



LOOKING AHEAD

Charting a sustainable future for Oregon's hatchery system

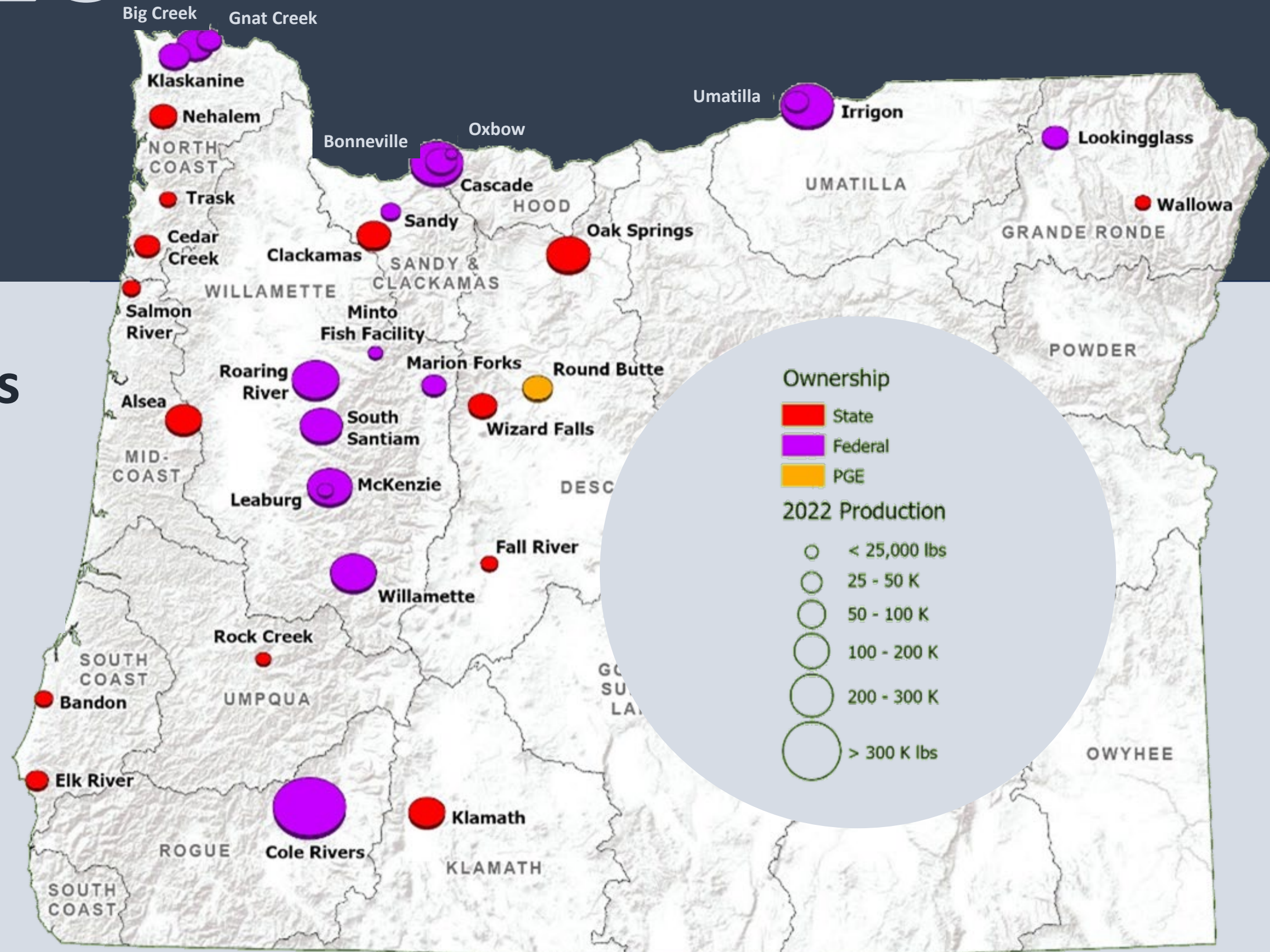


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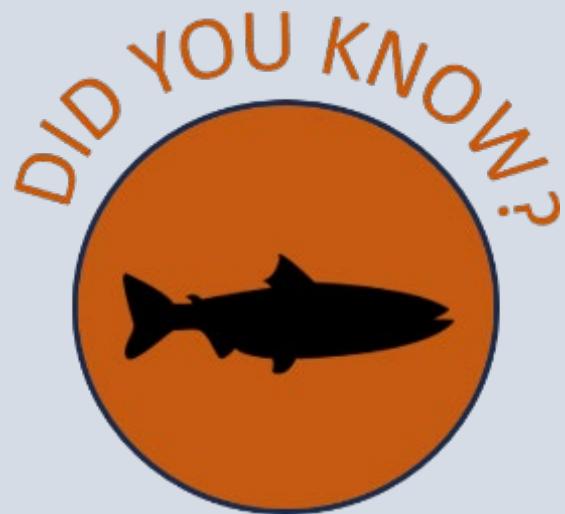
ODFW operates 33 hatcheries in Oregon

- 14 state-owned
- 18 federally-owned
- 1 Portland General Electric facility



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Over 70 percent of salmon and steelhead harvested in Oregon come from a hatchery

These hatcheries annually produce **~35 million salmon and steelhead** and **~5 million trout** for release into Oregon rivers and lakes.

Some of these releases rely on additional facilities operated by tribes, the Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program (STEP), and other local entities.



Climate change, aging hatchery infrastructure, and increasing costs are making it more difficult for Oregon's hatchery system to meet fishery and conservation goals.

ODFW is seeking to proactively meet these challenges by conducting an assessment of the hatchery system, and examining how we can **adapt and invest for the future.**



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Budget Note

The Department of Fish and Wildlife is directed to procure a third-party assessment of the operations, sustainability, and climate vulnerability of state-owned fish hatcheries.



Economics

Funding models, financial sustainability, cost benefit



Wild Fish

How are impacts and benefits of hatchery programs on wild fish accounted for in planning/policies



Climate Vulnerability

What impact will climate change have on hatchery infrastructure and programs, the need for these programs, and how can impacts be mitigated

Budget Note

Progress



2 Contracts Awarded

- *OSU/NOAA*-Assess biological viability of hatchery programs
- *Solarc*-Assessment & recommendations for chilling solutions



1 Finalizing Contract

- Facilitation of public process



1 @ Pre-Bid Stage

- Assessment of system sustainability and alternative operating models



3 Requests for Proposals Issued

- Economic analysis
- Review of regulatory Processes
- Future need for hatchery programs

Anticipated timeline

- Contracting with third parties for economic, infrastructure, and biological assessments
- Completion of ODFW's vulnerability assessments
- Developing informational material for public engagement

Phase 1-Information development

Winter
Spring
23/24

Summer
2024

Phase 2-Public Involvement

ODFW wants to hear from all interested parties. We will use a range of forums to share information gathered in Phase 1. In Phase 2 we'll talk about what it means, and collectively discuss the best path forward for the state hatchery system. We will share more information on Phase 2 in early 2024.

- Develop final report and recommendations
- Report to the State Legislature

Phase 3-roll-up

Winter
24/25