

# Habitat Recovery Pilot Program

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**FISH & WILDLIFE**

# Overview



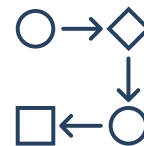
Context



FHEP/HRPP



Qualifications



Process



Project Summary



# Habitat Recovery Pilot Program (HRPP)

- Multi-agency effort in WA
- Streamline permitting for restoration
- Benefit fish and their habitats
- July 2021 – June 2025
- RCW 77.55.480



# House Bill 1382

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“The legislature finds that, particularly in times of economic hardship, it is in the interest of the citizens and natural resources of the state to **promote and implement habitat restoration** projects that have been determined to contribute to the **recovery of watersheds** throughout the state. The legislature further finds that habitat recovery projects that contribute to the recovery of **orca, salmon, steelhead, bull trout, rock fish, and other fish species and habitat they rely on** are particularly valuable. It is the legislature's intent that these projects **advance to construction** as quickly and efficiently as possible, thereby **creating jobs** and further **bolstering the natural resources and natural resource economy** of Washington.”



**Fish Habitat  
Enhancement  
Project  
(FHEP)**

**Habitat Recovery  
Pilot Program  
(HRPP)**

RCW 77.55.181

RCW 77.55.480



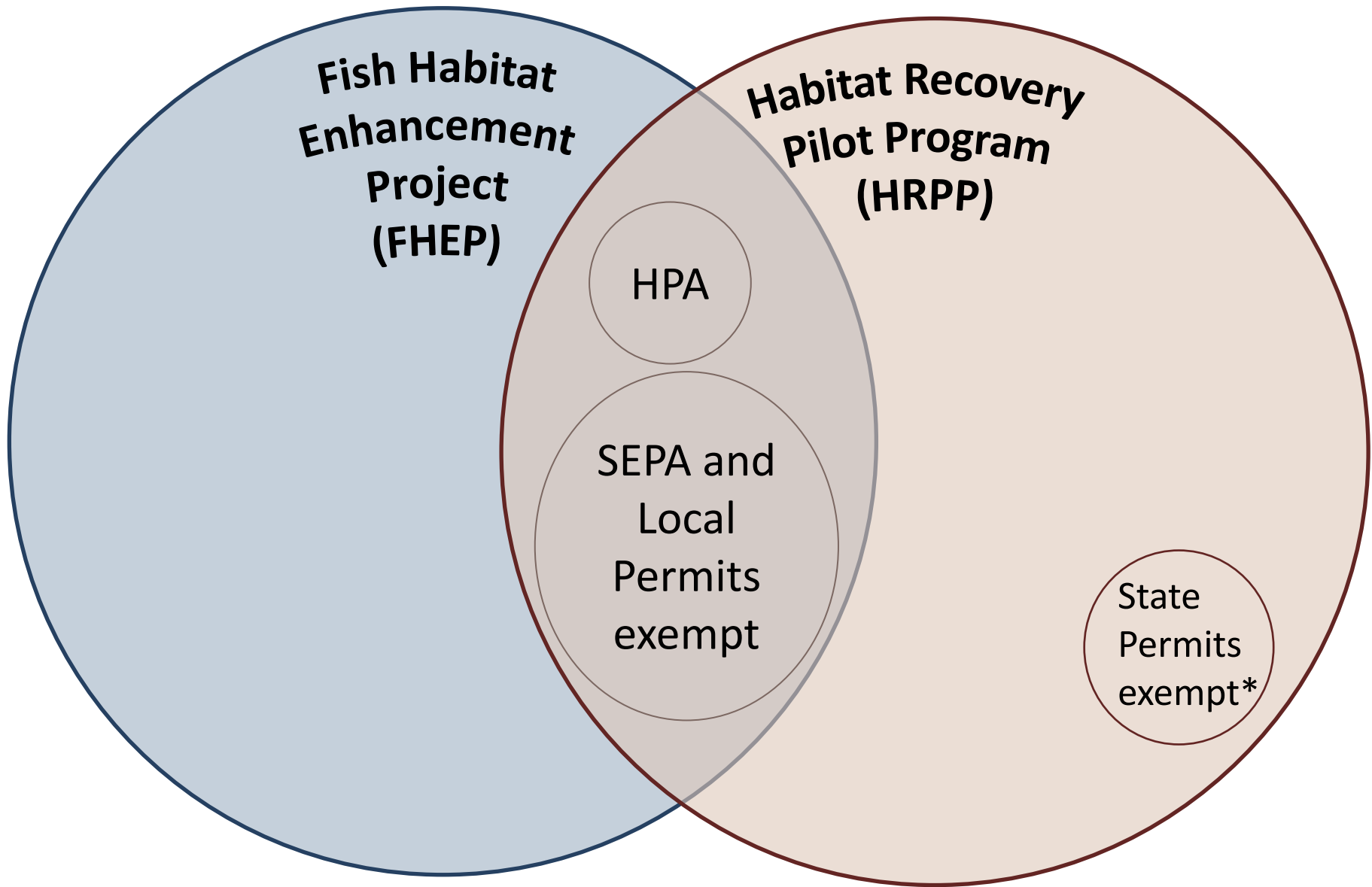
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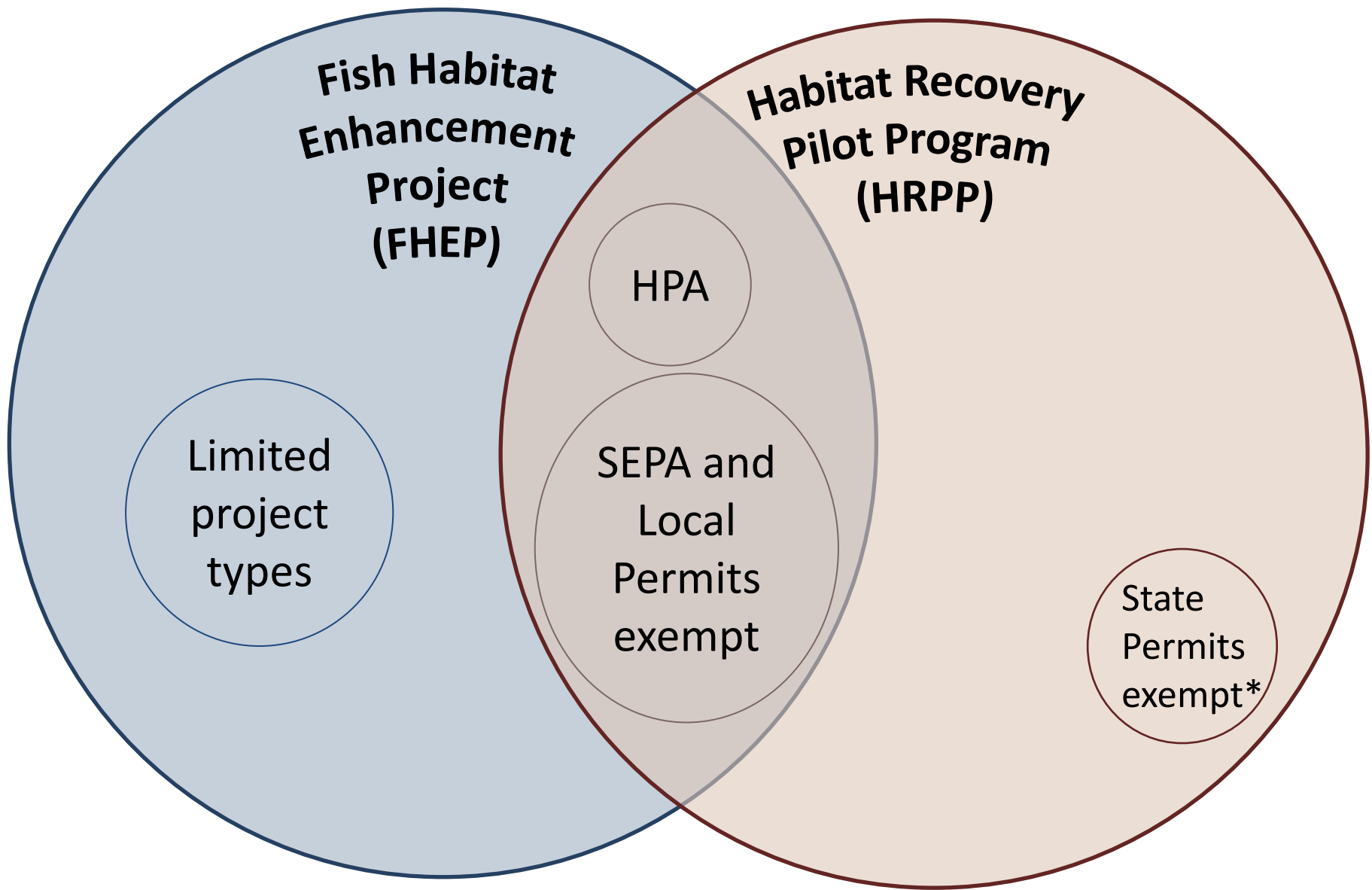
SEPA and  
Local  
Permits  
exempt





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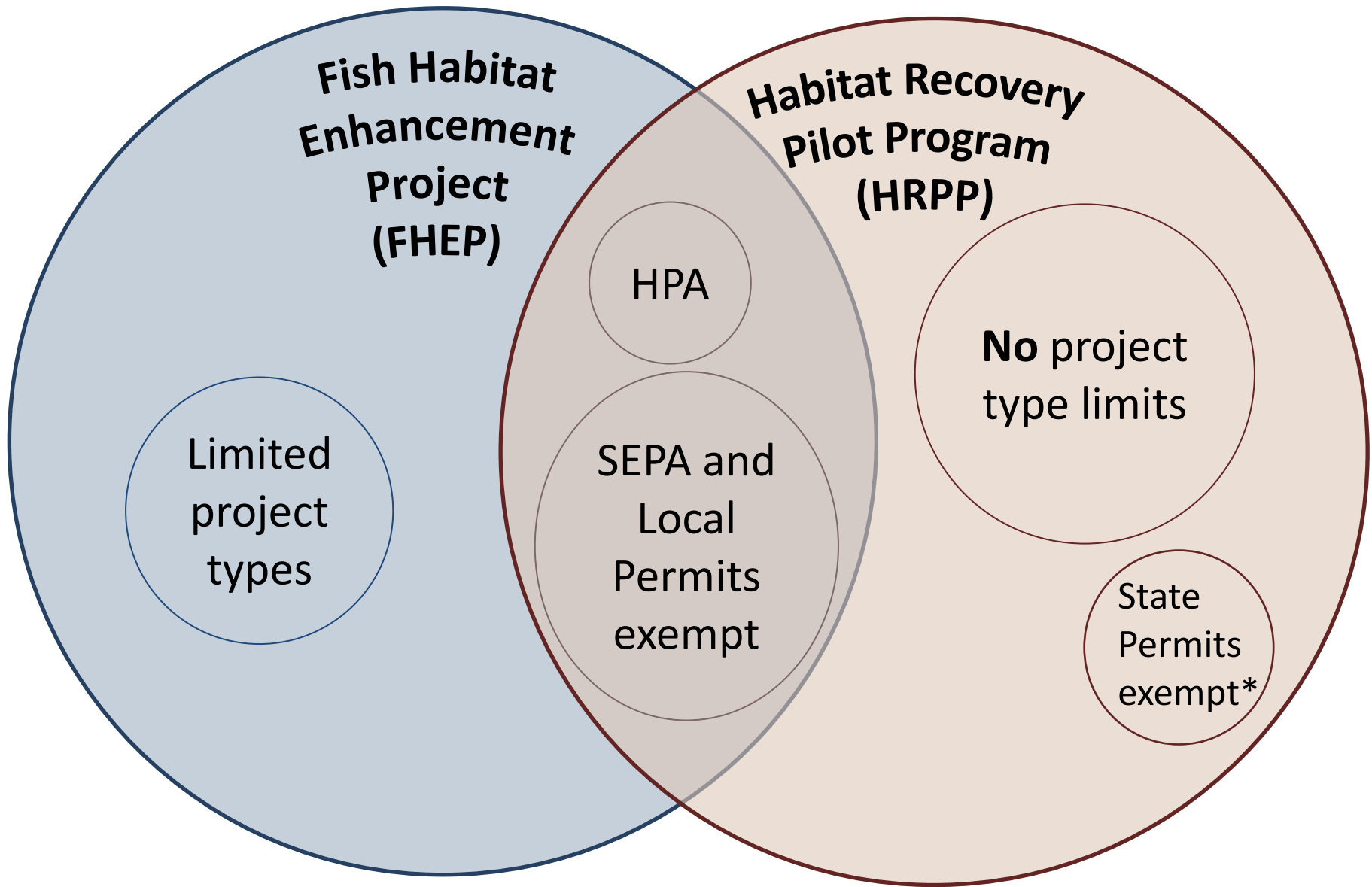




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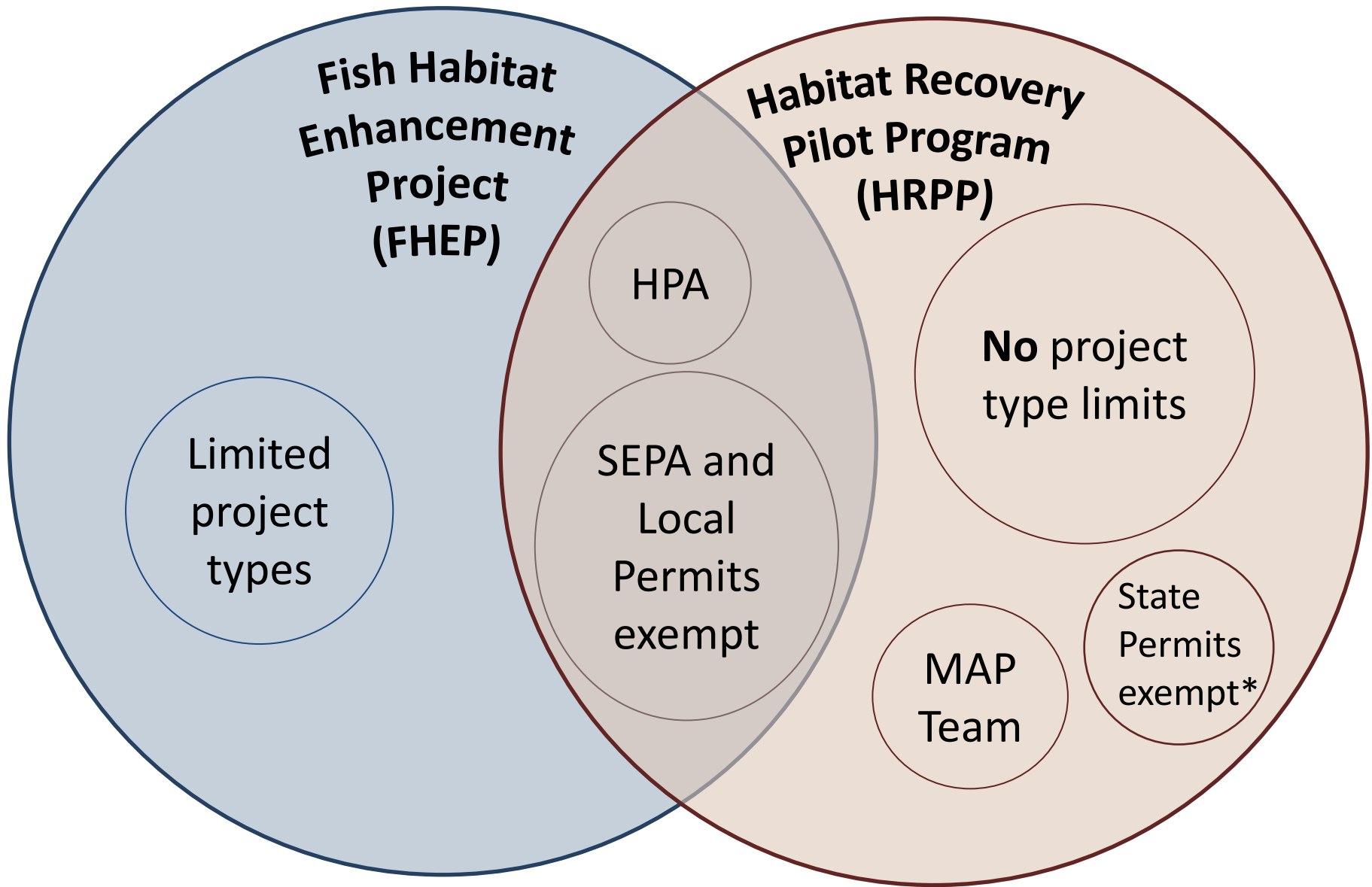






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# Multi-Agency Permitting (MAP) Team:

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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife



Department of Ecology



Department of Natural Resources



Recreation and Conservation Office



Governor's Salmon Recovery Office



Puget **Sound** Partnership



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\*Rose Point Estuary Restoration Project: Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group





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RCW 77.55.480

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\*Washougal River and Timber Creek Restoration: Lower Columbia Fish Enhancement Group



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## 2. Selected Restoration Programs:

- i. The Bonneville Power Administration Restoration Program
- ii. The Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board
- iii. The Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program
- iv. The Floodplains by Design Program
- v. The Office of Chehalis Basin Aquatic Species Restoration Program
- vi. The Office of Columbia River Habitat Recovery Projects
- vii. The Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration Fund
- viii. The Puget Sound National Estuary Program
- ix. The Salmon Recovery Funding Board
- x. The Washington Coast Restoration and Resiliency Initiative
- xi. The Yakima Tributary Access and Habitat Program
- xii. Fish recovery projects sponsored by a federally recognized tribe
- xiii. Fish acclimation facility projects sponsored or operated by a federally recognized tribe





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\*Blooms Preserve Habitat Enhancement Project: Capitol Land Trust





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\*Piner Point , Maury Island Aquatic Restoration Project: King County Water and Land Resources



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5. Apply to the Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) **if** on state-owned aquatic land



# Application Process

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## Apply:

- Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA) permit
- Aquatic Protection Permitting System (APPS)

## Complete application per:

- RCW 77.55.021 and RCW 77.55.480
  - ✓ Supplemental application form
  - ✓ Restoration Program Documentation
  - ✓ DAHP concurrence
  - ✓ Appendix E

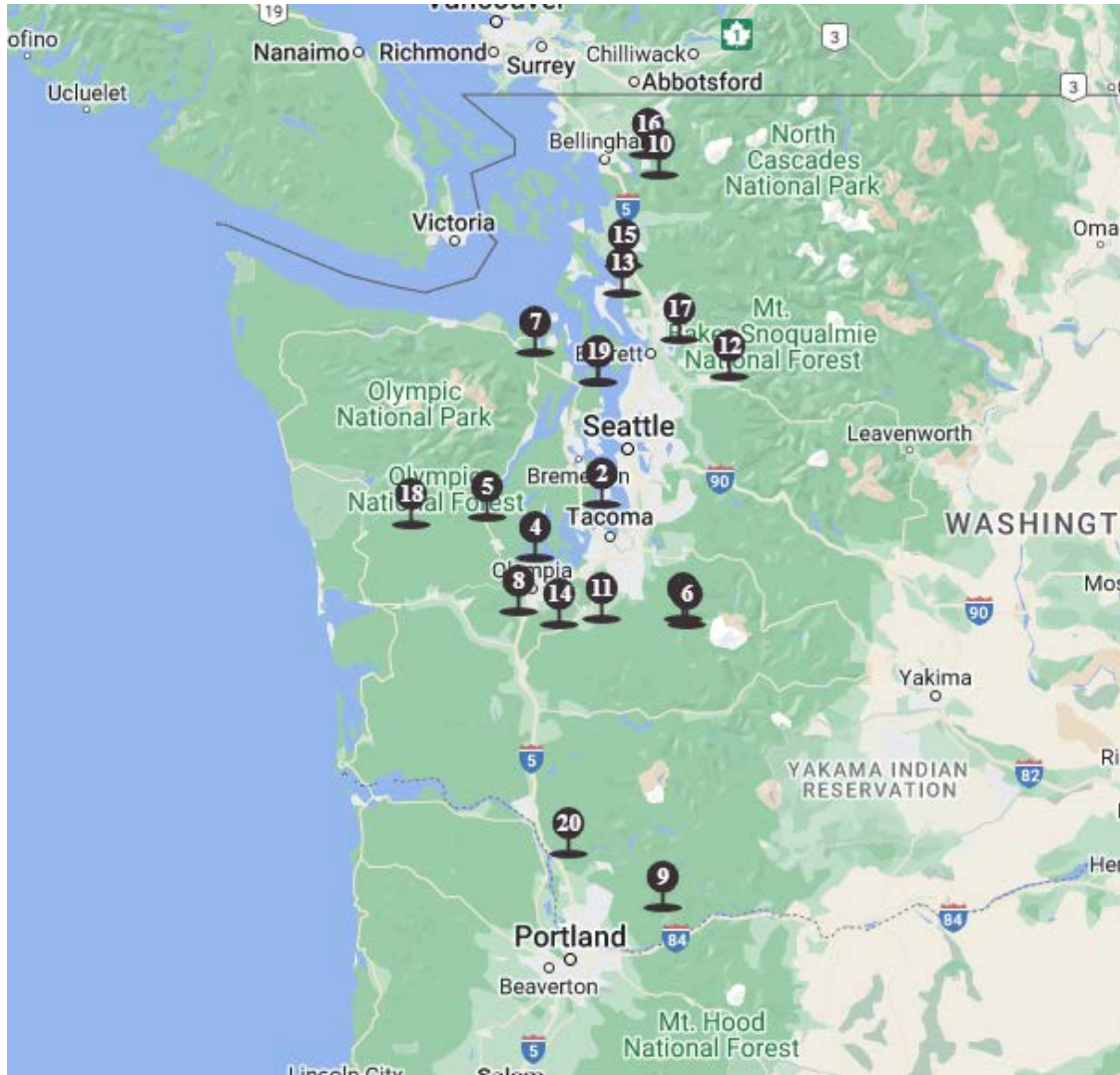
## Send copy to:

- Local government
- MAP Team members
- Affected federally recognized tribes





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# Thank You!

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