

Toward a Natural Resources Asset Management Plan for Kitsap County Workshop Agenda

Date: January 21, 2022, 10:00 am-12:00 pm PT

Goals: Work together to apply the level of service framework developed to-date to identify gaps and needs in the framework, and begin to identify strategies and actions for achieving desired level of service.

10:00 AM	Welcome and Introductions – Dana Stefan and Elizabeth McManus and (Ross Strategic, Facilitators)
10:10 AM	<p>Developing and Applying Levels of Service – Introduction from Charlotte Dohrn (WEC) and Matthew Medina (Kitsap County), followed by group activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief update on progress and challenges developing desired level of service targets • Activity introduction, review maps and web app • Group activity and discussion – using the level of service framework to identify priorities and potential actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What actions and strategies would be needed for achieving desired level of service? ○ Can we use the framework help identify priorities, for example, for the capital facilities plan? ○ What information gaps came up during the activity that we can address? ○ What additional research and revisions are needed?
11:10 AM	Break
11:20 AM	<p>Updates from Partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates from Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe • Updates from Suquamish Tribe • Updates from Kitsap County • Updates from WEC
11:30 AM	<p>Discuss Project Next Steps - Core Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What should we prioritize over the next 5-6 months to help mainstream natural resource asset management in Kitsap County and support ongoing implementation? • What does success look like at the end of the grant term(s)? • Check in on next steps, workshops, and partner capacity.
11:55 AM	Wrap-up and Next Steps
12:00 PM	Adjourn

KNRAMP Workshop: LOS Framework Activity

Overview

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Agenda:

- Welcome and introductions
- Group activity applying and refining the level of service framework
- Break
- Updates from partners
- Next Steps
- Adjourn

Attendees: Tom Ostrom (Suquamish Tribe), Sam Phillips (Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe), Kathy Peters (Kitsap County), Kirvie Mesebeluu-Yobech (Kitsap County), Liz Williams (Kitsap County), Ryan Huffman (Kitsap County), Matthew Medina (Kitsap County), Arno Bergstrom (Kitsap County), Mindy Roberts (WEC), Charlotte Dohrn (WEC), Katie Fields (WEC), Elizabeth McManus (Ross Strategic), Dana Stefan (Ross Strategic)

Discussion Notes

Charlotte and Matt provided an update on work since the last meeting, and then gave an introduction for the level of service framework activity.

Level of Service Framework Activity

The group took 10 minutes to review information and begin jotting down notes, and then discussed three questions. See slides following these discussion notes for reference materials.

Discussion of Q1 – Priority Areas

Question 1: Based on your experience and the information available, what areas (e.g., watershed, MUs, other) would you prioritize for maintaining or increasing level of service over the next 6 years and why?

- Tom – All are a priority, so hard to put one above another, but would start with Chico and Anderson. Then Clear and Strawberry, based on function for salmonids. Anderson also, but haven't walked the stream.
- Sam – Anderson is interesting – near the leading edge of growth, would like to look at this more.
- Kathy – would want to prioritize independent drainages in Dyes. Need to think about shorelines, shellfish. Forest has impacts on sediment and wood and Wood in the nearshore. Wish we could look at Barker – this is a high priority. Need a good, holistic forest venture along Dyes Inlet, in cooperation with property owners. Get them engaged.
- Mindy – flagging Clear (F_143 and F_330) and Chico (F_401 and F_407). Approach and goals would be different. Key point that Tom made that actual tree cover varies with forestry. Larger parcels would be good to focus on. Curious about the “dividing zone” – North Kitsap and South Kitsap – issue for large mammals? In lower watershed of Chico, intensely developing area. Not as big a fish production area now. But value in other natural resources. Raising points about scale of units, granularity.
- Sam – Naval base has large tracts of forest that are low hanging fruit. Maintain.
- Arno – on the naval base, the trees getting older. Don't practice clearcutting. Bangor is not a super old installation, but trees there are getting older as will all the trees that are left. Important to look at parks as public facility that will be there in perpetuity – off the table for development, important building block. Example is the headwaters of Chico, Newbury Heritage Park. Legally has to stay a park, must factor this in. Thinking about later, older, maturing trees – other than a few sites along the Seabeck highway, Mountaineers Foundation, there aren't significant areas of old growth. In those areas there's legacy old growth trees. The thing to protect is the trees that came in after the older growth was harvested – 100 yr. plus trees. Height correlated with age, the oldest trees on the landscape are these cedar, Douglas Fir, hemlocks.

Discussion of Q2 – Targets

Question 2: Are draft targets appropriate in the areas prioritized or need further refining?

- Mindy and Tom – agree that Chico is maintaining, but note that some areas may need an increase (F_407, F_401). Also important to consider that forest cover could fluctuate year to year because of harvest due to the large size of timber management units.
- Tom – 10% is a reasonable first target.
- What to do about small shoreline catchments - maybe the coastal catchments are more in the shoreline bin – woody debris and fish habitat, etc.
- Mindy – Long term– do want tailored targets for MUs. Considering the level of development here in setting targets.
- Tom - in Chico, we see really different systems. Wildcat very different than Lost Creek. Lost Creek is a lot flashier. This could change what would be an appropriate target. Don't need to build this detail into a first cut, but important to consider.
- Sam – intrinsic potential concept from the salmon recovery world could be helpful in thinking about targets.
- Kathy/Tom – Dave Nash Steelhead IP model – used this together with empirical data for population goals for the watershed.

- Tom - 30 years ago, lots of conversation going on in how we managed forest land. Controversy led to a process, carved up the state into watershed assessment units. Started managing forest practices on a watershed by watershed scale. Not east Kitsap, but west Kitsap WAUs. Got down to the level of prescriptions for different MUs, different constraints based on landscape characteristics. State went away from that and no longer do that, instead applying across the board. Still available and probably still relevant. This was when Tom was working for Point no Point – 1994. Something like that.
- Mindy –land acquisition not solely through the county – this is one way to address a gap. But in Silverdale, is there an urban tree canopy target? If not, maybe there ought to be.

Discussion of Q3: Actions and Strategies

Question 3: What actions (e.g., policies, programs, projects) would be necessary over the next 6 years to achieve LOS targets in these areas?

- Tom - TDR programs are an important tool. How can we address these vested areas, legacy lots. Need to at least be consistent with the underlying zoning. Quarter acre lots in the rural protection zone and rural wooded zone. Use the Comprehensive Plan, tools like TDR programs. It's a challenge to increase widespread knowledge of the program, receiving areas and being able to incentivize the program.
- Arno – Baker worked on recommendations about revising, updating and enhancing TDR 10 yrs. ago. TDR was on the books, but underutilized because at the time it didn't make sense economically. I don't know what happened with that. Made some improvements on TDR? Should be an incentive. There's a lot of interest in community forests – program is now run by RCO. County for the first time offered some conservation futures money and awarded some funds to protect an area. People could apply for it. That hadn't happened for a long time. Conservation futures wasn't run like that. Hoping to do more of that. Also want to emphasize TLT. Add reconveyance – lands can be reconveyed back to the county. Can be small and not aggregated – county has taken advantage of this for some of the areas around Newbury Hill Heritage park. That is an important mechanism. Have identified 7-8k acres. Some near Hood Canal, some on Green Mountain. They would then be managed differently, more ecologically.
- Tom – Have significant federal lands with naval base Kitsap. Integrated natural resources management plan, Suquamish reviews but they ignore feedback. Can contribute to meeting local goals for ES. Would be a nice thing if they did. WDFW signs that document. They have a little bit more say on what ends up in those plans.

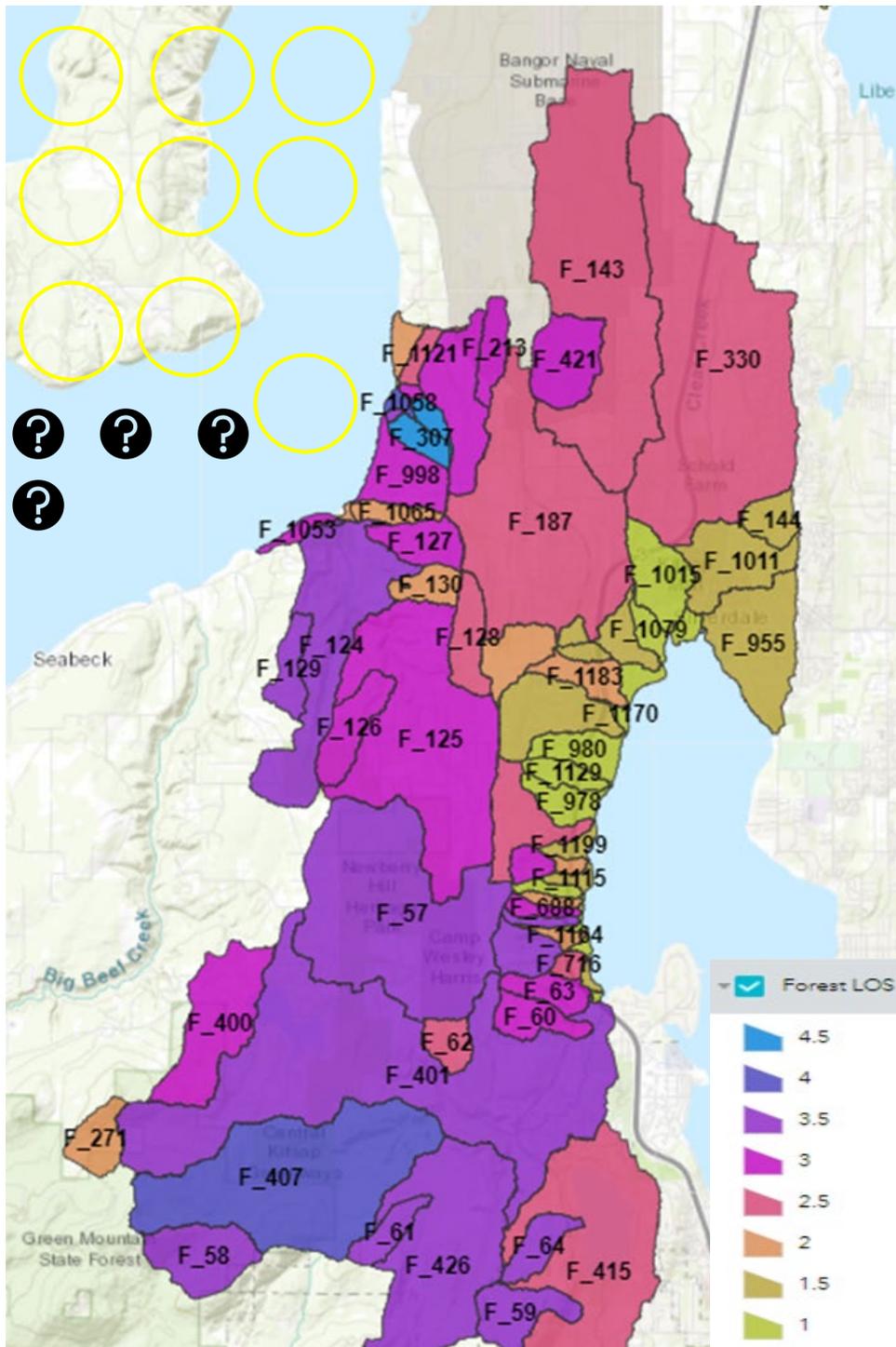
Updates from Partners

- Kirvie - Conservation futures pilot program – working on the salmon recovery council funding group. Project is closing in March. Waiting for ESA to provide a summary to the county. This focuses on how to better incorporate salmon recovery priorities into conservation futures. Also, how other counties are administering conservation futures funds. Will continue to provide any updates
- Liz - county currently working on solicit proposals for the comp plan update process. Will include capital facility plans, EIS associated with 20-year vision. KRCC currently digging in on population and employment growth target updates with the land use technical advisory committee. Those targets established mid-year and finalized if you want to track.

- Sam – no updates to share
- Tom – Working on the conservation futures pilot from the funding subcommittee side. Glad that Kitsap is participating – potentially a big deal for us on this project. With retirement of a lot of the debt, conservation futures can support more ecosystem projects, should start to see more funding available.
- Arno – a couple things. Department involved in Conservation Futures. Hoping that Commissioners are going to do something. My plans and department plan - going to be looking at TLT and reconveyance. Wanted to add that land has to be parkland or community forest – in perpetuity. Have identified >4K acres for reconveyance. Going to start having discussions with the state about parcels turned over in 20s and 30s.
- Ryan – working on getting it loaded into Cartegraph, have a good start.

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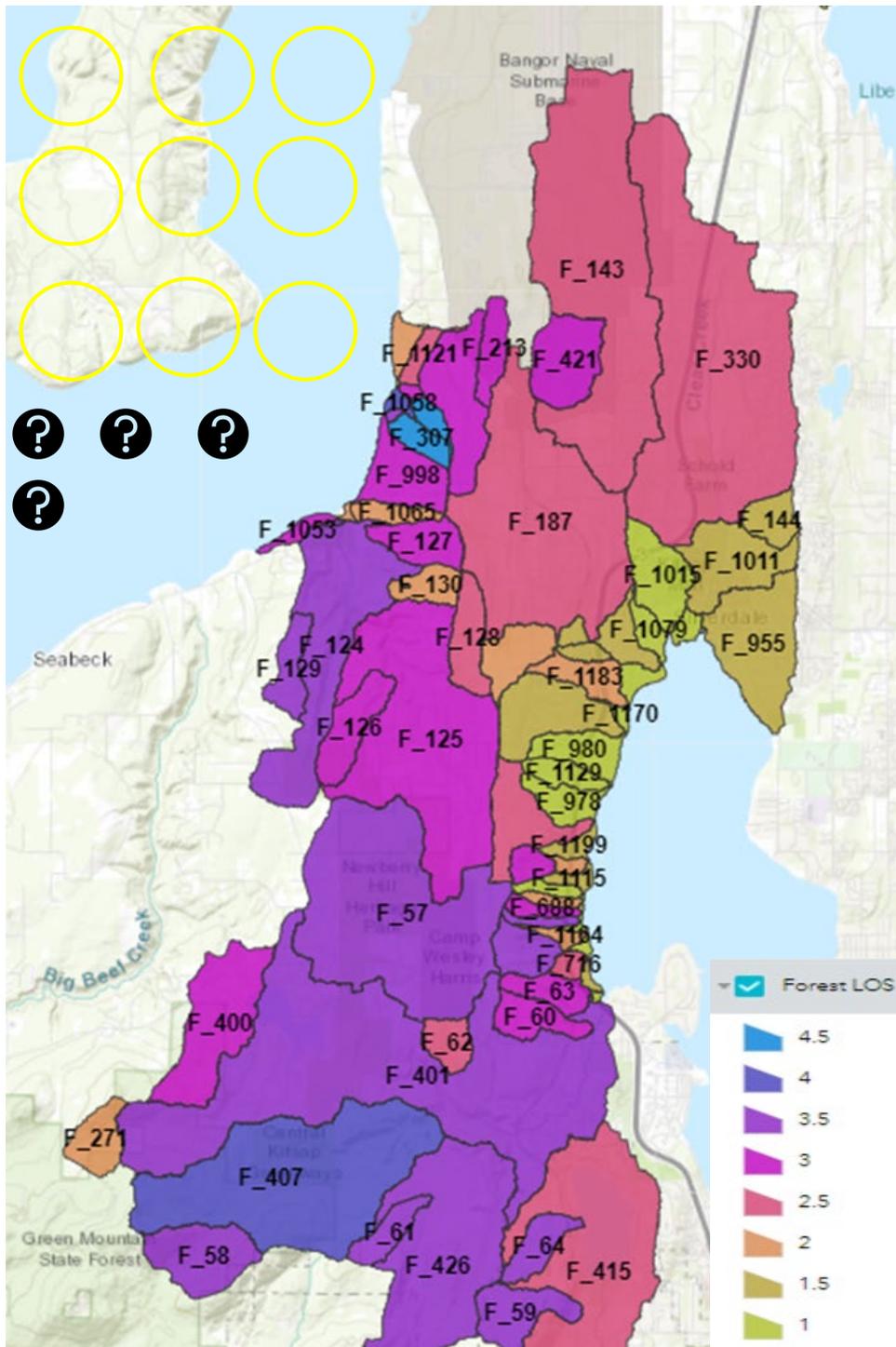
- Tom – key question is how do we mainstream this, make it a regular practice, built into the planning practices in the county. Not just about places that we regulate but also places we invest in as well. Ultimately what we want to see is improved conditions. Building into county planning processes is really important. That’s where I think institutionalizing is key. Setting up for success in implementation is where we want to focus.
- Sam – more of a question for Paul – need to touch back to his test drive idea, where is the development pressure. Just a suggestion.
- Kathy – would like to see the County Commission adopt natural assets as a focus. Very successful water as a resource policy. Would be really successful to do something like this.
- Liz – Agree with what Kathy said. Work is in laying the foundation for implementation.
- Arno – county should reconsider the open space LOS standard. Should double – its crazy out there. We need more parks, need our own standard. Commissioners could have a key role in adopting that. Need more land for service to the public here in the county.



Map 1: Current LOS metrics (based on forest cover and succession class)

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Priority Area?	Why?
Chico and Anderson Creek watersheds (including unnamed trib north of Anderson)	Good existing function for fish, limited development, size of watershed
Clear and Strawberry Creek watersheds focusing on upper watershed areas	Still some good functioning habitat but lower watersheds heavily impacted from development
Independent drainages on Hood Canal	
Independent drainages on Dyes Inlet	
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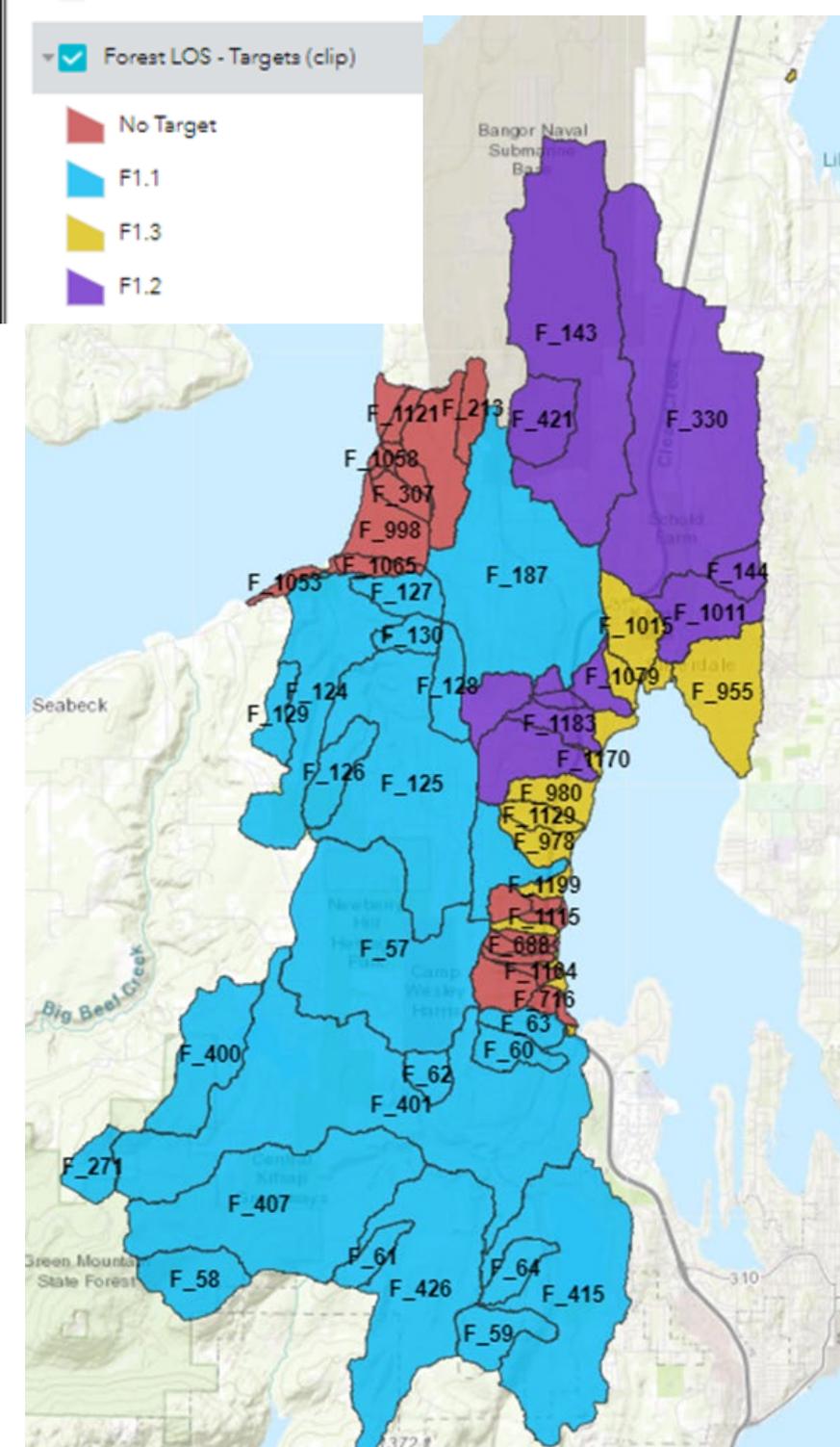


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Clear (F_143, F_330)	At LOS 2.5; rapidly developing so good timing to do something differently now
Chico (F_401 and F_407)	At LOS 3.5 and 4, these are key for Central PS salmon production; large parcels involved

Reference map: <https://wecmaps.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=1c51cc6789e24fa9a8d0f13df729bf25>

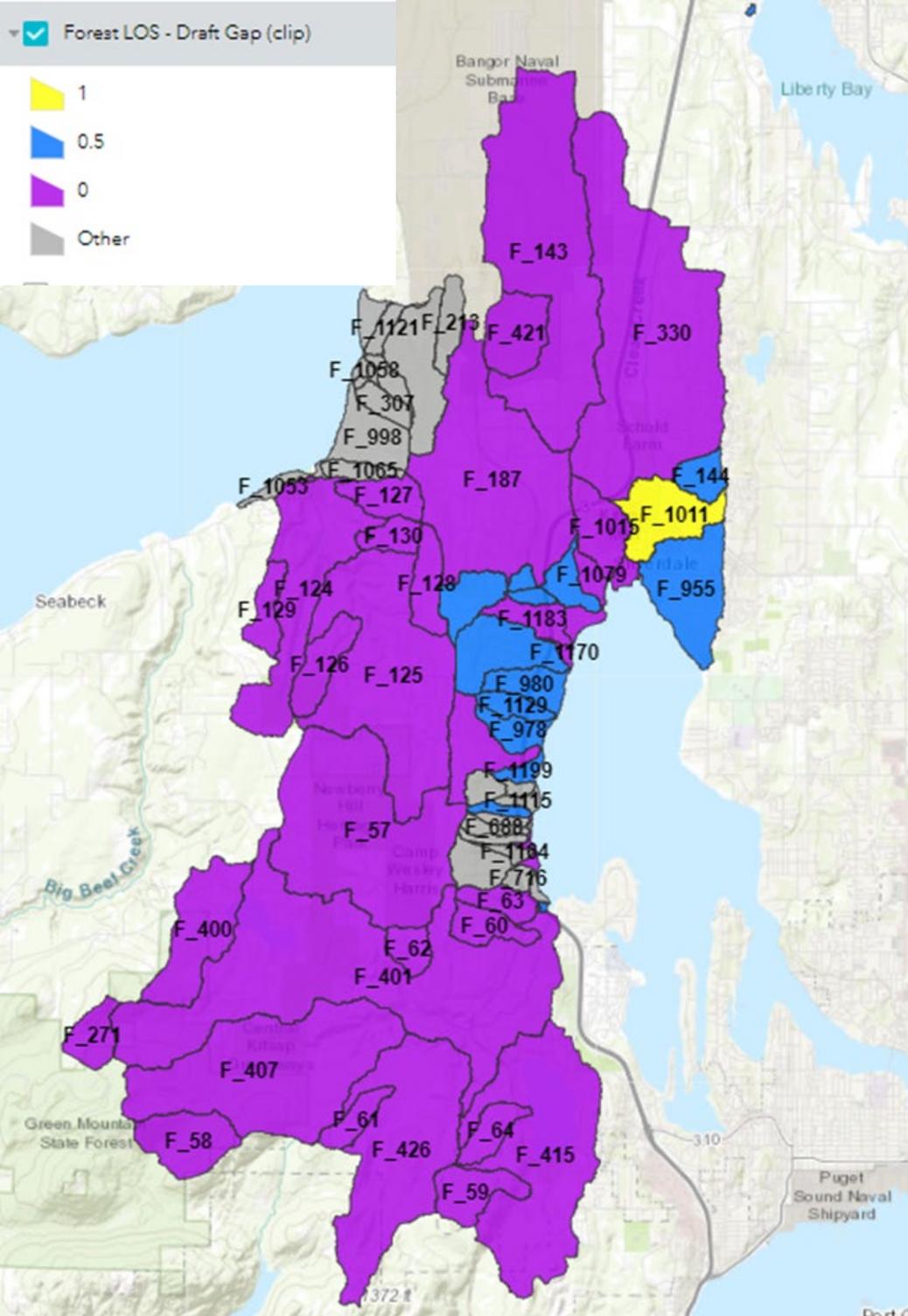


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Area	% Cover	Target	Comments
Anderson Creek	77%	Maintain (F1.1)	
Chico Creek	80%	Maintain (F1.1)	Agree, though F_407 and F_401 might need an increase Especially where commercial forestry is practiced (eg Chico) actual cover can change dramatically from year to year due to large size of management units relative to watershed size.
Clear Creek	58%	Increase to at least 65% (F1.2)	
Knapp Creek	62%	Increase to at least 65% (F1.2)	
Koch Creek	41%	Increase to at least 65% (F1.2)	
Strawberry Creek	62%	Increase to at least 65% (F1.2), Maintain (F1.1)	
Woods Creek	65%	Maintain (F1.1)	
Urbanized catchments, low cover (ex: F_955)	NA	Increase by at least 10% (F1.3)	This is probably a reasonable first target
Non-urbanized catchments, or higher cover (ex: F_998)	NA	No Target	This is a gap - do we apply targets for single catchments/MUs? See red areas

Map 2: LOS targets applied to MUs

Reference map: <https://wecmaps.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=1c51cc6789e24fa9a8d0f13df729bf25>



Question 3: What actions (e.g., policies, programs, projects) would be necessary over the next 6 years to achieve LOS targets in these areas?

Action Needed	Increase or Maintain?	Where?
Land acquisition	Increase	Large parcels in Chico, Anderson
Urban tree canopy	Increase	Clear Creek, esp. lower
		Large blocks of navy managed land

Map 3: “Gap” between current and draft target LOS

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