

# Kittitas County Voluntary Stewardship Program

**Watershed Group Meeting**  
March 22, 2024 10AM to Noon  
KCCD Conference Room

*Or virtually via Zoom platform at:*

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81318216848?pwd=anNqbvbKjox2Vyey0lE8pb5Bb9vPJH.1>

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# Review Meeting Minutes

- December 8, 2023



# Watershed Group Membership

Representative Group	Member	Alternate
Kittitas County Cattlemen's Association	Terry Clarke	
Kittitas County Farm Bureau	Mark Charlton	Brad Haberman
Kittitas County Hay Grower's Association	Brian Cortese	
Kittitas Reclamation District	Kevin Eslinger	Urban Eberhart
Cascade Irrigation District	Jack Clerf	
Dryland Operator		
Lower County Operator	Karen Poulsen	
Upper County Operator	Jim Miller	
Small Acreage	Matthew Cox	
Small Acreage (Organic)	Bambi Miller	
Yakama Nation	Phil Rigdon	John Marvin
Trout Unlimited	Erin Eaton	Justin Bezold
Washington Water Trust	Ethan Lockwood	
Kittitas Conservation Trust	Mitch Long	



# **WSCC – Kittitas County Contract for 2024-2025 (July 2023 to June 2025)**

- **Kittitas County Contract**
  - **\$240,000**
  - **Amendment 1- \$47,000 (Monitoring Plan)**
  - **Amendment 2- \$181,250 (VSP Capital Funds)**
- **Kittitas County – KCCD Interlocal Agreement**
  - **Amend to add \$47,000 and \$181,250**



# Financial Assistance

- **Natural Resources Conservation Service**
  - **EQIP and EQIP WaterSMART – 30 applications**
  - **Middle Columbia Steelhead Partnership RCPP**
    - **November 17 Sign-Up – Six Applications**
  - **Upper Yakima River Water Supply and Fish Habitat Improvements RCPP**
    - **On-farm sign-ups to begin in fall 2024**



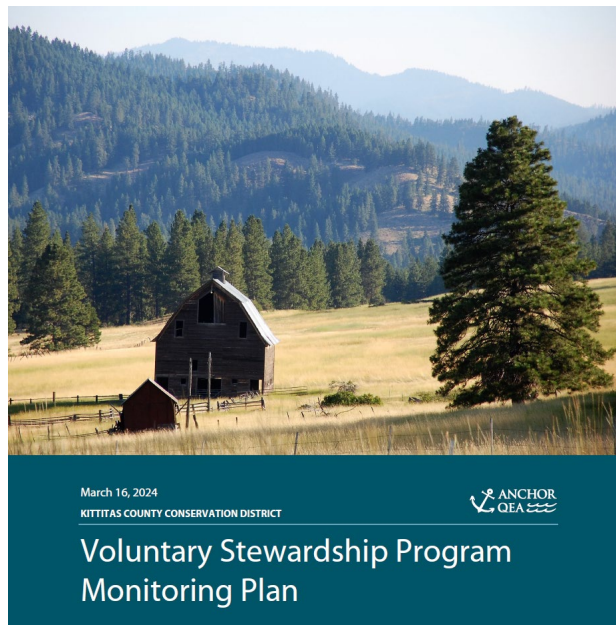
# Financial Assistance

- **Conservation Commission**
  - **Natural Resource Investments (Small Projects)**
    - 50-75% cost share, \$10,000 cap
    - Six funded projects expected
  - **Irrigation Efficiencies Program (2 apps per year)**
    - 2 sprinkler conversion applications - funded
    - 1 technical assistance application submitted
  - **Riparian Grant Funding**
    - 2 sprinkler conversion applications - funded
  - **Sustainable Farms & Fields (1 application)**
    - 1 application submitted in recent solicitation for Climate-Smart Livestock Management
    - Next solicitation expected in July
  - **Washington Shrub Steppe Restoration Initiative**
    - 1 funded application for Virtual Fencing Projects



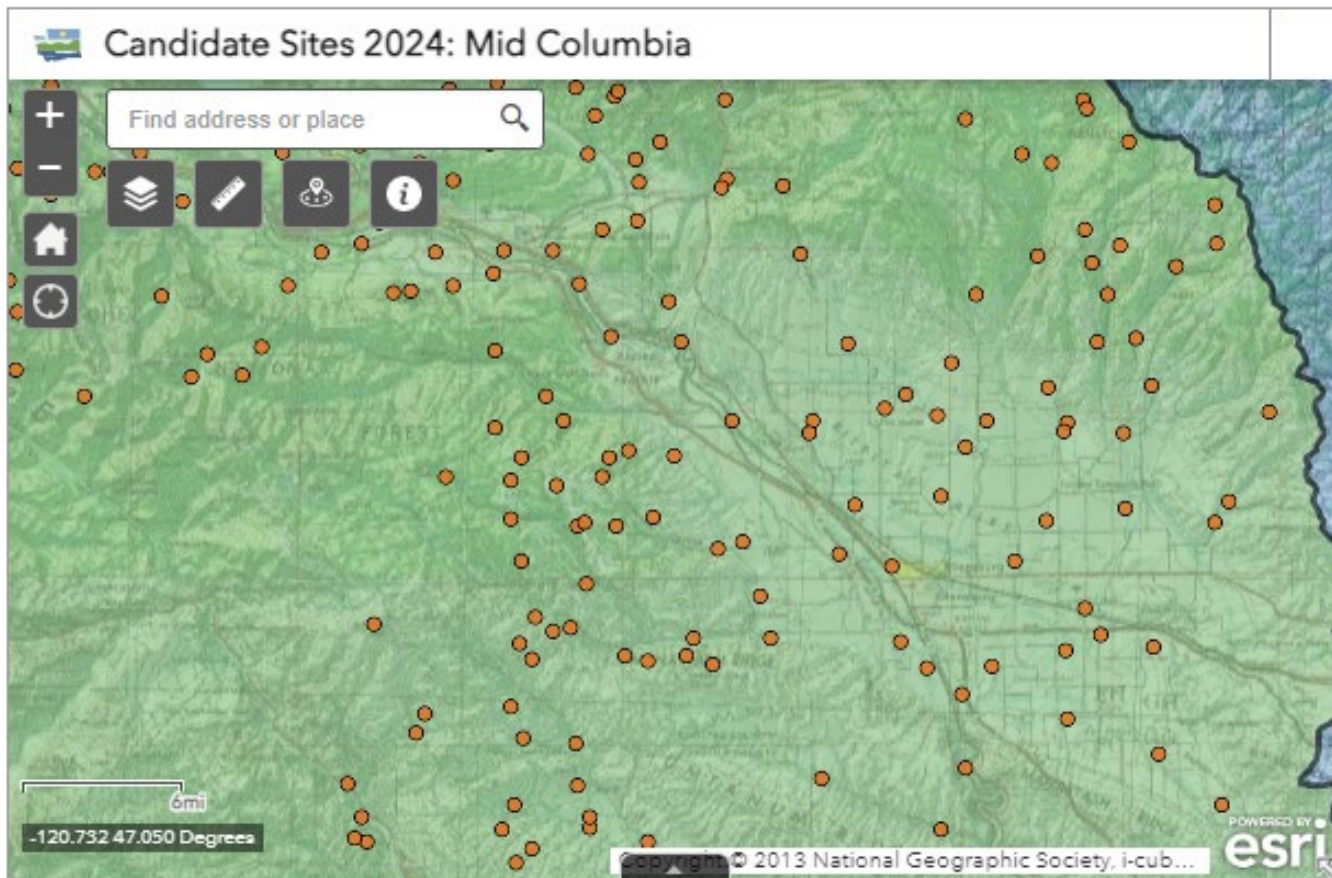
# Monitoring

- Monitoring Plan Requirement (Due July 2024)
  - WSCC Directive -- Monitoring Guidelines
- RFQ Published and Contract Approved for Anchor QEA
- Working Committee Volunteers



# Monitoring

- [Ecology Watershed Health Monitoring](#)





# Water Quality Monitoring

- Kittitas County Water Purveyors

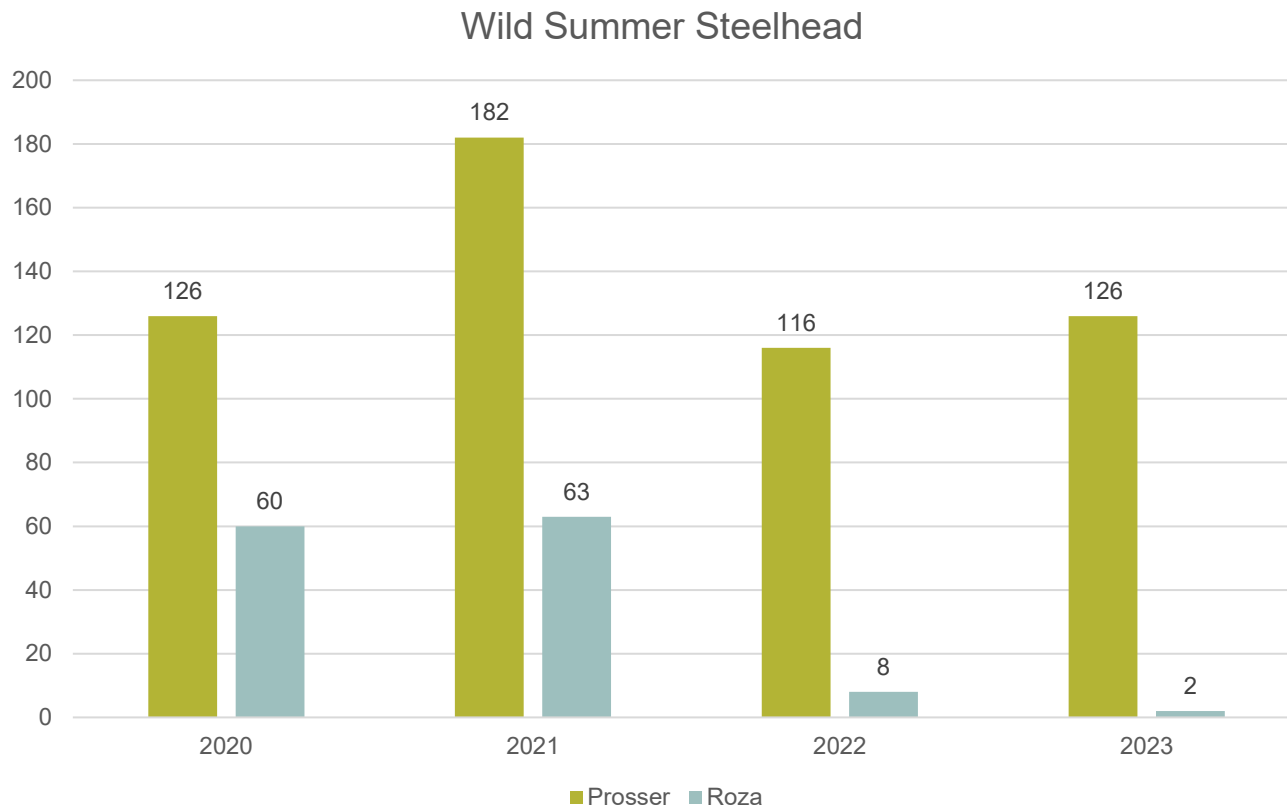


# PIT Array/Fish Runs Data

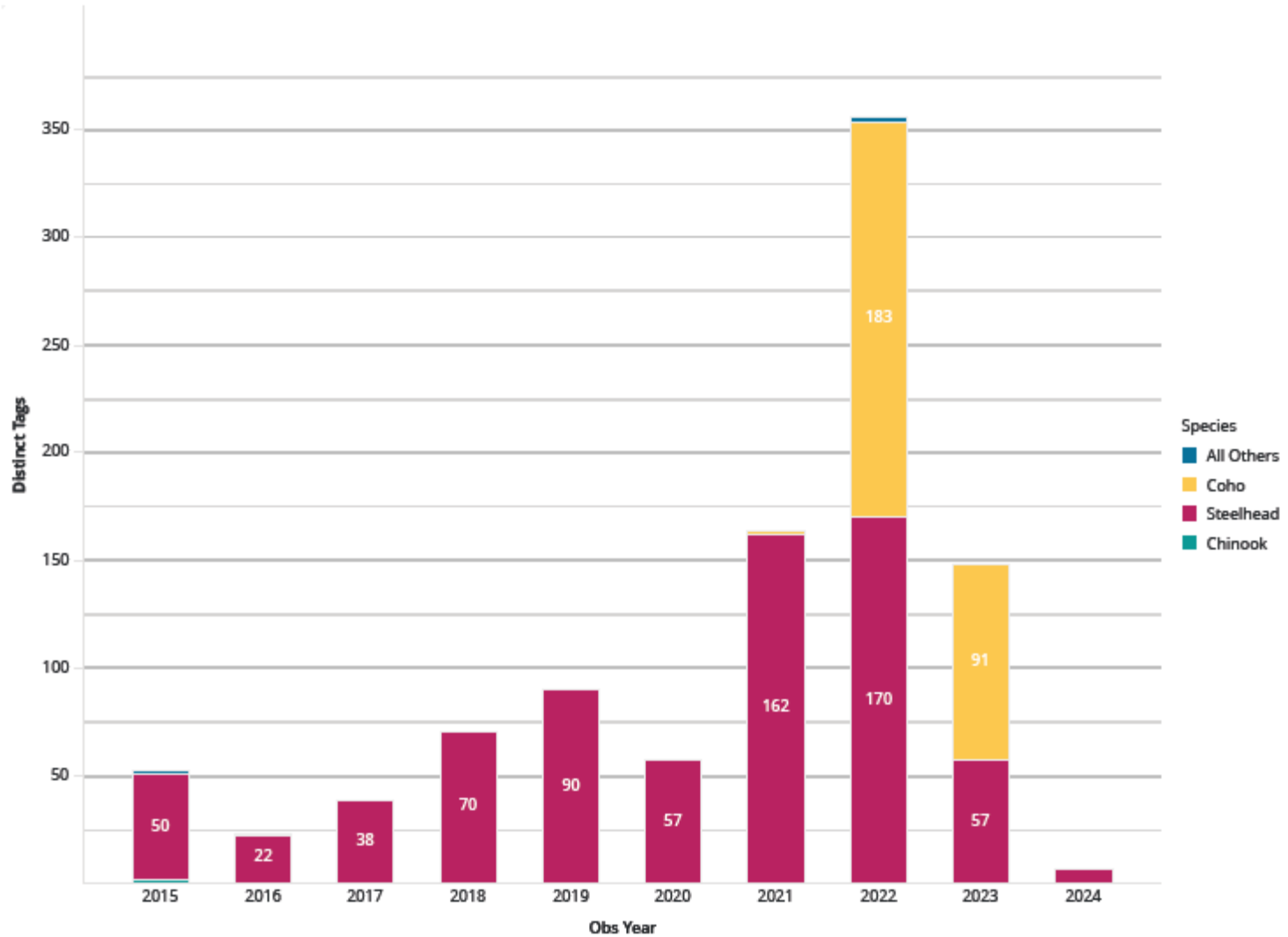
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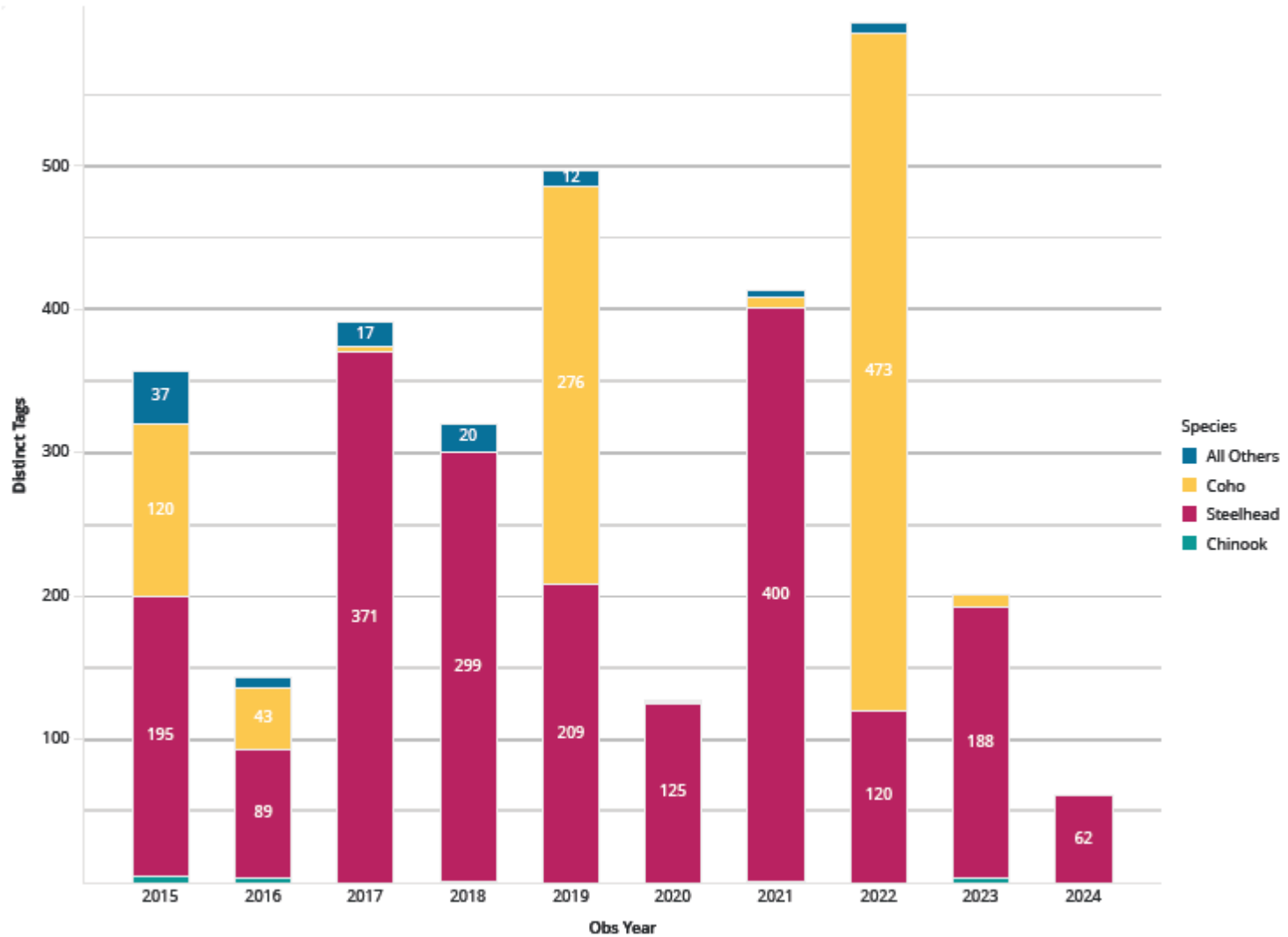
# Mid Columbia Steelhead



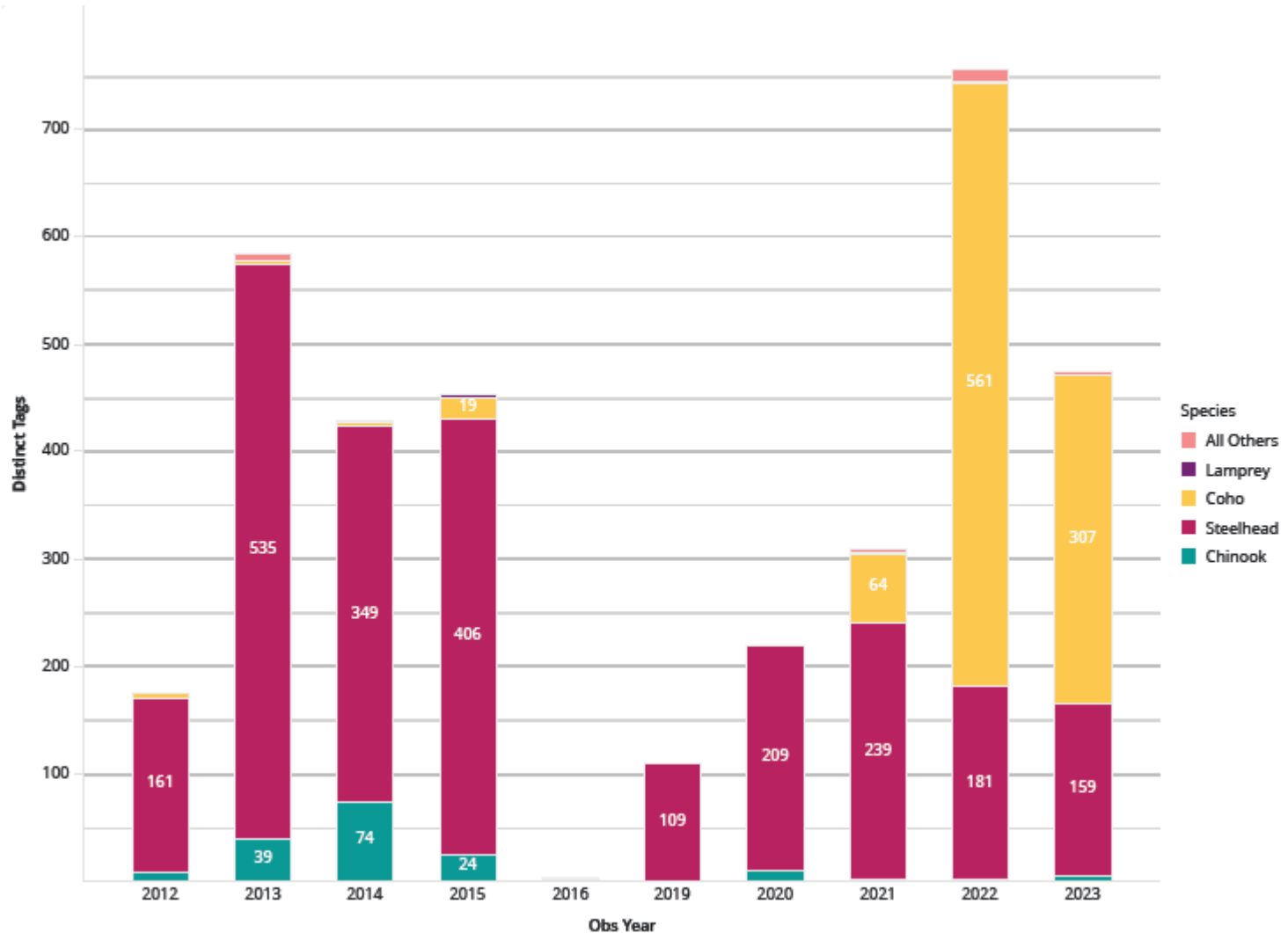
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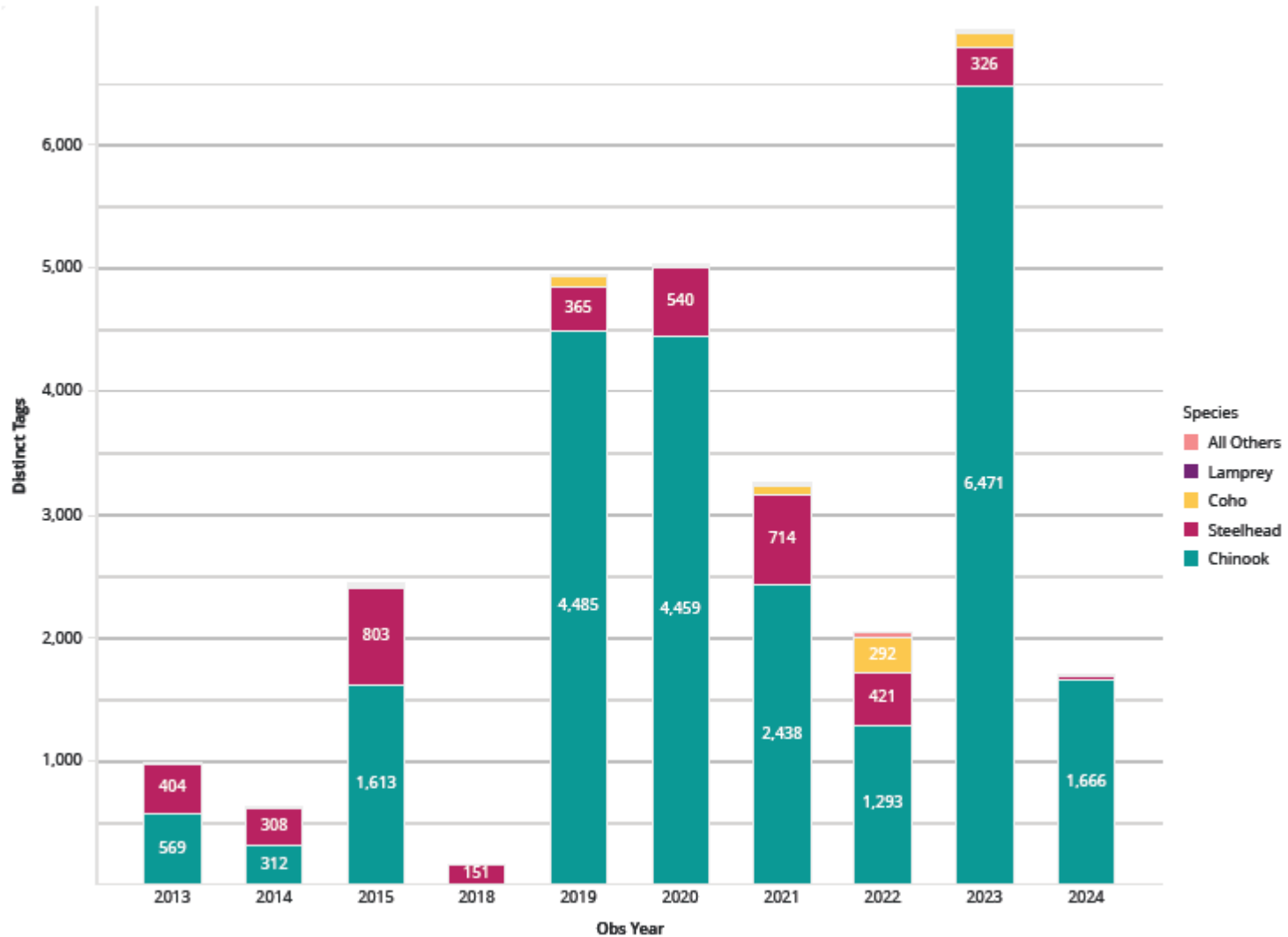
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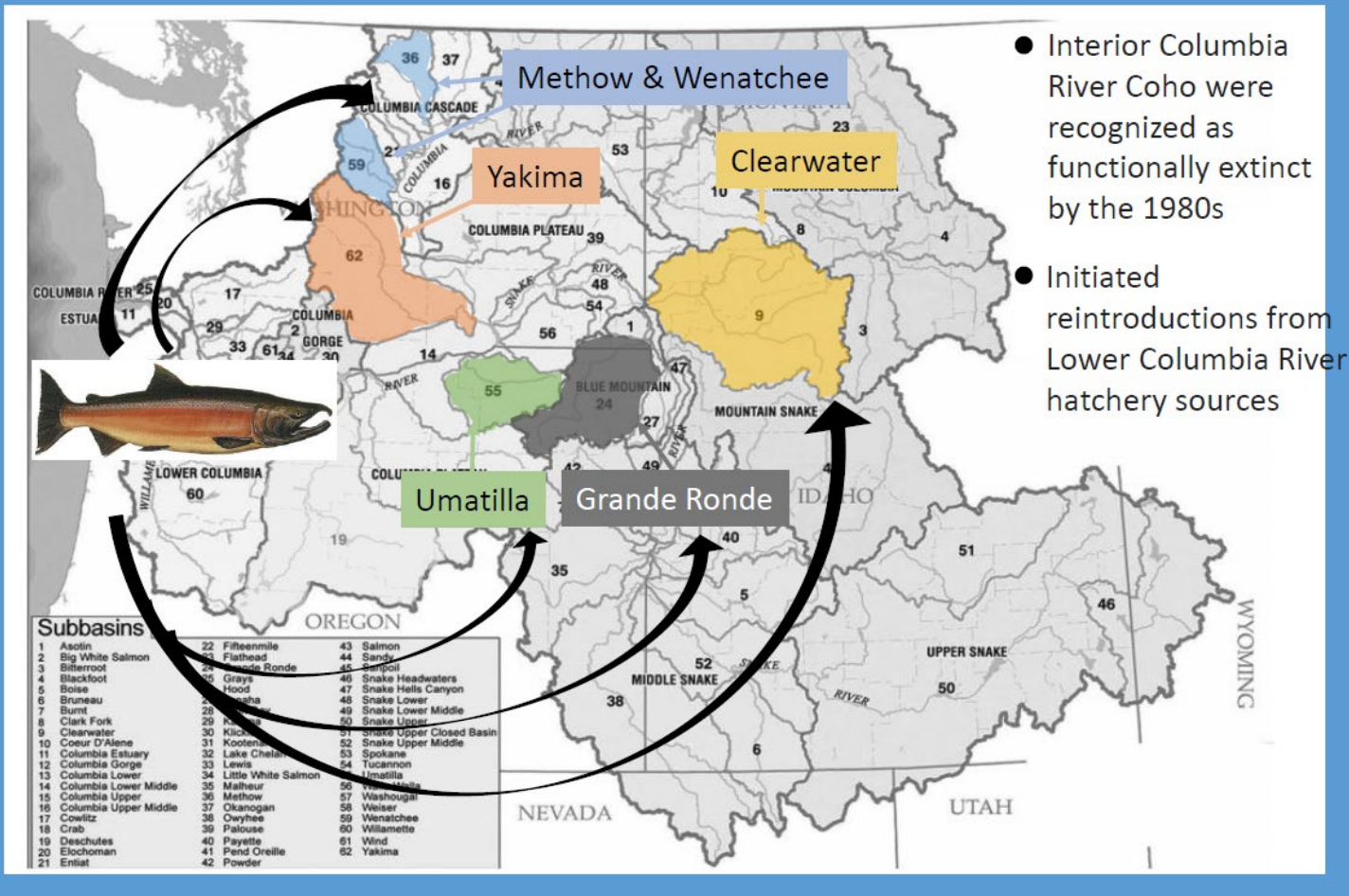


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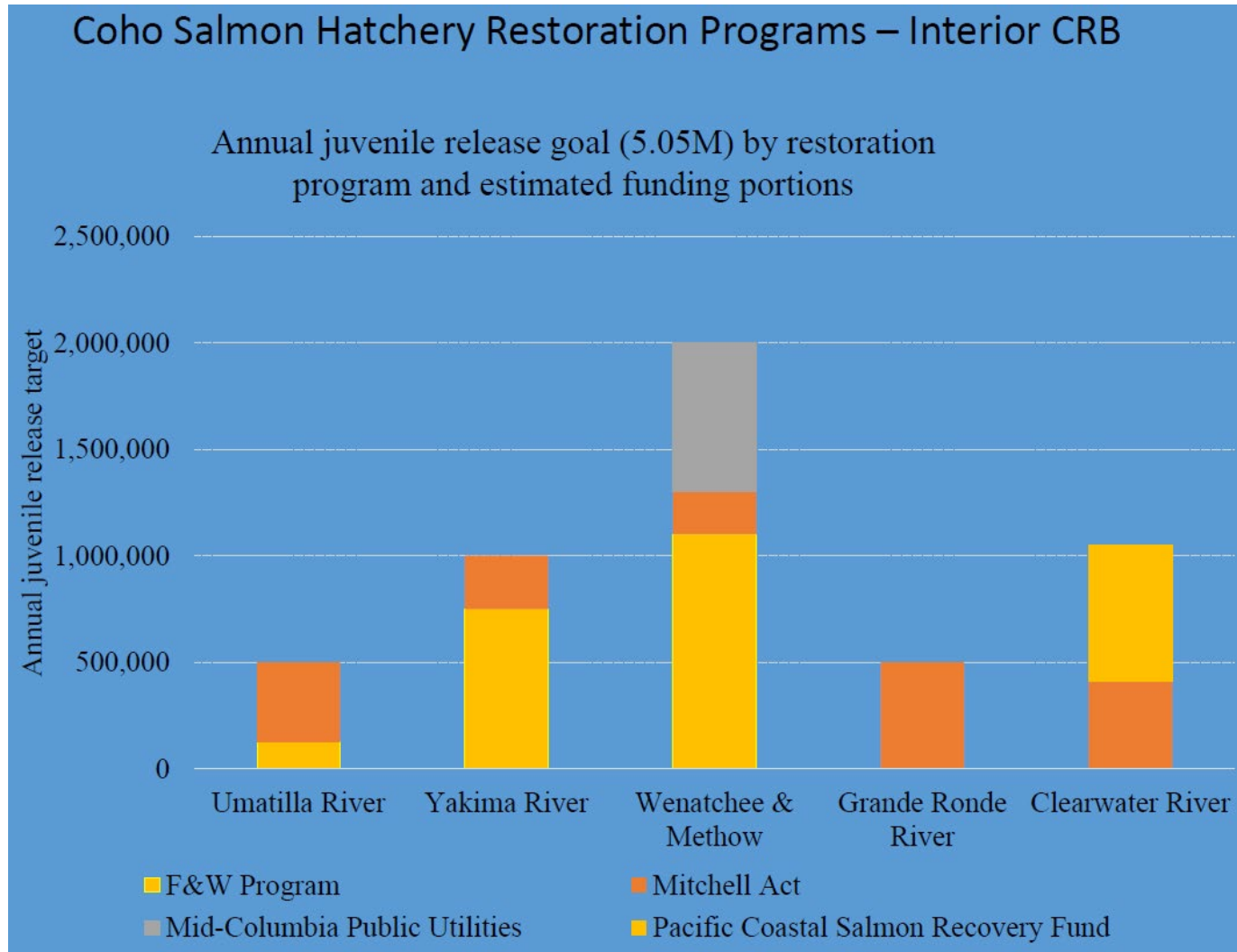
# Coho Supplementation

## Coho Salmon Hatchery Restoration Programs – Interior CRB

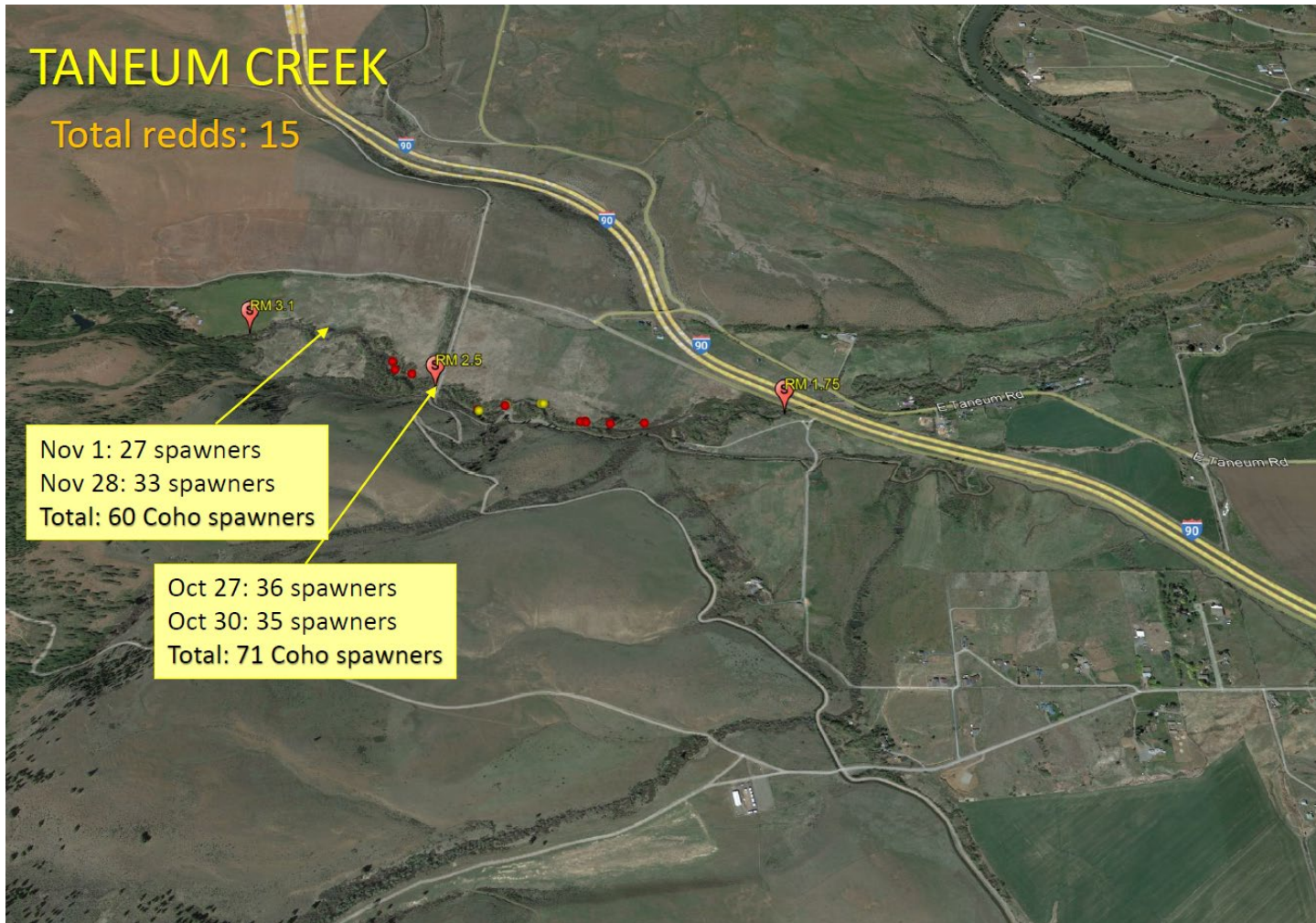




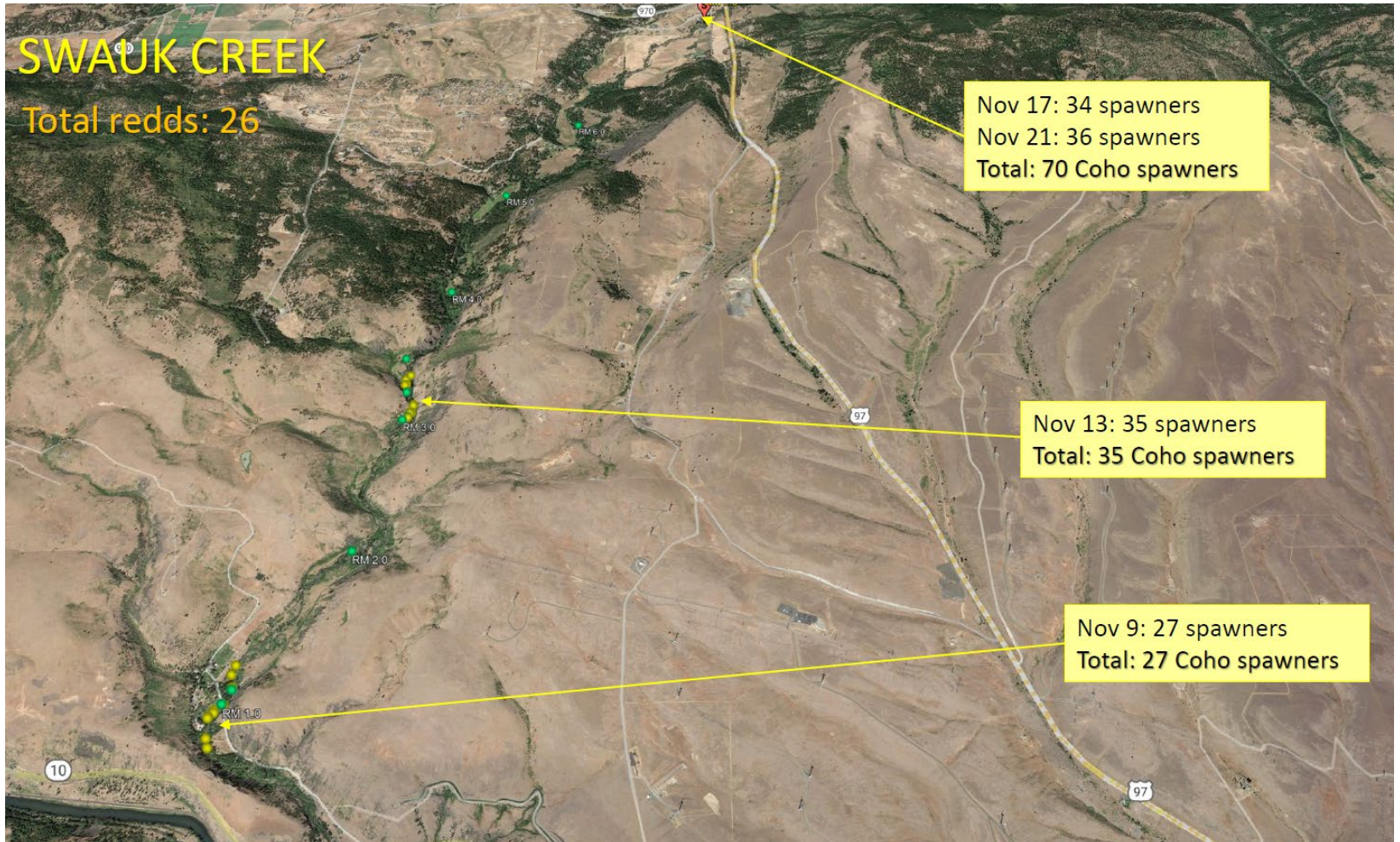
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# Habitat Availability



# VSP Technical Panel (TP) and Statewide Advisory Committee (SAC)

**Physical location:** Confluence Technology Center, 285 Technology Center Way #102, Wenatchee, WA 98801, Palouse River Room, [Map](#)

**Virtual location:** To join online, please use this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84905035338?pwd=YXhGMXpIVEMycGp4bDVCaXRHREZIZz09>

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Tuesday  
April 9

## Joint VSP Technical Panel & SAC Meeting

**Session Objective:** Programmatic review and update from SCC staff; Discussion with counties of their implementation efforts, including monitoring, adaptive management, and preparation of their 10YR report.

**9:00 am:** Opening Comments, Introductions, Session Objective & Agenda; Program updates

**9:45 am:** Discussions with counties on VSP implementation, including monitoring, for the 5YR report:

TIME	COUNTY	COUNTY PRESENTER(S)
9:45 - 10:15 am	Yakima	Lisa Grueter, Consultant; Mike Tobin, NYCD District Manager; Rodney Heit, SYCD District Manager
10:15 - 10:30 am		B R E A K
10:30 - 11:00 am	Douglas	Becca Hebron, FCCD District Manager; Jackson Moody, FCCD VSP Coordinator
11:00 - 11:30 am	Adams	Kristina Ribellia, GCCD District Manager; Deanna Elliott, GCCD VSP Coordinator
11:30 - 12:15 pm		L U N C H - provided for all who RSVP (see link at top)
12:15 - 12:45 pm	Grant	Kristina Ribellia, GCCD District Manager; Deanna Elliott, GCCD VSP Coordinator
12:45 - 1:15 pm	Kittitas	Anna Lael, KCCD District Manager
1:15 - 1:45 pm	Chelan	Stephen Lesky, Chelan County VSP Coordinator
1:45 - 2:15 pm	Re-cap	All
2:15 pm		A D J O U R N



# Roundtable



# Action Register

