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WA State Legislative Update & Planning

7/19/2023

Snoqualmie Forum

Topics of discussion

- Legislative redistricting of Snoqualmie watershed
- 2023 Session – New riparian funding
- 2024 Session – Setting Puget Sound legislative priorities

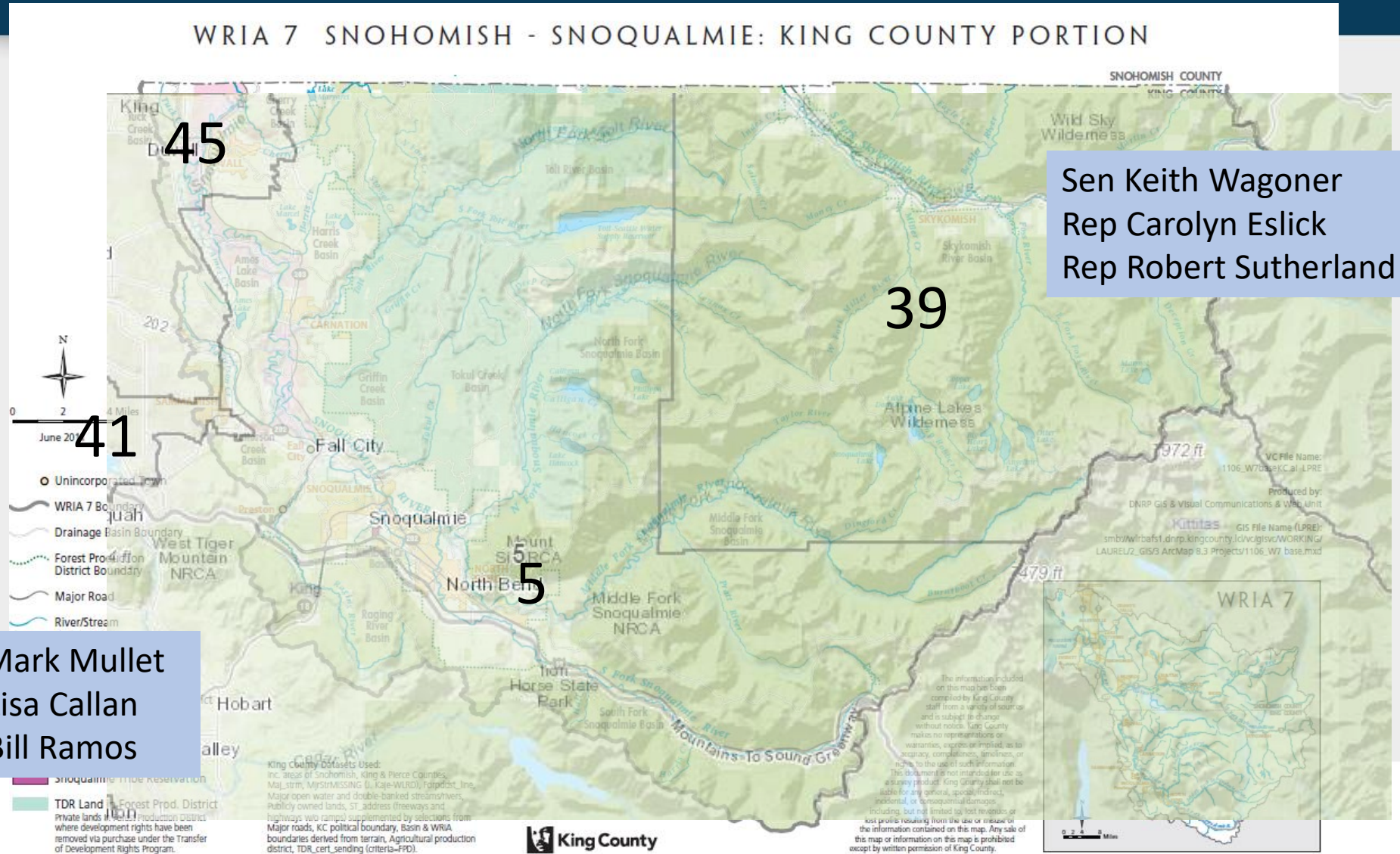
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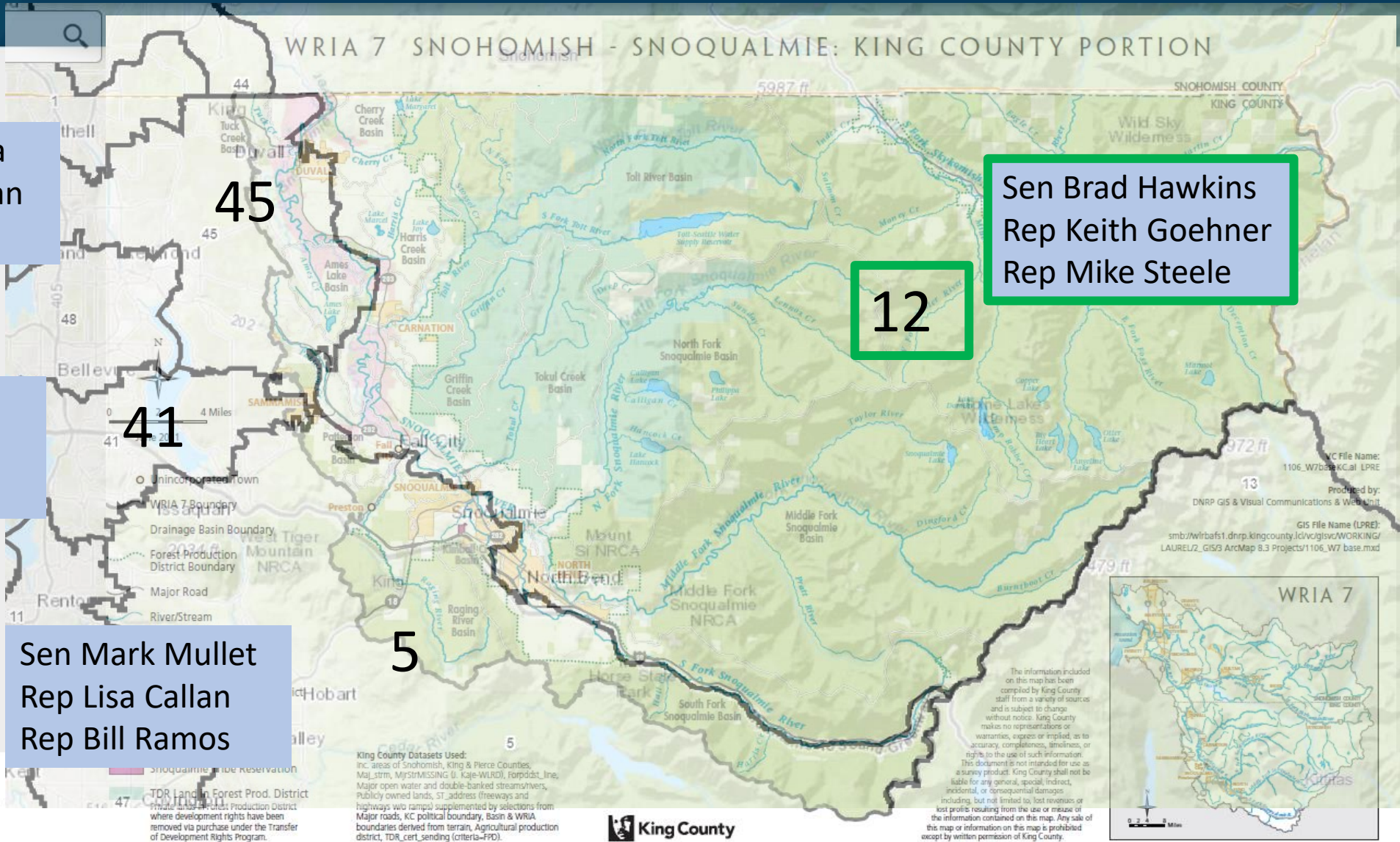
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2023 Legislative Outcomes



Riparian

What happened in 2023 session



House Bills 1215 and 1720 did not pass.

The budget included \$480k for continued roundtable conversations (Gov) facilitated by an independent entity. The independent entity must develop recommendations on furthering riparian funding and policy, including but not limited to, strategies that can attract private investment in improving riparian habitat, and developing a regulatory or compensation strategy if voluntary programs do not achieve concrete targets

What happens next



1. Roundtable conversation is back and running. It is invite only for tribes, ag reps, and others.
2. Final report from independent entity by June 30, 2024

How you can get involved



1. Connect with an invitee from your network
2. Stay tuned for recommendations in mid-2024

Riparian (cont)

What happened in 2023 session



Budget included funding for WSCC:

- \$25million for riparian projects
- \$3million for riparian operating
- \$2million for riparian education and outreach efforts

What happens next



1. WSCC has a workgroup (ECY, WSDA, DFW, CDs, others) to develop grant guidelines
2. WSCC draft grant guidelines to be presented to commission Sept 21, followed by public comment period, and finally adoption at Nov 30 meeting
3. WSCC staff to develop and implement an educational communication plan to the general public and landowners regarding the importance of riparian buffers and the actions they can take to protect and enhance these critical area

How you can get involved



1. Request to be part of grant guideline workgroup
2. Public comment on grant guidelines in ~Oct
3. Apply in Q4 2023 or Q1 2024

Riparian (cont)

What happened in 2023 session



Budget included for RCO:

- \$25million for riparian projects through SRFB
- \$400k for statewide riparian coordinator

What happens next



1. RCO is developing guidelines and plan for project funding through SRFB
2. Grant guidelines SRFB decision at Sept 13-14 meeting
3. Riparian grants will be available in the 2024 grant round

How you can get involved

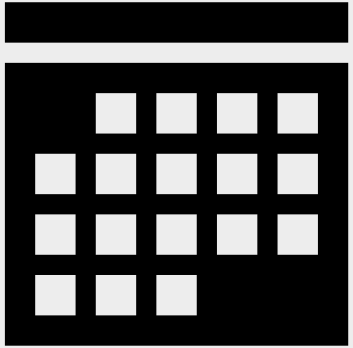


1. Engage with RCO/SRFB to inform grant guidelines
2. Apply through the 2024 grant round

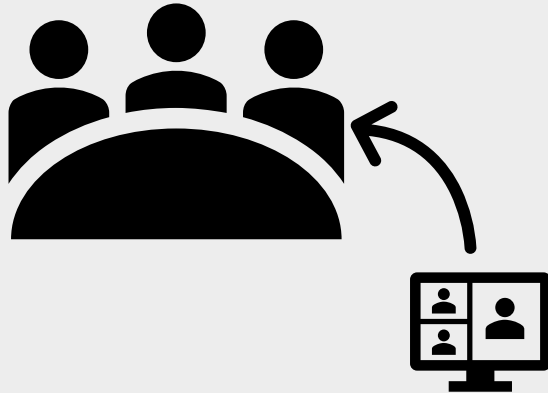
Looking Ahead to 2024



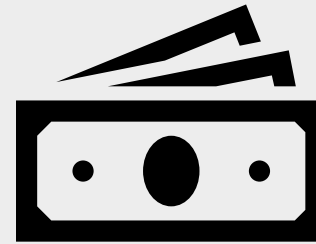
2024 Session Context



- Short session
- 60 days



- In-person w/
virtual options



- Adoption of
supplemental
budgets

Lead state Senate budget writer will leave Legislature for local government

Sen. Christine Rolfes' move to the Kitsap County Commission will mean a new Senate Ways & Means chair in the next session.

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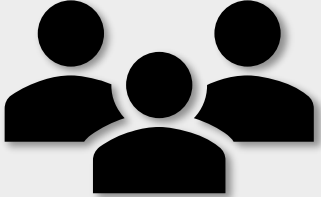


House Republican Leader J.T. Wilcox: 'It is time'

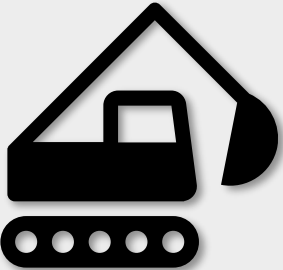
The following email from House Republican Leader J.T. Wilcox was sent to members of the Washington State Legislature on the afternoon of April 23, 2023:

- Changing
leadership

Revenue and Budget context



Operating



Capital



Transportation

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Biennium	Actual revenue	Nov 2022 revenue forecast	Mar 2023 forecast	June 2023 forecast	Δ from Mar forecast
15-17	\$39.05b	--	--	--	--
17-19	\$46.08b	--	--	--	--
19-21	\$53.13b	--	--	--	--
21-23	TBD	\$63.95b	\$64.15b	\$64.5b	+ \$341m
23-25	TBD	\$66.2b	\$65.7b	\$66b	+ \$327m
25-27	TBD	\$70.9b	\$70.34b	\$70.5b	+ \$147m

State hauls in over \$550M from second cap-and-trade auction

Revenue from companies buying pollution allowances is beating expectations.

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Legislature approves historic Move Ahead Washington transportation package

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2024 Legislative Ideas

Policy

- Incorporate salmon and Puget Sound recovery into GMA
- Amend Habitat Recovery Pilot Program for permit streamlining
- YOUR IDEA HERE

Supplemental Budget

- Establish DFW shoreline revolving loan fund
- Supplemental capital appropriations for SRFB and ESRP
- Transportation appropriations for WSDOT stormwater retrofits
- Add capacity at ECY as needed to address changing federal WOTUS jurisdiction
- YOUR IDEA HERE

Discussion

- Questions about 2023 session?
- How can PSP improve our legislative engagement in the future?
- What has the legislature not acted on that they should in 2024?