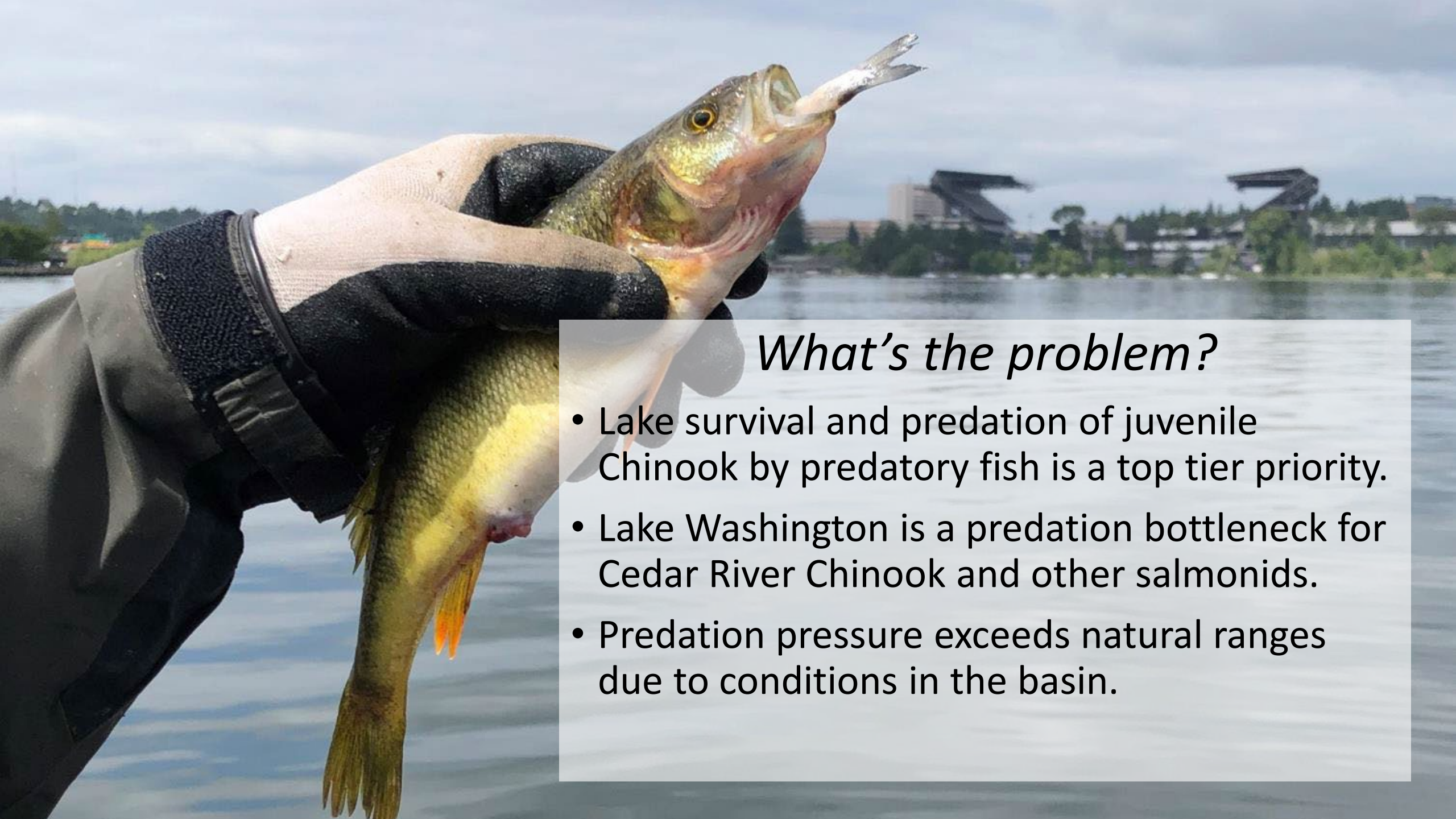


# Considering Support for a Lake Washington Basin Invasive Predatory Fish Control Program

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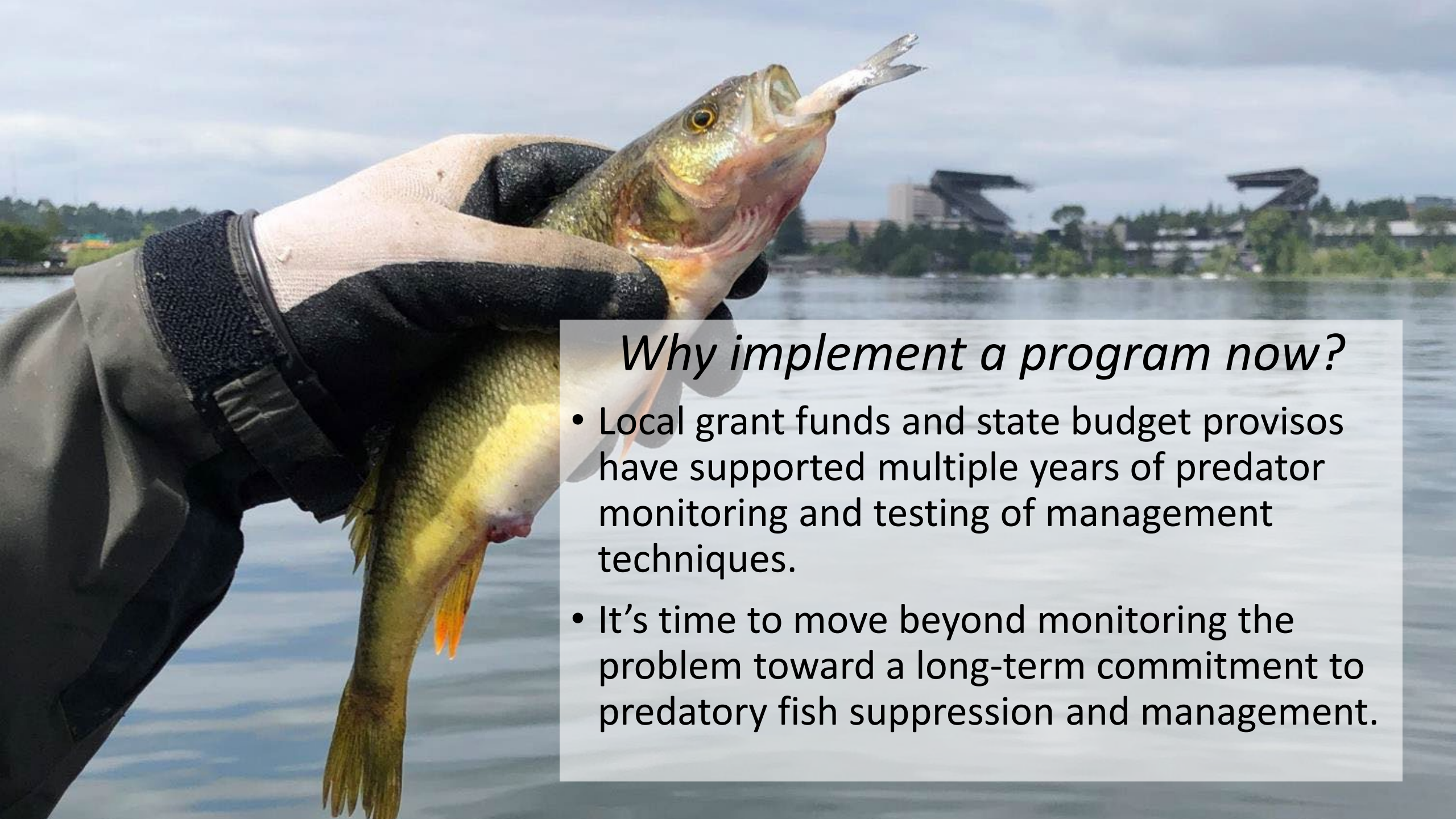
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## *What's the problem?*

- Lake survival and predation of juvenile Chinook by predatory fish is a top tier priority.
- Lake Washington is a predation bottleneck for Cedar River Chinook and other salmonids.
- Predation pressure exceeds natural ranges due to conditions in the basin.

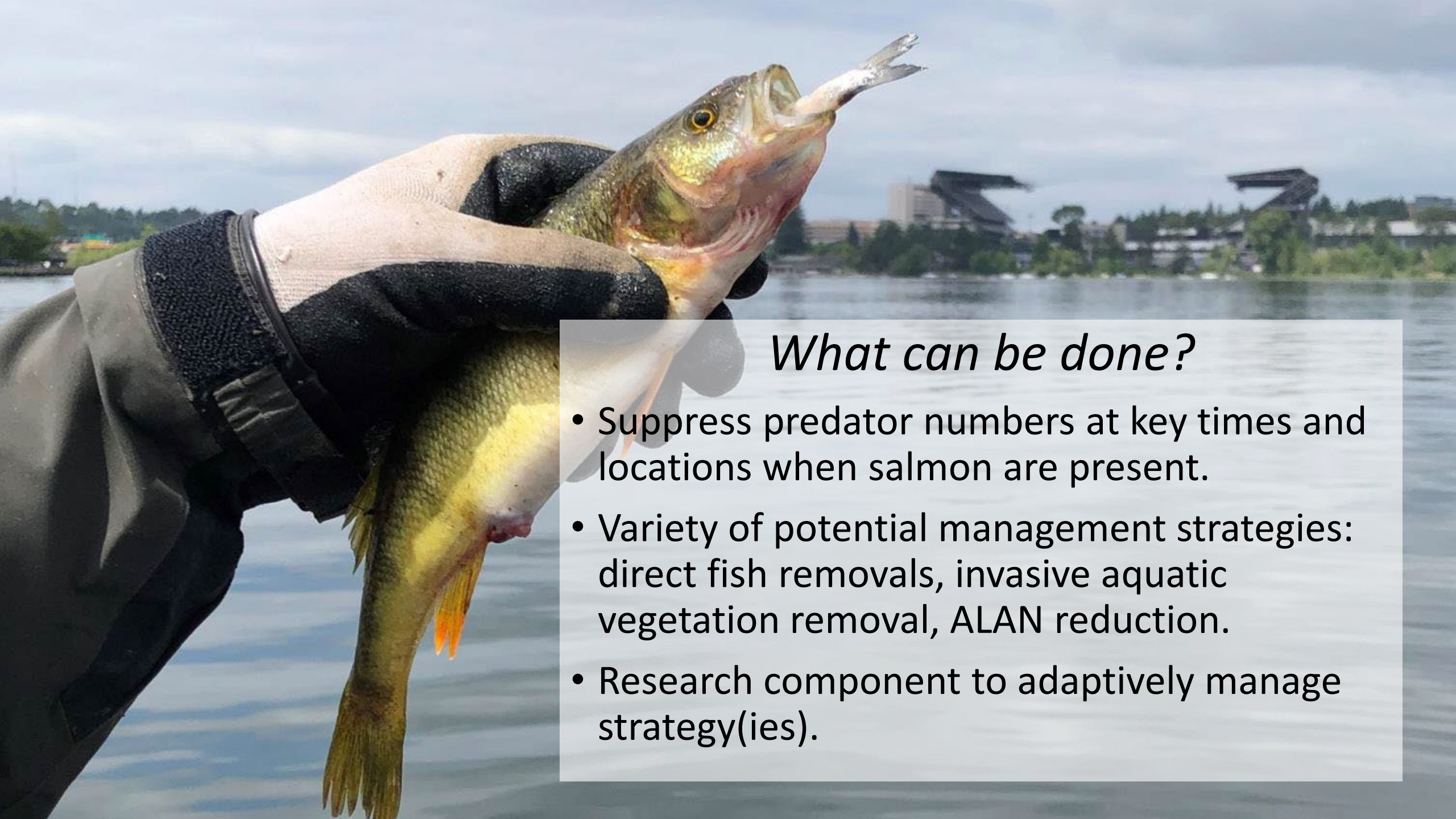




## *Why implement a program now?*

- Local grant funds and state budget provisos have supported multiple years of predator monitoring and testing of management techniques.
- It's time to move beyond monitoring the problem toward a long-term commitment to predatory fish suppression and management.





## *What can be done?*

- Suppress predator numbers at key times and locations when salmon are present.
- Variety of potential management strategies: direct fish removals, invasive aquatic vegetation removal, ALAN reduction.
- Research component to adaptively manage strategy(ies).

# Seeking Council and Partner Feedback

- *Should WRIA 8 draft a letter to WDFW requesting development and implementation of an adequately resourced predatory fish control program in the Lake WA basin?*
- *What is an appropriate scale and scope for this program?*
- *What are appropriate program objectives and how should they be measured?*