

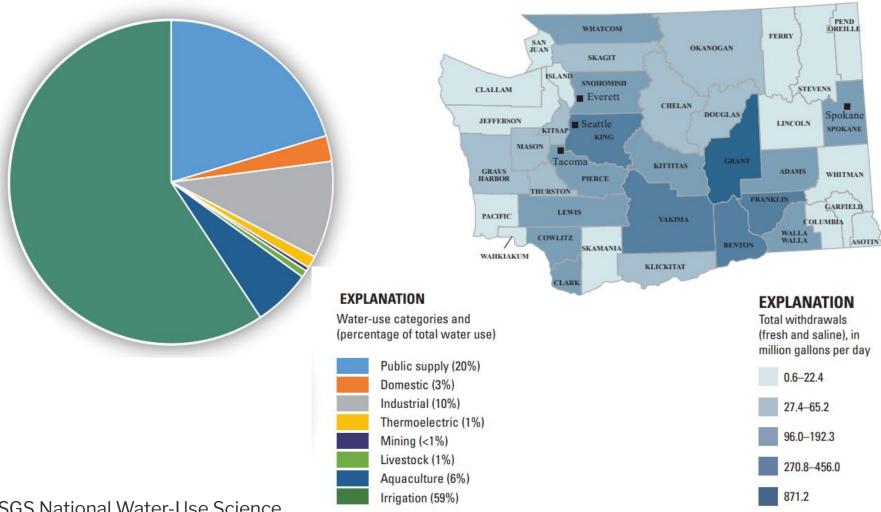


State of Washington Water Use Data

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Washington Water Use Background



USGS National Water-Use Science Project



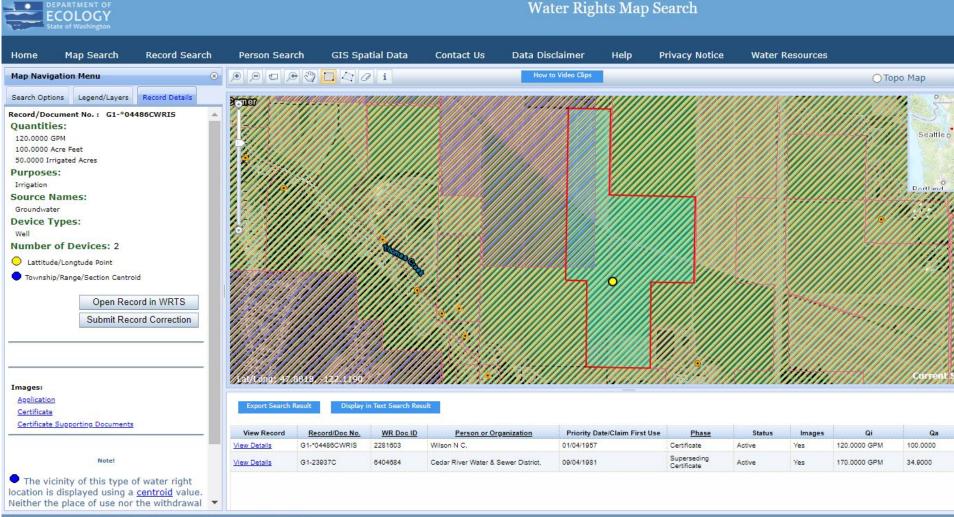
Washington Water Rights Background

- Prior appropriation state
- Permitting system
 1917 surface water
 1945 groundwater
- ~225,000 water rights and claims
- Decentralized water right management





Water Rights Database





Metering Program Timeline

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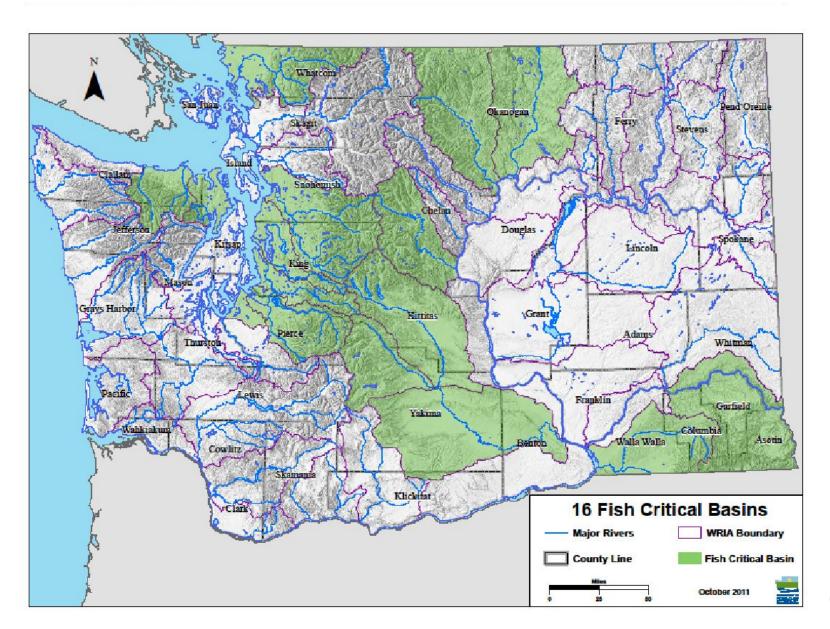
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Metering Database

- User submitted data
- QA/QC tools
 - Year to year quantity comparison
 - Reported vs. authorized quantity
- Linked to water rights database
- Limited data exports

	Station ID	Mete	r Owner's Name	Soul	rce Name		Owner's Name for Source	WRIA
+	7643	City o	f Snoqualmie	Snoqualmie GROUND		1	North Well Field	Snohomish(7)
-	7644	City of Snoqualmie		GROUNDWATER			South Well Field	Snohomish(7)
٧	/ater Rights bel	onging	to this person					
	Document Number		Name on Water Right		Status	Priority Date		TRS
G1-*00059S		Snoqualmie City		Active	1/1/1930 12:00:00 AM		T24.0N/R08.0E/19	
0	G1-*00060S		Snoqualmie City		Active	1/1/19	040 12:00:00 AM	T24.0N/R08.0E/19
C	61-20316C@1		Snoqualmie City		Active	10/13	/1973 12:00:00 AM	T24.0N/R08.0E/19

Month / Year	Acre Feet		
2021 Total	456.0450000000		
Jan-2021	0.0000000000		
Feb-2021	0.0000000000		
Mar-2021	98.2917000000		
Apr-2021	13.2699000000		
May-2021	78.8789000000		
Jun-2021	114.1069000000		
Jul-2021	95.6991000000		
Aug-2021	38.2598000000		
Sep-2021	14.4600000000		
Oct-2021	3.0787000000		
Nov-2021	0.0000000000		
Dec-2021	0.0000000000		
2020 Total	351.0723027778		
Apr-2020	2.3103708333		
Jun-2020	14.8254166667		
May-2020	4.6063152778		
Jul-2020	180.5107000000		
Aug-2020	56.0338000000		
Sep-2020	12.9831000000		
Oct-2020	0.0000000000		
Nov-2020	35.0147000000		
Dec-2020	44.7879000000		



Metering Program Today

<1% of water users report metering data

- Water Code measurement requirements
- Settlement agreement: 80% of water use reported in fish critical basins
- Court order: Yakima River basin adjudicated surface water rights
- Legislature directive: Columbia and Snake River main stem diversions and groundwater within one-mile corridor
- Legislature directive: Telemetered meter pilot projects of rural single domestic uses





Metering Program

Challenges

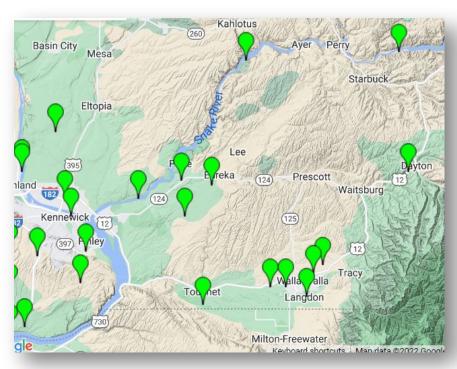
- Self reported data
- Limited quality assurance
- Costly to scale up
- Public access to data
- Lack of capacity to oversee new projects with WUDR grant funding

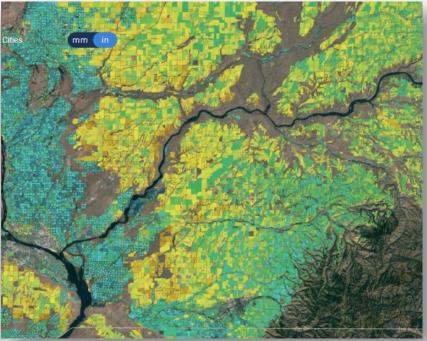
Opportunities

- Expanding use of telemetry
- Assessing water rights compliance
- Managing curtailments
- Snapshots of how much, where and when water is used



Irrigation Consumptive Use Estimation Tools





Washington Irrigation Needs (WSU) Station Locations

OpenET Field Viewer

Water Use Data Estimates for Basin Planning

- Office of the Columbia River 20-year supply and demand forecasts (WSU, et al.)
 - 2016 METRIC Pilot
 - Future possible use of OpenET
- Existing groundwater models (USGS)
- New Walla Walla Basin Study (2025)





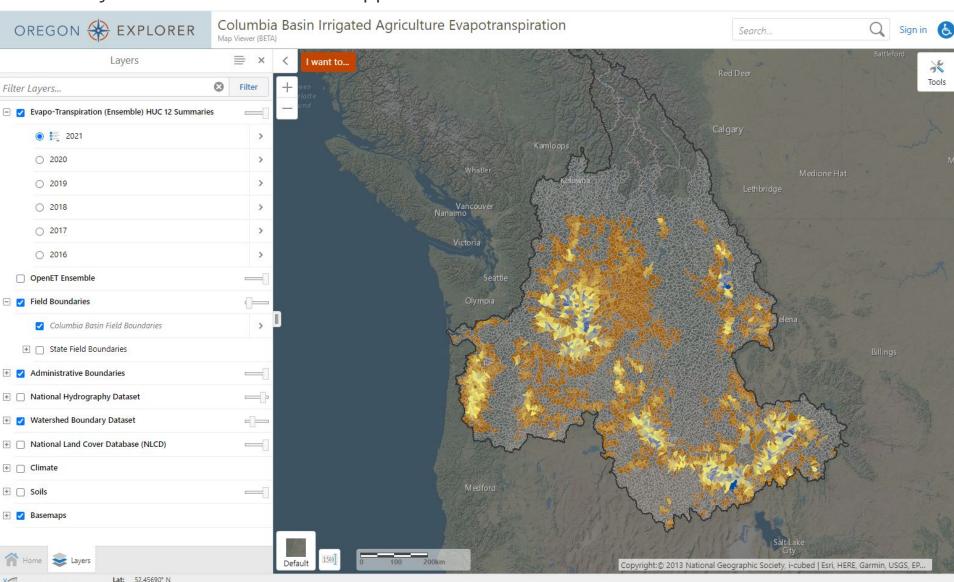




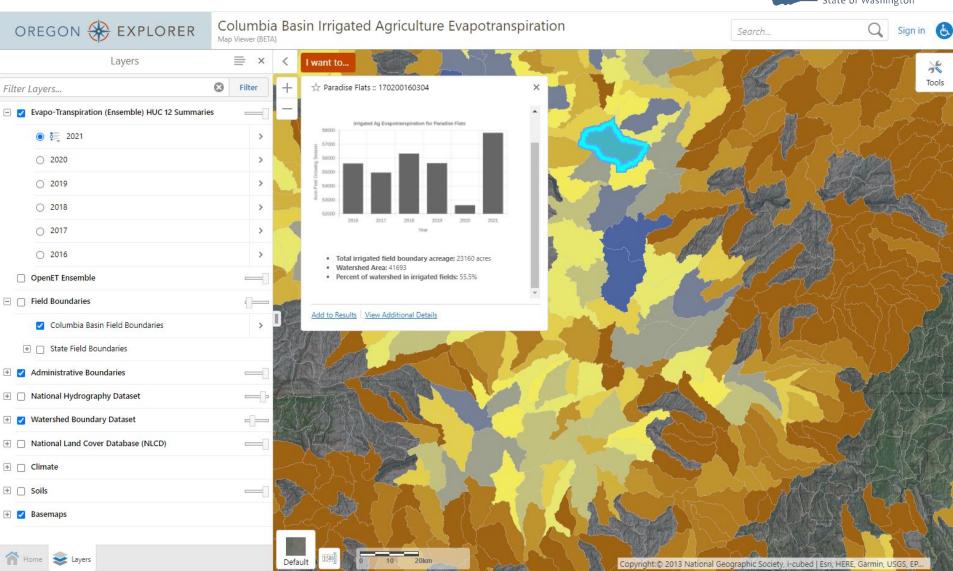




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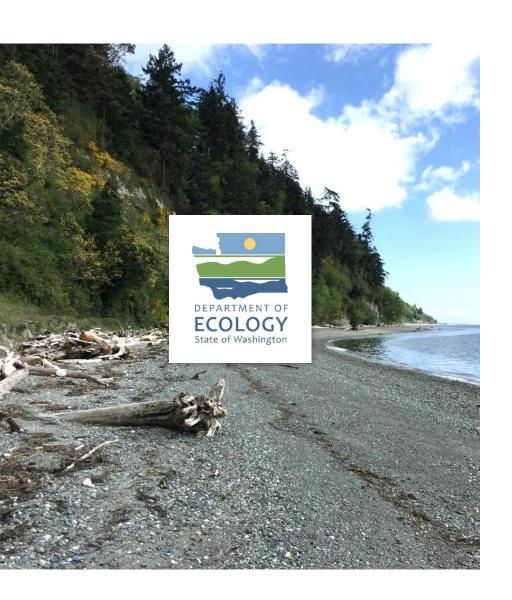
Oregon Explorer Feedback

Washington Water Use Data Outlook

- Currently reevaluating our long term strategic goals and priorities
- Integrating metering and other water use data with water rights information
- Metering can provide snapshots; looking to other tools for big picture
- Evaluating ways to incorporate OpenET and remote sensing ET technology into existing work







Thank you

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