Ecology- Develop criteria to prioritize financial assistance beginning in the 2019-21 biennium for storm water projects that benefit SRKW recovery.
- WDFW- Develop a report on fish food in state hatcheries to explore potential sources of Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) in orca prey.

# Task Force



- Kicked off May 1
- Broad representation, stakeholder-driven process through Task Force and Working Groups (prey, toxics, vessels)
- WDFW and the Puget Sound Partnership are lead state agencies
- 1<sup>st</sup> report due Nov 2018 and 2<sup>nd</sup> report Oct 2019
- Recommendations for policy, funding, prioritization, creation of new partnerships...

# Questions?



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