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CBB Meeting November 1, 2018 Aberdeen Log Pavilion



## Updates & Highlights

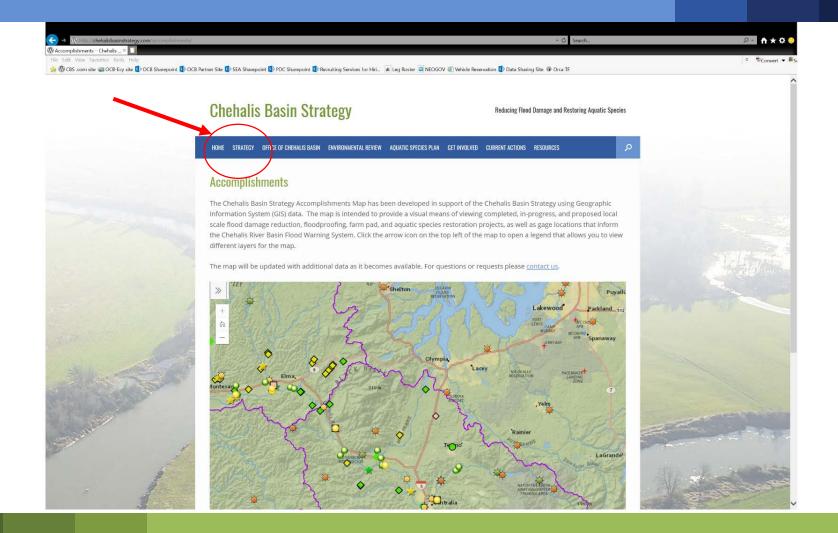
- Website Updates
- Events Around the Basin
- Topics Ideas for Board Meetings

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#### New Organizational Structure & Content Highlights



#### Accomplishments Map



#### **Project-Level EIS**

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#### **Environmental Review**

#### **Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project**

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To reduce flood damage in the Chehalis River Basin, the Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District is proposing to construct a new flood retention facility and temporary reservoir near the town of Pe Ell, Washington, and levee improvements around the Chehalis-Centralia Airport in Chehalis, Washington. The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) have determined the <u>proposal</u> could have significant adverse environmental impacts and will require formal studies through separate state and federal Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) processes.

#### **Environmental Review Process**

Ecology will evaluate the proposal under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). Visit the <u>SEPA</u> <u>Process</u> page for more information.

USACE, representing the federal government, will conduct a separate, but synchronized review as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Visit the <u>NEPA Process</u> page for more information.

Ecology and USACE held a 31-day EIS scoping period from September 28 through October 29, 2018. Scoping comments will be summarized, and separate SEPA and NEPA scoping reports will be issued later in 2018. The scoping reports will summarize input received on what should be included in the draft EISs. Visit the <u>EIS Scoping</u> page for more information on the scoping process and to view scoping materials.

Both EIS documents will provide a comprehensive and objective environmental review. This analysis is necessary before an agency can act on any permit related to the Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District's proposal.

#### For More Information

- Ecology's project webpage
- USACE's news and updates
- <u>SEPA</u>
- <u>NEPA</u>

   Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District website
- <u>Sign-up for email updates</u> to be notified when additional information is available

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#### Contact Us

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#### **Project Description & Information**



## ASRP – Science Symposium

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	2018 Science Symposium		
	The Chehalis Basin ASRP Steering Committee hosted the Science Symposium September 19-20, 2018 in Chehalis. The two-day event was an opportunity to share findings from scientific research that informs the ASRP, as well as get feedback on the Ecological Diversity Region Prioritization.	Chehalis Basin Ecological Regions	
	All scientific presentations and associated reports are posted for distribution. The Ecological Diversity Region Prioritization is a basin wide effort to identify areas and actions to target for both restoration and protection of native aquatic species. Materials available include maps for each Ecological Diversity Region (EDR) as well as an overview panel describing the region, its ecological processes and potential solutions for restoration and protection	Agent Ander Argen Argen Ander Argen Argen Ar	A CARDINA
	within the area. In order to conduct the prioritization most effectively, we need your input! Please look over what has been created thus far through this process, and let us know what you think. Do you agree with the findings? Did we miss an area of importance? Do you have	Net of the second secon	
and the second s	information that we should incorporate into the ASRP? Feedback is welcome at any time, though having your input by November 15, 2018 will enable us to integrate it into the ASRP better. Provide comments <u>here</u> .	Same Constant Same	
and the second s	For more information, please contact Emelie McKain at Emelie.McKain@dfv	v.wa.gov.	
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#### More New Content Coming Soon...



### Events Around the Basin

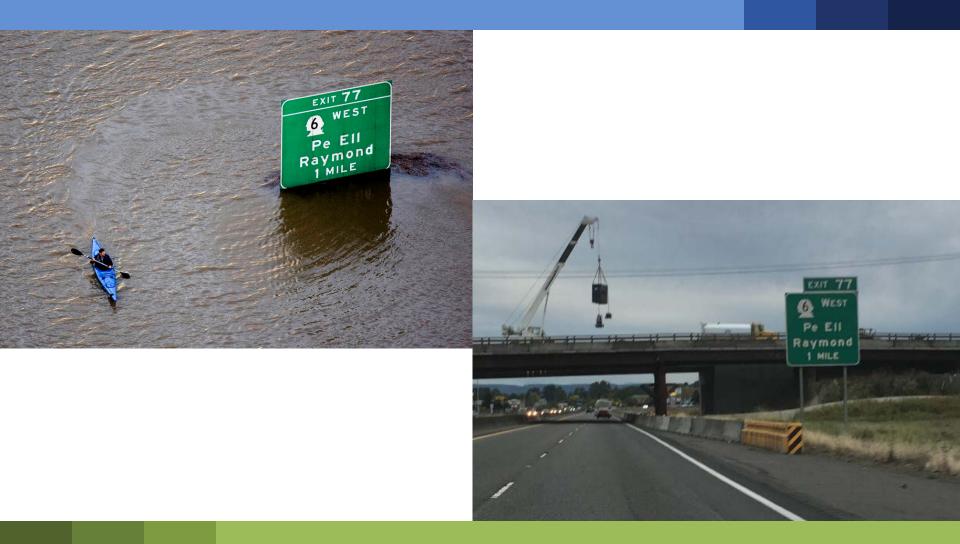
- Legislative Budget Writer's Tour
- Science Symposium
- Outreach Meetings & Agency Briefings
- EIS Scoping Meetings
- Conservation Tool Box Workshop
- Budget Briefings

### Legislative Tour





#### A chance to show...



#### ...and tell our story



### Science Symposium





## **Outreach Meetings**

More than 20 events since September

- Upper, Lower, and Middle Basin
- Cities, Counties
- CDs, Ports, PUDs, EDCs, NGOs

# Thank You Board Members!

### **EIS Scoping Meetings**



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#### **Other Events**

- Conservation Tool Box Workshop
- Agency Briefings
- Budget Briefings

### **Topic Ideas for Board Meetings**

#### What topics would be helpful to you as Board Members in fulfilling your responsibilities to **Discuss, Direct, and Decide Issues and Actions** Related to the Chehalis Basin Strategy?

### Topic Ideas, cont.

- New or Different Perspectives?
- Contextual Issues?
- Scientific or Technical Information?
- Practical Knowledge?



# Questions? Comments?

# Feedback?