Snohomish Floodplains by Design
Land Acquisition Strategy

Update to SLS Partners
July 9, 2020
Context

- County is starting development of a multi-benefit Acquisition Strategy for the Lower Skykomish
- Grant deliverable under the 2019-2021 Floodplains by Design grant with Ecology
- County Project Manager is Dani Driscoll
- Jessica Hamill is the Project Manager for the overall FbD grant
- County has hired ESA off of the Surface Water Management Planning and Facilitation On-Call to support the project. Spencer Easton will be leading ESA’s work
Purpose of Acquisition Strategy

- Focused on the Lower Skykomish River
- Will guide acquisitions under the current (2019-2021) FbD grant and any future FbD grants
- Could inform acquisitions in other areas or under other grants, but needs to meet the purpose of the FbD grant deliverable
- Ecology will have final say on the Strategy
- Will also need to be compatible with County regulations, commitments, authorities, and processes
- Will be compatible with Agricultural Conservation Easement work
- Intended to harmonize with other plans and policies
Approach and Tasks

- Review and synthesize criteria in existing resources, such as:
  - Farmland at Risk of Conversion Assessment
  - County flood modeling
  - Tulalip Tribe Land Acquisition Strategy

- Develop criteria for each interest (farm, fish, flood) and integrated criteria

- Develop tools, approaches, and visual aids to guide acquisitions

- Synthesize existing data

- Develop an Acquisition Strategy document
Engagement Approach

- Updates and input sessions at SLS Partners meetings in September and November
- 2-3 Disappearing Task Group meetings with IT members (open to other SLS Partners who want to participate)
- Capacity for one-on-one or small group conversations to provide updates and gather input throughout the process
- Review periods for draft criteria and draft Acquisition Strategy document
## Draft Schedule

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Discussion

Who would like to be engaged beyond SLS Partners meetings?

Any questions?