



Office of Columbia River M&I Permitting Update

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Office of Columbia River Water Banks Municipal, Industrial and Irrigation

- Lake Roosevelt Incremental Storage and Releases Program (LRISRP)
- Lake Sullivan Mitigation
- Port of Walla Walla Lease Program (POWW)



Lake Roosevelt Incremental Storage and Releases (LRISRP)...

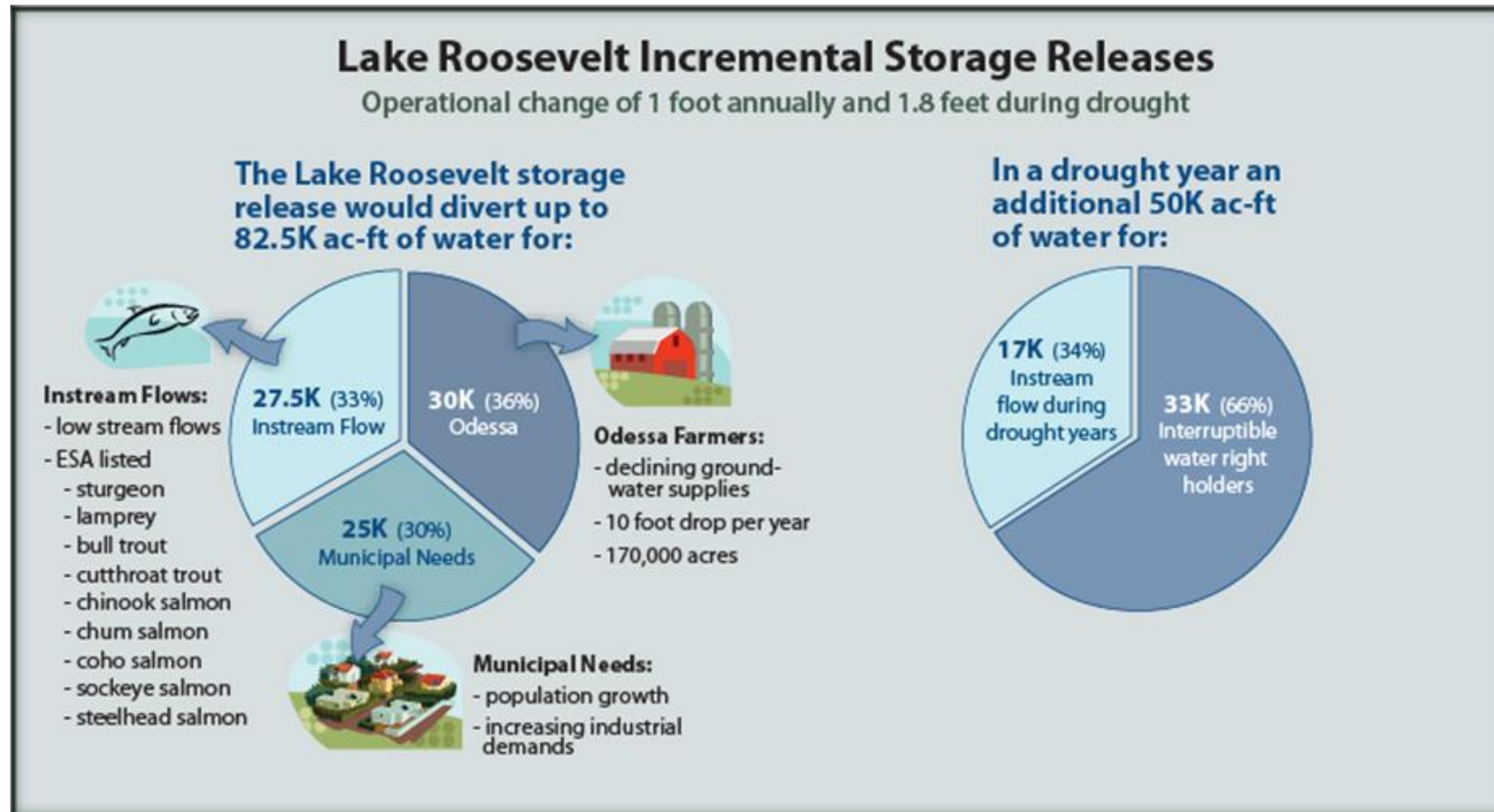
History and Purpose

- Ecology's Office of Columbia River partnered with USBR (2011 Agreement) to store and release water from Grand Coulee Dam to:
 - Provide long-term municipal & industrial water service
 - Replacement water for the Odessa Subbasin (declining aquifer)
 - Provide additional instream flow to protect ESA listed species



Lake Roosevelt Incremental Storage and Releases (LRISRP)

MOU (2004) – Sections 12 & 13



LRISRP – M & I

- Ecology has issued **48** M&I permits totaling approximately **21,000** ac-ft (as of October 2025);
- Ecology provides an annual recommendation on the incremental storage releases from Lake Roosevelt (LRISRP) based on permitted quantities
- Ecology's **2025** M&I annual request:
 - 22,000 ac-ft of M&I water
 - 11,000 ac-ft of Instream flow water

LRISP –M & I Continued

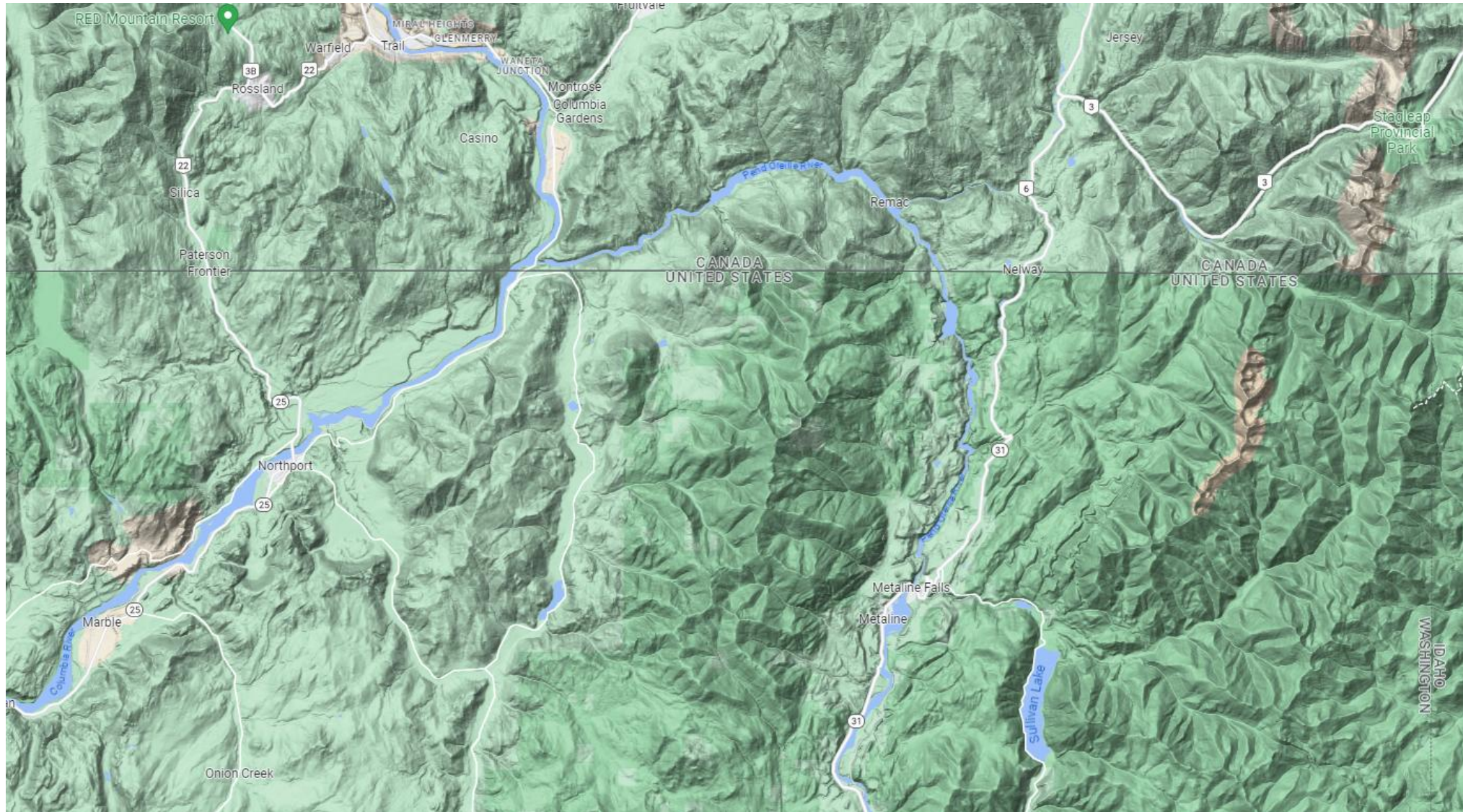
- OCR recovers costs at \$35/acre-ft for new M&I permits through water service contracts
- Each mitigated permit is based on the term of the Ecology & USBR contract (2011), 40 years
- The “FDR” bank is Expected to be fully allocated before all eligible applications are processed

Lake Sullivan Mitigation Program

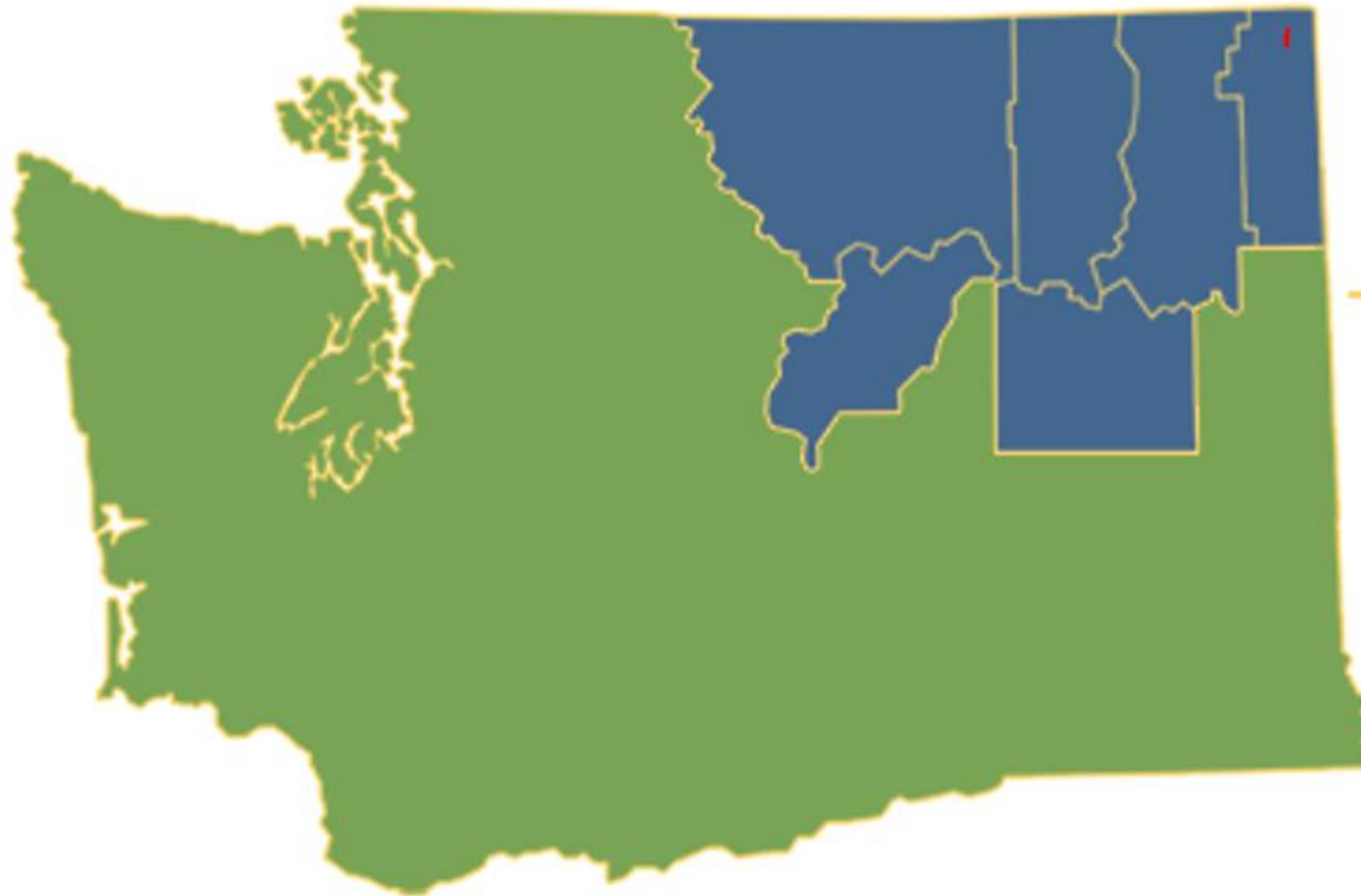
- In 2010 OCR obtained rights previously owned by Pend Orielle PUD (POPUD) to allocate **14,000 ac-ft** Based on a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with POPUD
- MOA Outlines a timed release of:
 - 4,700 ac-ft new municipal, industrial and domestic water rights
 - 4,700 ac-ft for other (irrigation, stockwater, etc.)
 - 4,600 ac-ft to remain instream



Lake Sullivan Mitigation Program



Sullivan Mitigation Eligibility



Counties:
Pend Oreille
Stephens
Ferry
Lincoln
Okanogan
Douglas

Sullivan Continued

- Ecology recovers costs at \$60 per ac-ft in permit-associated water service contracts
- Annual billing from Ecology for 25 years, after which ownership of the water conveys to the permittee/certificate holder
- Irrigation mitigation is fully allotted
- M&I mitigation is nearly allotted

Port of Walla Walla Leases



POWW Background

- Port harvested ~1,150 acres of hybrid poplar trees (pulp for paper making).
 - Seven water rights covered the irrigation of the trees
- Port had the rights changed to industrial/commercial uses (Wallula Gap Business Park) with a lengthy development schedule (CC by 2035)
 - Placed rights into trust to protect from relinquishment
- OCR acquired six of the rights through a lease agreement totaling 4,170 ac-ft (\$120 per ac-ft)



Contract No. 2100025

WATER RIGHTS LEASE AGREEMENT

This Water Rights Lease Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into between the Washington State Department of Ecology ("Ecology") and the Port of Walla Walla ("Port"), a port district organized under the laws of the State of Washington, each a "Party" and collectively the "Parties." This Agreement takes effect on January 1, 2021. The purpose of this Agreement is for Ecology to lease water from the Port for the State's Columbia River program and to place the leased water in the Trust Water Rights Program, pursuant to Chapters 90.42 and 90.90 RCW.

Key Terms of the Lease

- Six rights total **4,170 ac-ft**
- Cost is **\$120/ac-ft** each year
 - That's what OCR and subsequent permittees pay for the water
- **3,103 ac-ft** subject to Columbia River Instream Flows
- Ecology-POWW Lease conveys water into Trust
- At the end of the lease, the rights revert back to the Port of WW
- Currently, all but **35-acre** feet are permitted

Questions?