



WATERSHED PLANNING EXPERIMENTS IN WASHINGTON AND OREGON

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MANDATING COLLABORATION



SAME GOALS...DIFFERENT STRATEGIES

WASHINGTON

- STATE DESIGNATED WATERSHEDS
- PRESCRIBED PARTICIPATION
- REQUIRED AND OPTIONAL PLAN ELEMENTS

OREGON

- COMMUNITY-DRIVEN WATERSHED DEFINITION
- VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION
- FEW REQUIREMENTS



RESEARCH APPROACH

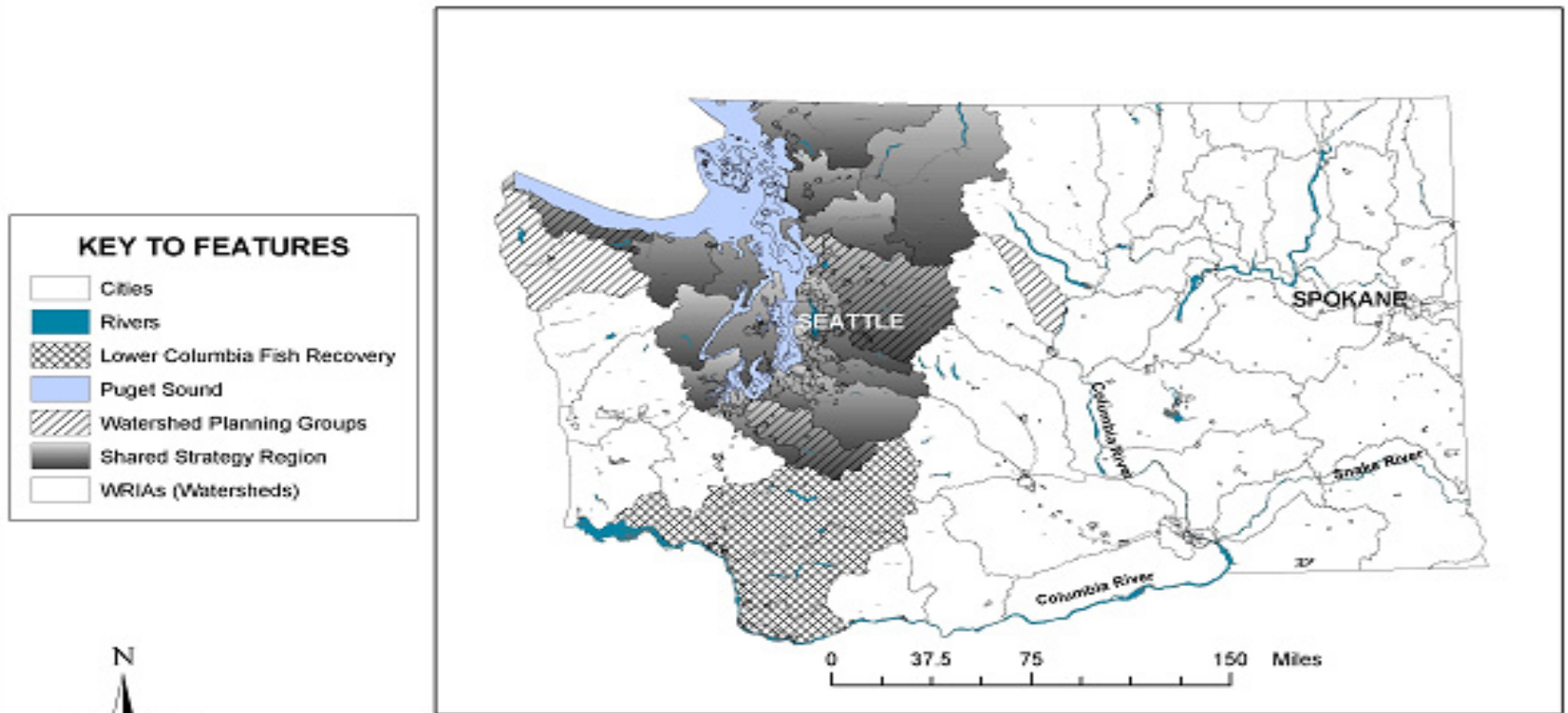
OPPORTUNITY FOR COMPARISON

- STATUTORY DESIGNS
- PLANNING PROCESSES
- INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS



METHODS

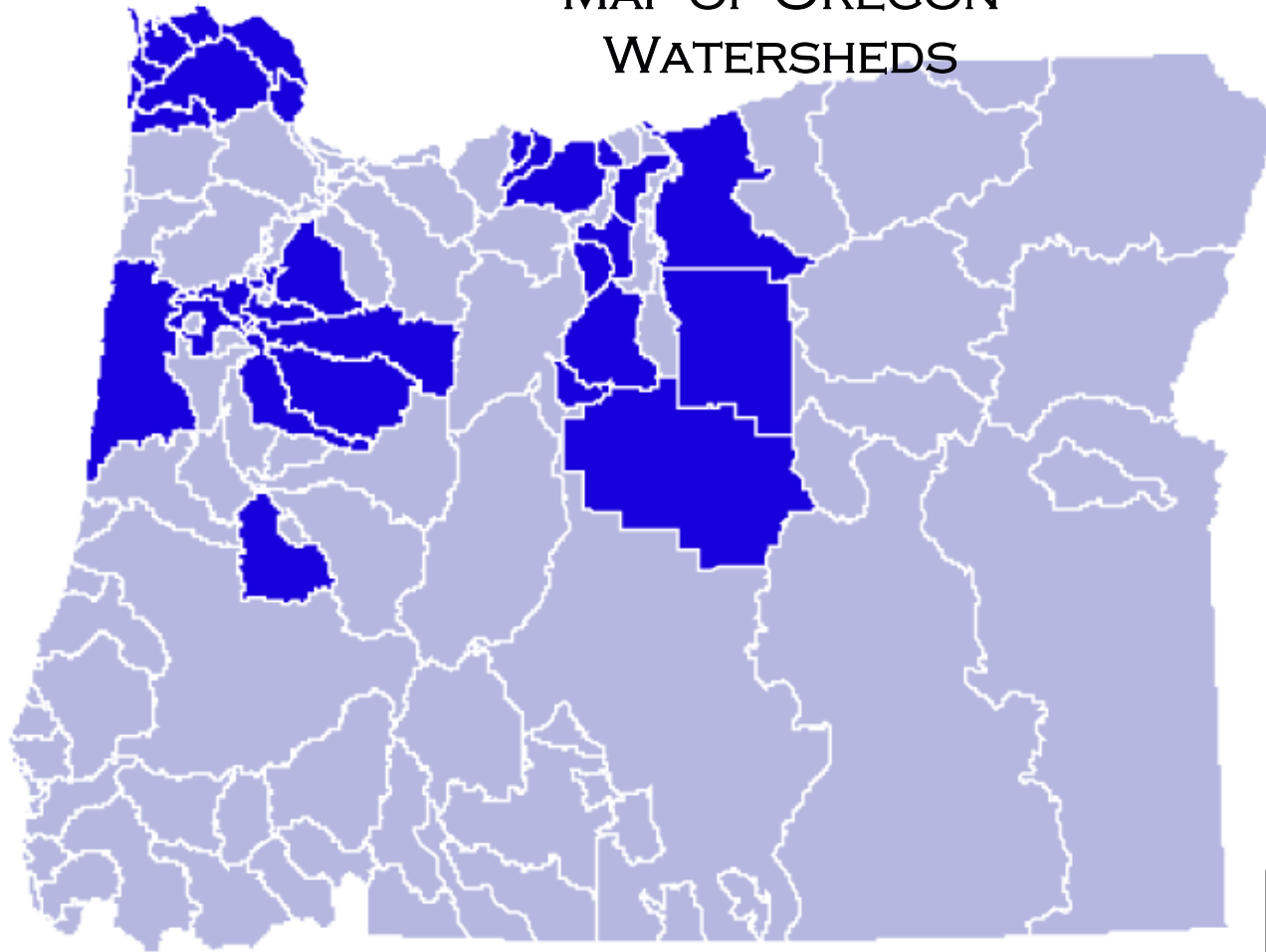
Map of Washington Watershed and Regional Planning Efforts



Data Source: Washington Department of Ecology.

METHODS

MAP OF OREGON
WATERSHEDS



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UNCOMMON DESIGNS, COMMON CHALLENGES

- SIMILAR CHALLENGES
 - PARTICIPATION
 - PROCESSES AND PRODUCTS
 - ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY



OBTAINING AND SUSTAINING PARTICIPATION

WASHINGTON

- MANDATED PARTICIPANTS PRESENT
- UNDERREPRESENTED:
 - PUBLIC
 - TRIBES



OREGON

- HIGH VARIABILITY:
 - 6-30 PARTICIPANTS
 - HOMOGENOUS PARTICIPATION
- LIMITED REPRESENTATION

BALANCING PLANNING VS. PROJECTS

WASHINGTON

- TIMELINES DIFFICULT
- DEVELOPING “TRUST”
- PLANS COMPLETED

OREGON

- FEW COMPLETED PLANS
- PLAN UTILITY
- MANY PROJECTS



BUILDING ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY

- PLAN ADOPTION/ENFORCEMENT
- BOUNDARIES/SCALE
- GOVERNMENT/OTHER PARTICIPATION
- TECHNICAL SUPPORT
- COORDINATION



LEARNING FROM EXPERIMENTS

- PLANNING IS UNDERWAY
- CAPACITY/INCENTIVES
- IMPLEMENTATION
- ROLE OF STATES



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