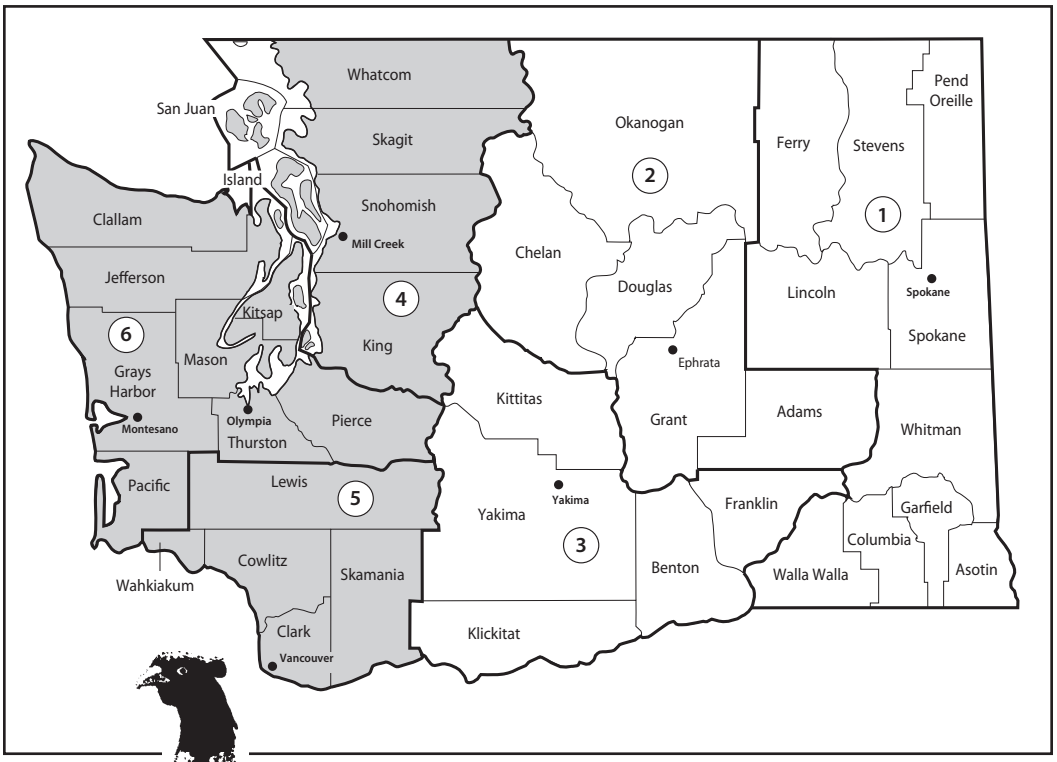
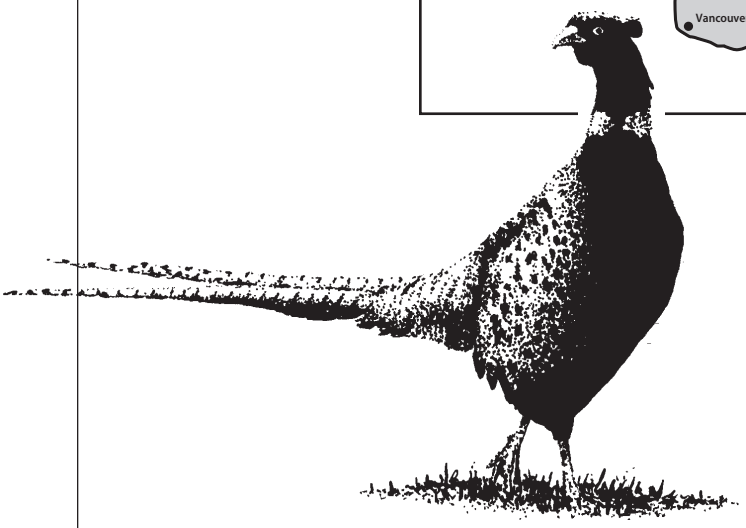
Western Washington Pheasant Release Program

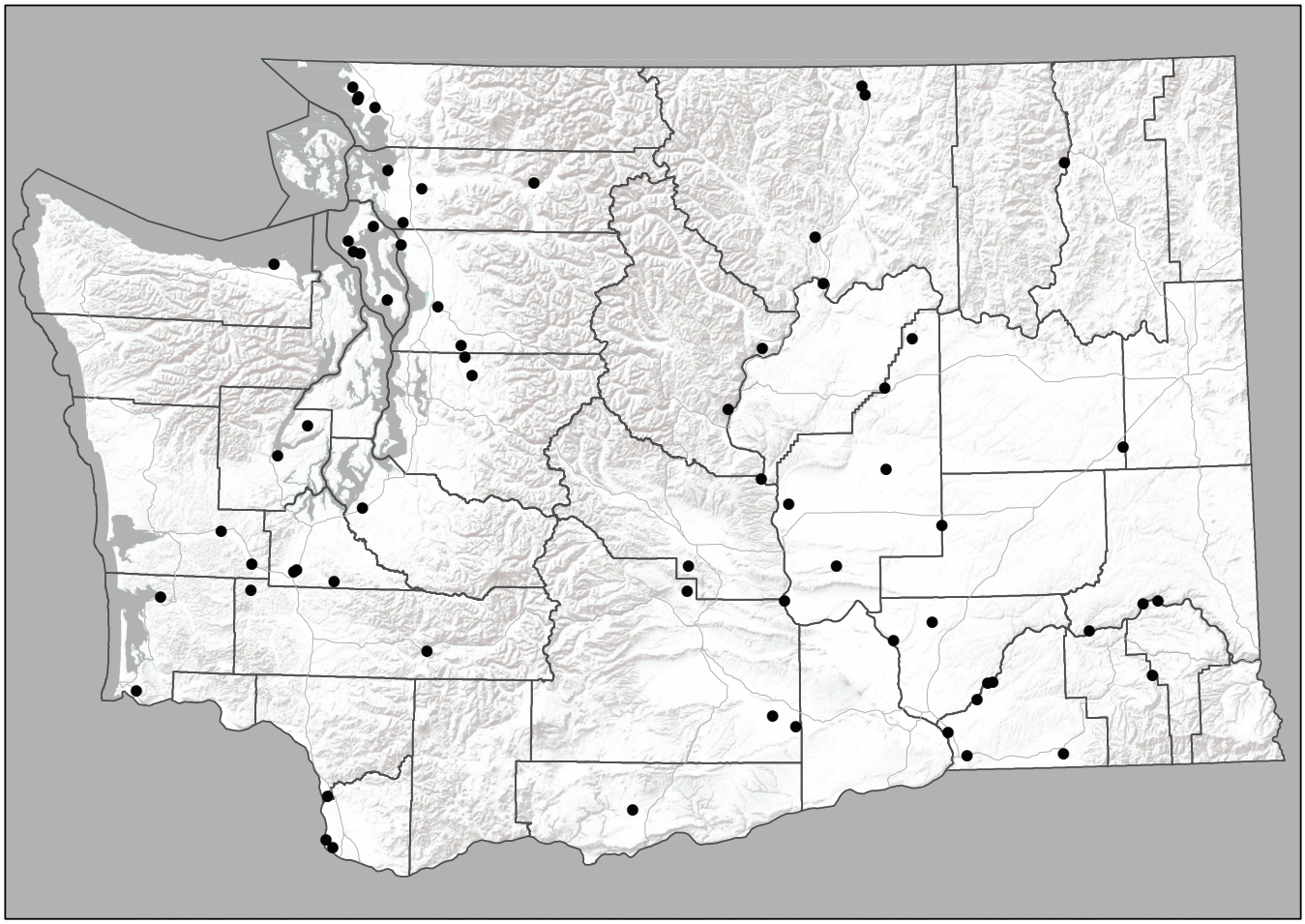


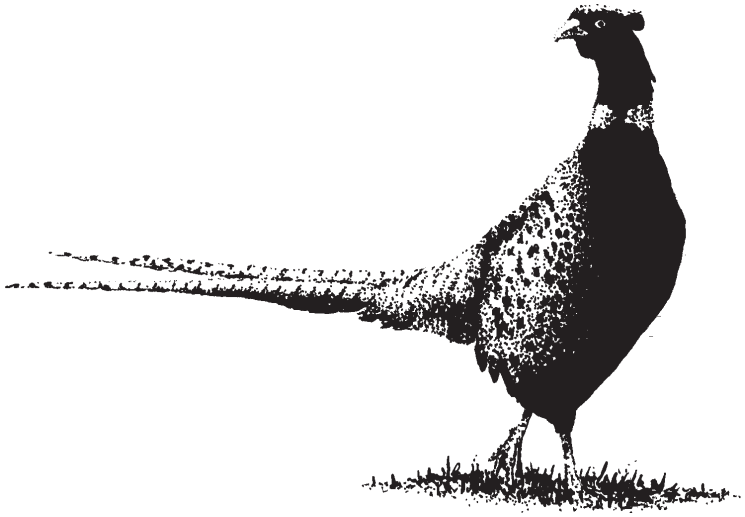


Washington Department of FISH and WILDLIFE

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO SMALL GAME HUNTERS

To protect other wildlife species including waterfowl and raptors, nontoxic shot is now required for all upland bird, doves and band-tailed pigeons game hunting on all pheasant release sites statewide. If you hunt any of these release sites, you may possess and use only approved nontoxic shot (either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzleloading). See Migratory Waterfowl and Upland Game Seasons pamphlet for more information.

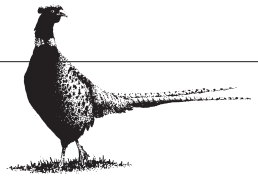




Western Washington Pheasant Release Program

The number of pheasants released on each site is based on several factors including the estimated numbers of hunters using those sites.

County	Site
Clallam	Dungeness Recreation Area
Clark	Shillapoo Vancouver Lake
Cowlitz	Woodland
Grays Harbor	Chehalis River
Island	Sea Plane Base OLF-Coupeville Ebey Prairie/Arnold Farm Bayview
King	Cherry Valley Stillwater
Lewis	Lincoln Creek Kosmos
Mason	Belfair Hunter Farms
Pacific	Raymond Airport Chinook
Pierce	Fort Lewis
Skagit	Samish
Snohomish	Smith Farm Crescent Lake
Thurston	Fort Lewis Scatter Creek Skookumchuck
Whatcom	Lake Terrell BP Intalco



WESTERN WASHINGTON PHEASANT RELEASE PROGRAM

The major goal of the pheasant program in western Washington is to provide an upland bird hunting opportunity. The program also encourages participation from young and older-aged hunters.

The cool, wet climate of western Washington combined with the lack of grain farming limits naturally sustained pheasant populations. Each year 30,000 to 40,000 pheasants are released on about 25 release sites.

Most release sites remain the same from one year to the next. Maps to those sites are enclosed. Information and maps for new or relocated sites are available at regional offices listed.

Hunting Seasons and Regulations

The general western Washington hunting season lasts from late September to November 30 each year (see hunting pamphlet for details). Hunting is allowed from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. each day. Some areas do not release birds throughout the season due to flooding or other conflicts.

Pheasant hunting is allowed at the Dungeness Recreation Area in Clallam County between the first weekend in October and November 30 on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

To protect other wildlife species including waterfowl and raptors, nontoxic shot is required for all upland bird, dove and band-tailed pigeon hunting on all pheasant release sites statewide.

A western Washington pheasant license is required to hunt pheasants in western Washington. A small game license and western Washington punch card are not required to participate. The western Washington pheasant permit costs $90.00 for adults and $42.00 for youth (under 16). The bag limit is two pheasants of either sex per day. A three-day permit is also offered for $42.00 for residents.

Generally, most release sites have established parking areas or access points. These areas are open to all users. Any restrictions associated with use of the release sites other than those noted in the hunting pamphlet, will be posted at the access points.

There are several safety issues that hunters should be aware of while hunting on release sites. The sites are usually fairly crowded and often relatively close to houses or other types of recreation. Hunter orange must be worn by hunters using release sites. Be aware of Safety Zones signs and stay away from areas posted as such. Other instructions and information will be posted at release sites.

While it is always important to be courteous to other hunters, it is especially important while hunting crowded release sites. A few courtesy rules include:

1. Don't trail or otherwise position yourself to take advantage of other hunters, you may end up in their line of fire!
2. Racing out ahead of other hunters to beat them to birds is unethical and dangerous. Please respect others and allow time and space.
3. If you see other hunters that may not be familiar with hunting the release site, invite them to join your group. This is especially important for young hunters and those without dogs. By promoting safe, ethical hunting you help ensure the continuation of recreation for yourself and for future generations.

Western Washington Regional Offices:

Region 4
(425) 775-1311
16018 Mill Creek Blvd.
Mill Creek, WA 98012-1296

Region 5
(360) 696-6211
2108 Grand Blvd.
Vancouver, WA 98661

Region 6
(360) 249-4628
48 Devonshire Rd.
Montesano, WA 98563

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REGION FOUR PHEASANT HUNTING INFORMATION

In order to maintain a more safe and enjoyable hunt, there are special restrictions on several of the more popular release sites. Hunters must choose to hunt on either odd-numbered or even numbered weekend days, from 8:00 AM until 10:00 AM. Youth and senior hunters may hunt on either day. These sites include: Lake Terrell (including ARCO and Intalco), Snoqualmie (including Stillwater, Cherry Valley, and Crescent Lake segments), Skagit (including headquarters and Smith Farm segments), wildlife areas, and all sites on Whidbey Island.

Nontoxic shot must be used on all release sites statewide. Other instructions and information may be posted at release sites.

Reminder: At least 400 square inches of Hunter Orange must be worn by all upland bird hunters.

Typically, birds are released on these areas at least three times per week, mainly on weekends. The two main release sites on Whidbey Island are on the Naval Air Station. (OLF and Seaplane Base). In order to hunt on these sites, hunters must obtain a NAS Whidbey Island Upland Game Hunting Permit from the Environmental Bldg. 113 on Ault Field. Please call (360) 257-1009 for additional information.

Region 4 Office:
(425) 775-1311
16018 Mill Creek Blvd.
Mill Creek, WA 98102-1296

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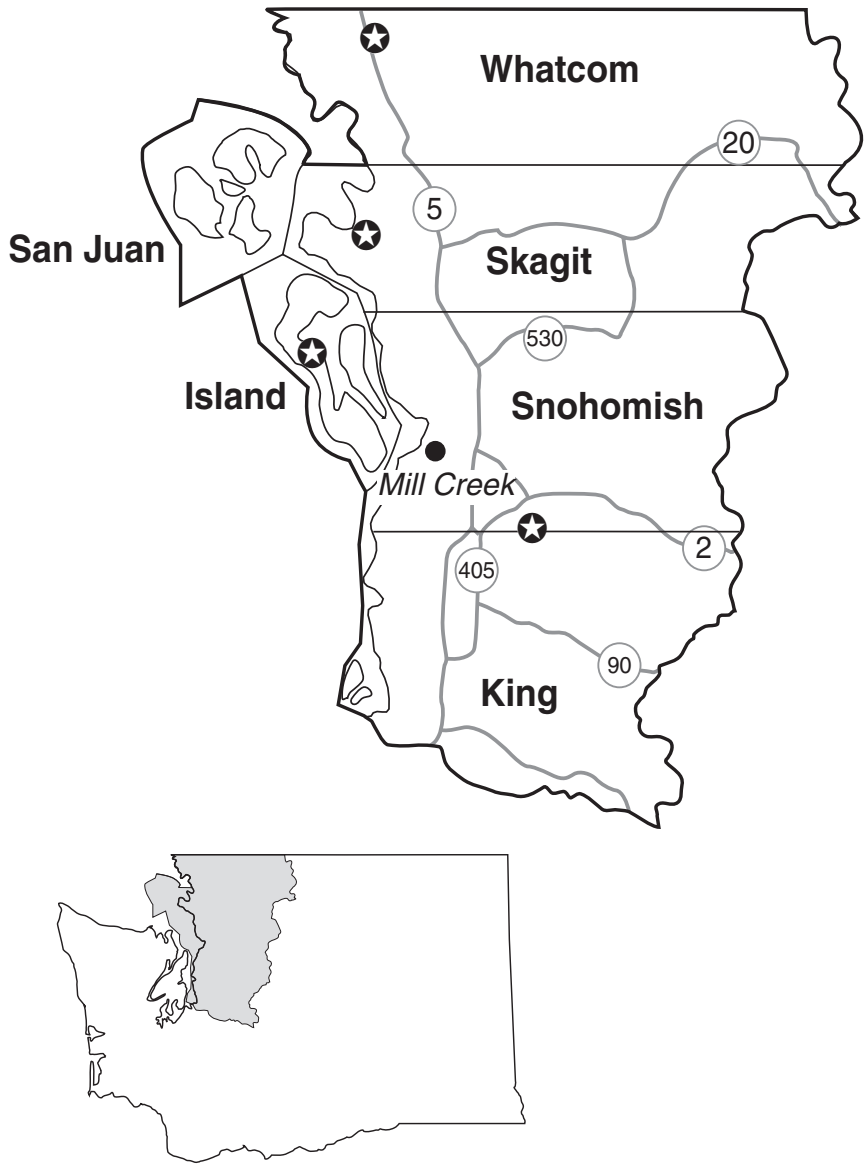
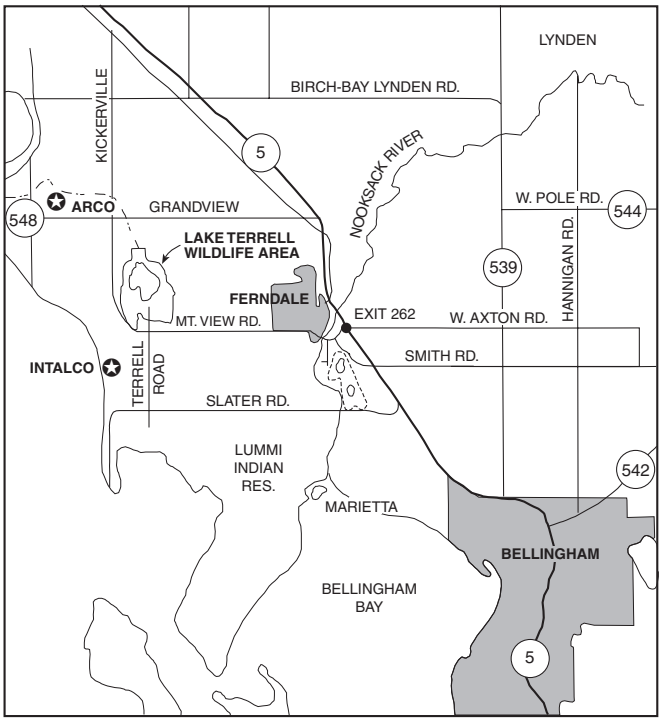
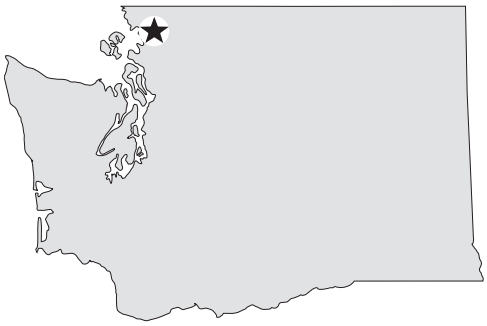


LAKE TERRELL WILDLIFE AREA





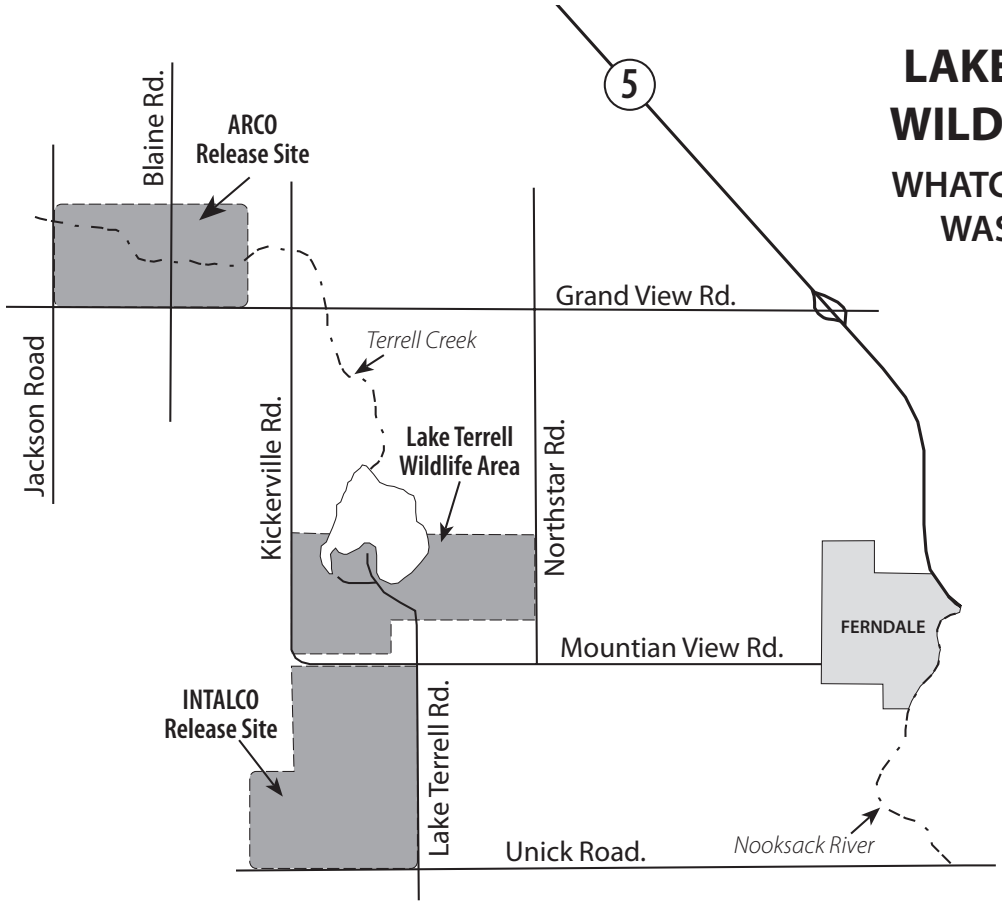
Lake Terrell is located Northwest of Ferndale. Take exit 262 off I-5. Go west on Main St. into Ferndale. Continue on Main St. as it changes into Mountain View Rd. Turn north onto Lake Terrell Road and follow signs to parking areas.

Total acreage: ~2700 Ac

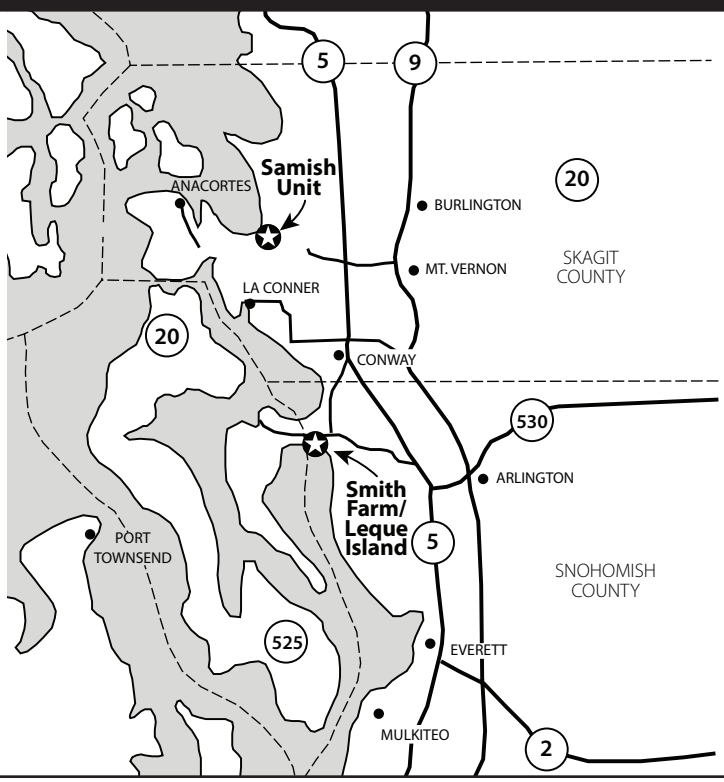
NONTOXIC SHOT REQUIRED ON ENTIRE AREA

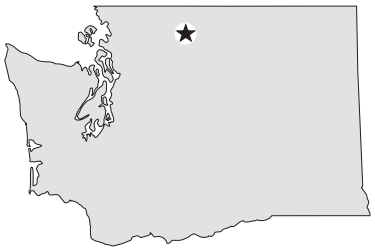
LAKE TERRELL WILDLIFE AREA

WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON



SKAGIT WILDLIFE AREA





To reach the **Samish Unit** from Interstate 5, go west on Highway 20 to the Bayview-Edison Road. Turn right (north) and follow the Bayview-Edison Road through Bayview, past the state park and down onto the Samish Flats until the road ends at a "T" intersection. Turn right onto Samish Island Road and proceed until the 90-degree turn to the north. The parking area is straight ahead at the corner.

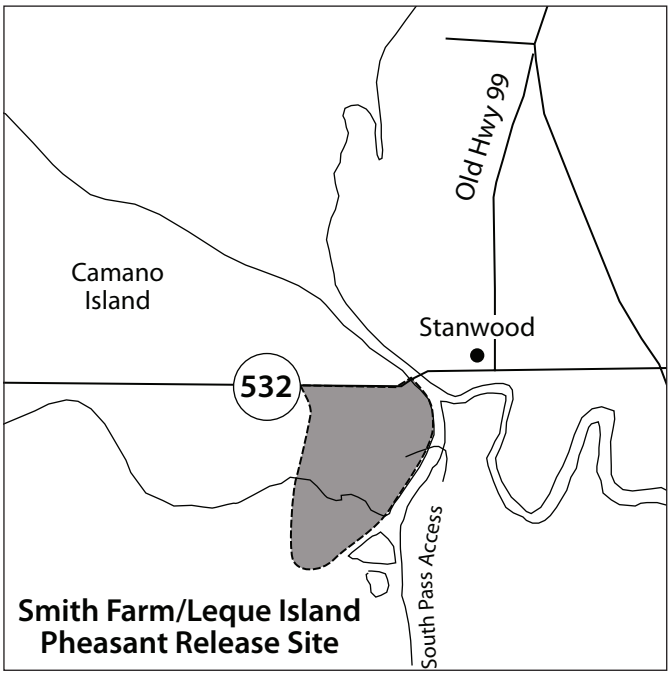
Total acreage: ~400Ac

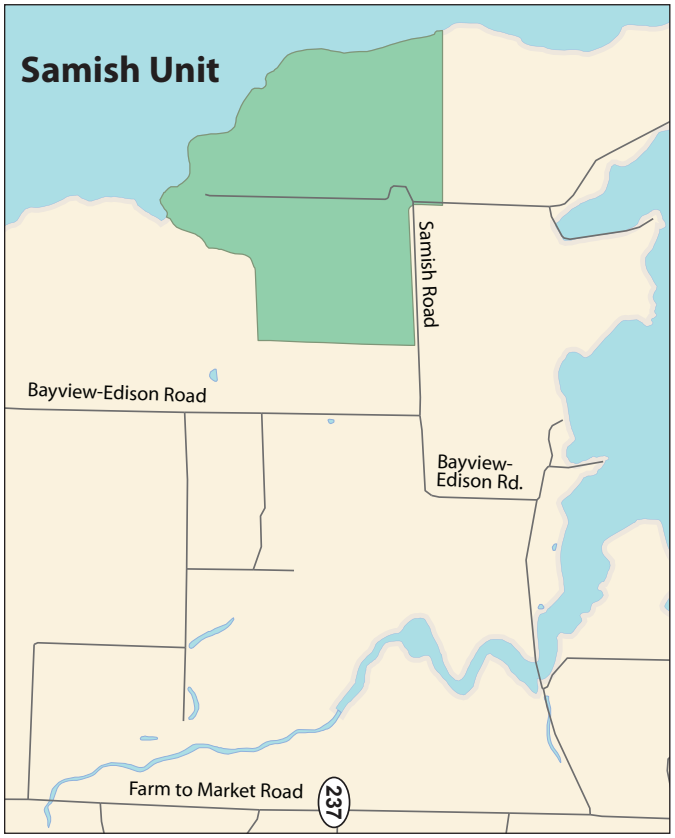
NONTOXIC SHOT REQUIRED ON ENTIRE AREA

SKAGIT WILDLIFE AREA

SKAGIT AND SNOHOMISH COUNTIES, WASHINGTON

NOTE: Pheasants will be released at the Samish Unit through October 31.





WHIDBEY ISLAND RELEASE SITES

All of the release sites on Whidbey Island are adjacent to Highway 20 and Highway 525. Please contact the Naval Air Station at (360) 257-1009 prior to hunting at SeaPlane Base or OLF Coupeville.

Total acreage: ~600 Ac

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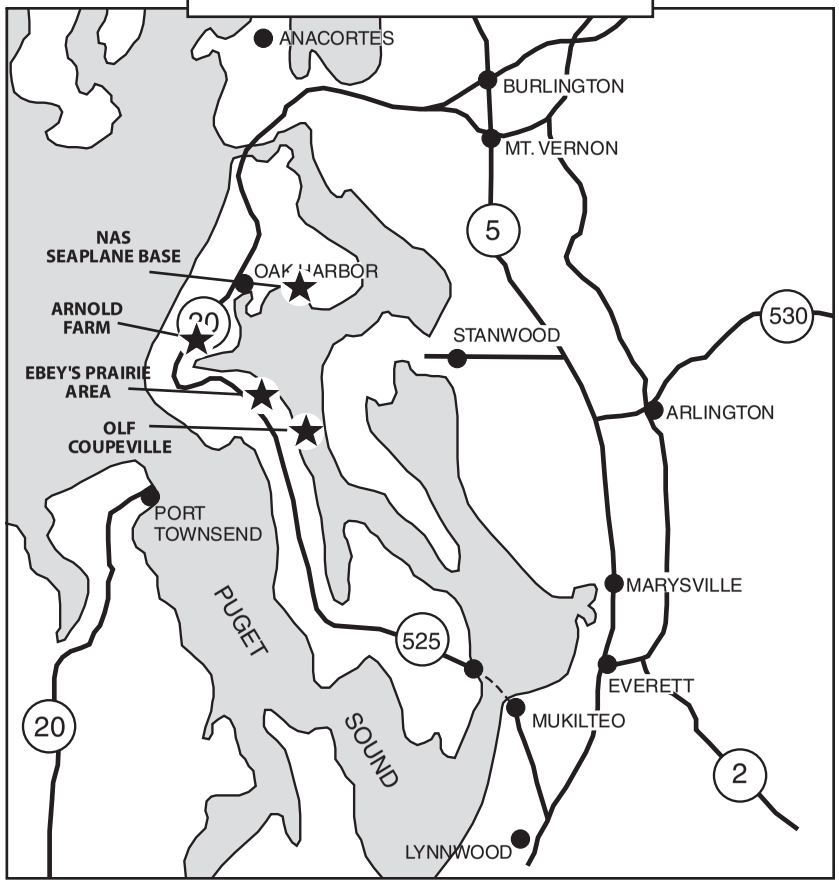

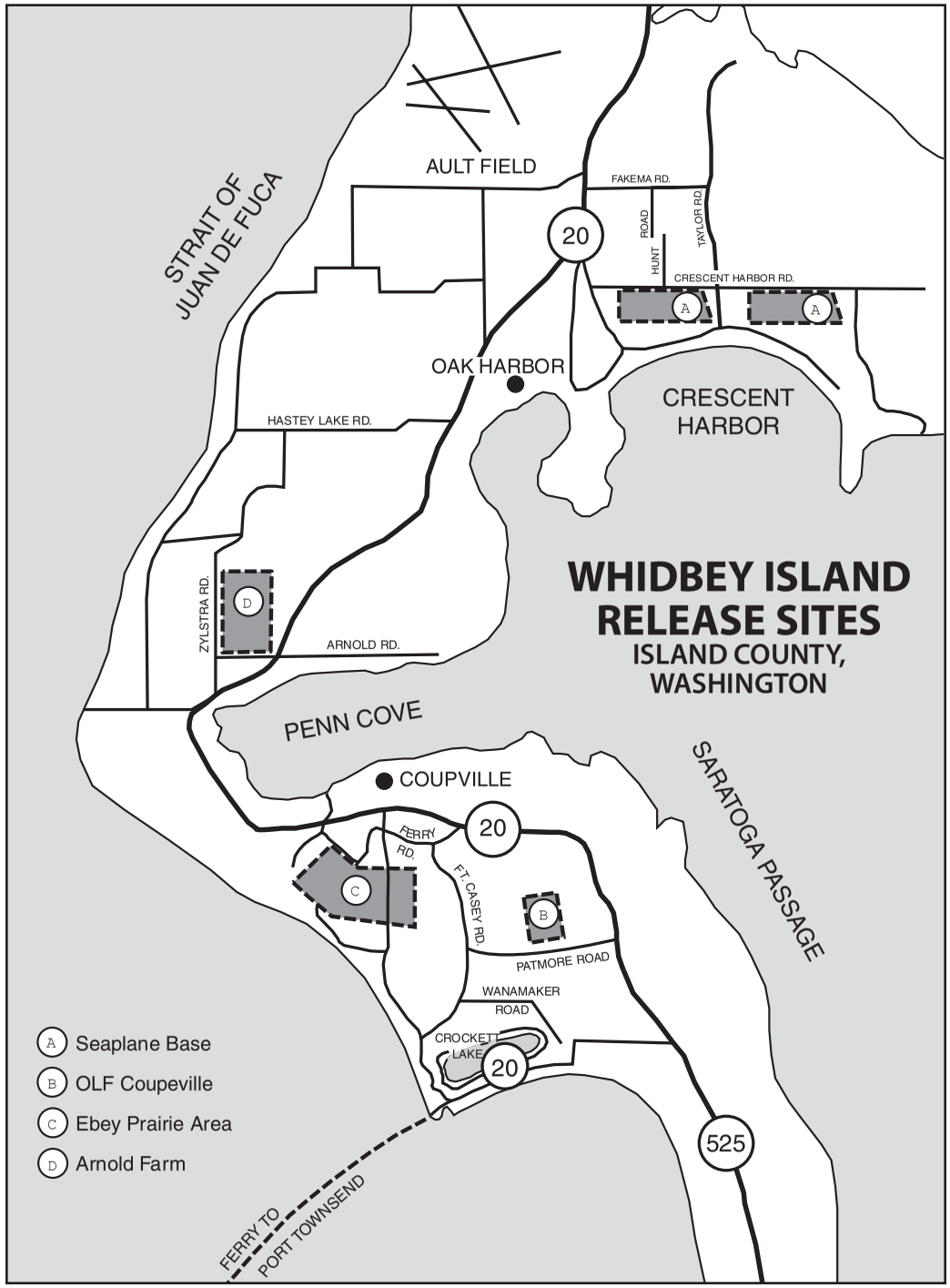

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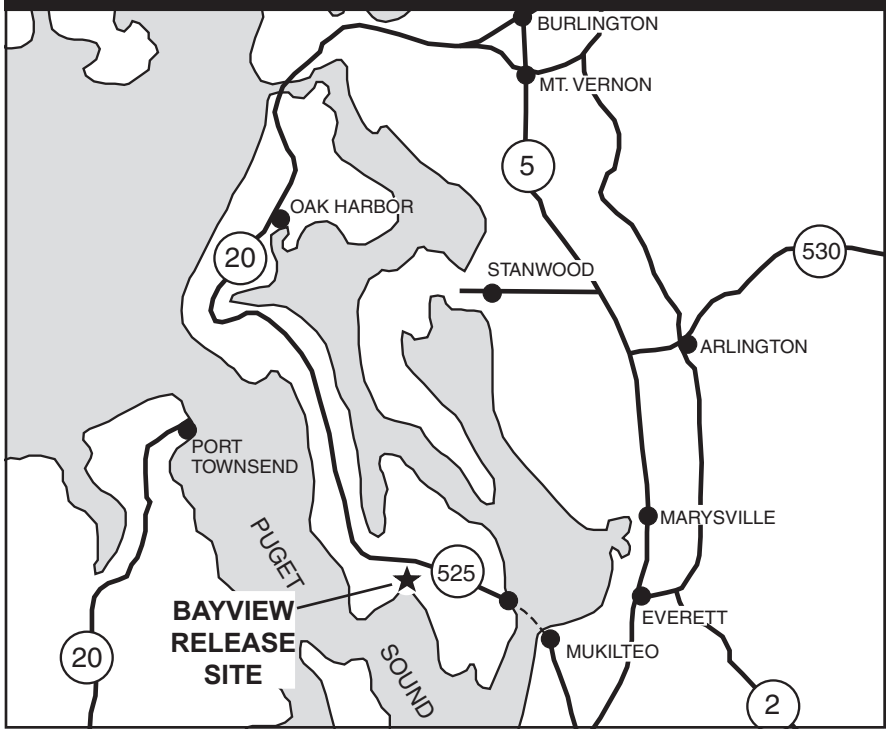

From Highway 525, go west on Bayview Road .8 miles. Turn right on Gabelien/Becker Road. Bear to the right down Gabelien Road and park in the field next to the farm's equipment storage area.

Total acreage: ~50 Ac

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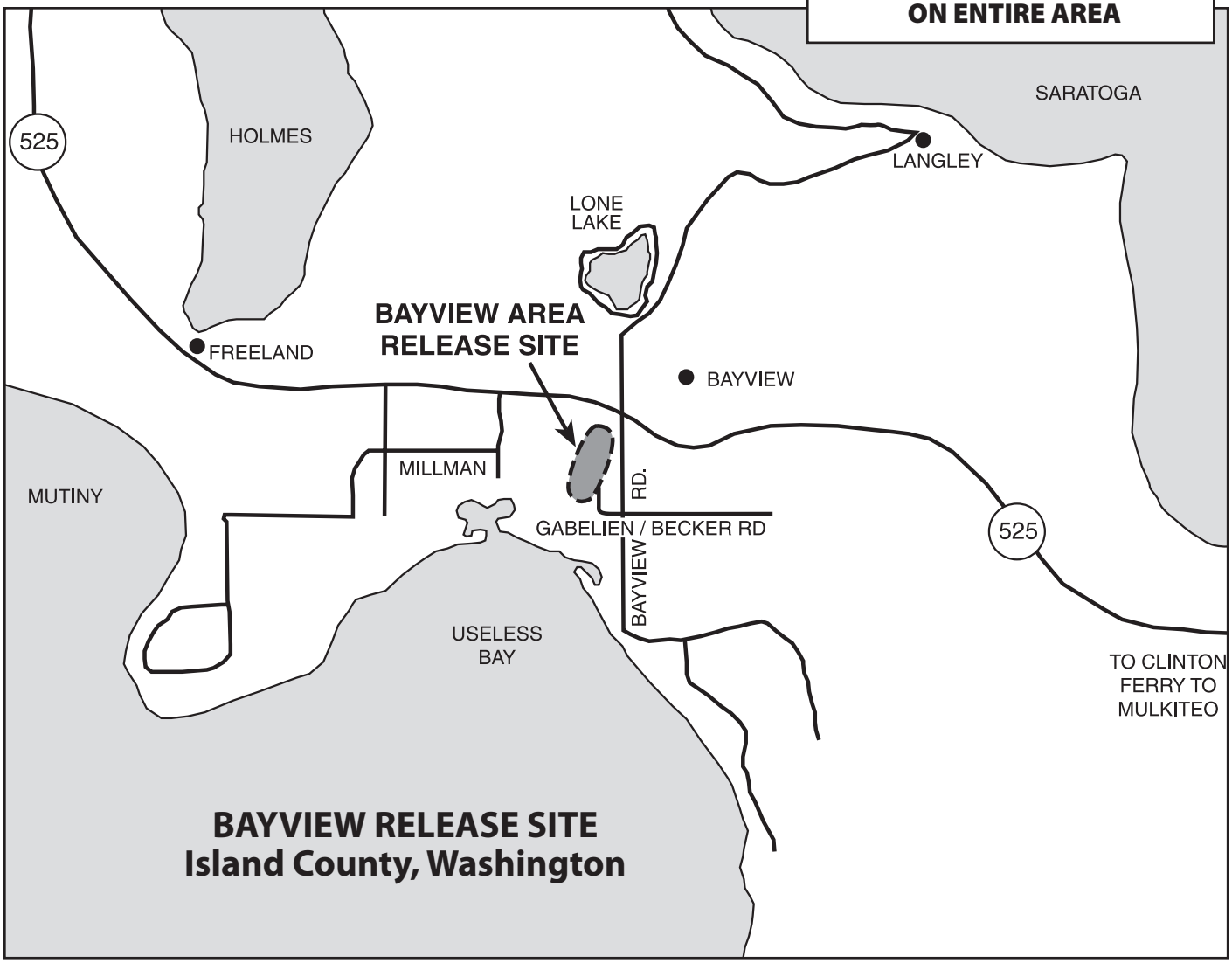
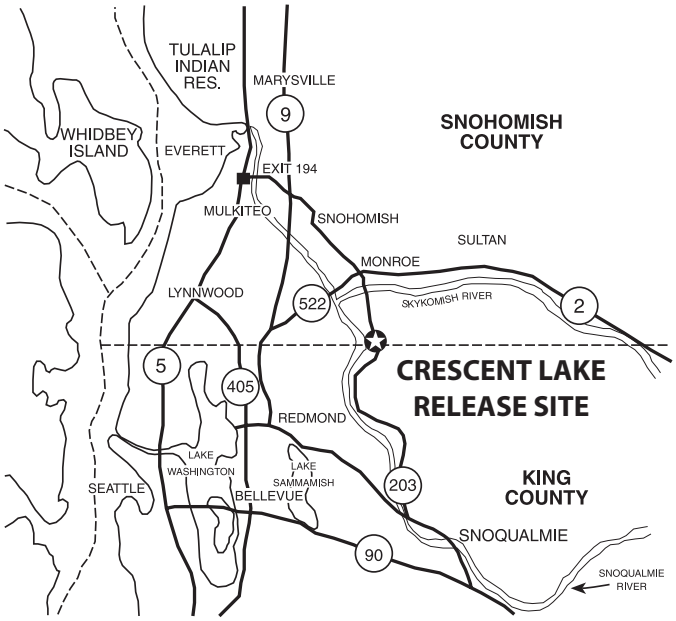
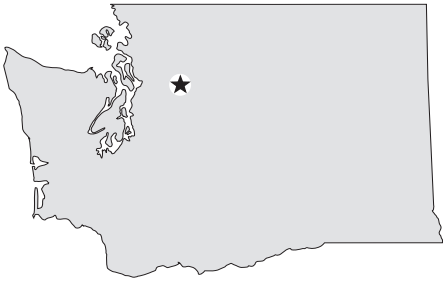


BAYVIEW RELEASE SITE
Island County, Washington

SNOQUALMIE WILDLIFE AREA



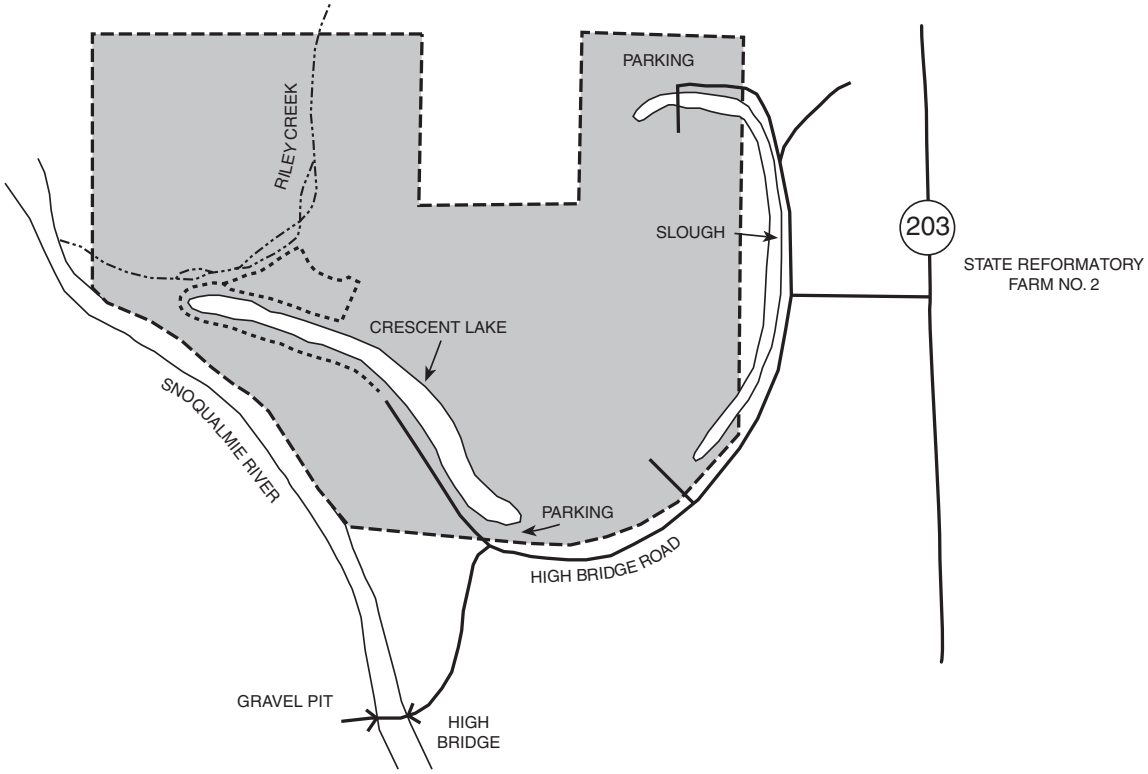


The **Crescent Lake Unit** of Snoqualmie Wildlife Area is located between Duvall and Monroe on S.R. 203. The release site may be found by turning at the State Reformatory Farm #2 and traveling west onto High Bridge Road.

Total acreage: ~380 Ac

NONTOXIC SHOT REQUIRED ON ENTIRE AREA

CRESCENT LAKE UNIT
SNOQUALMIE WILDLIFE AREA
Snohomish County, Washington



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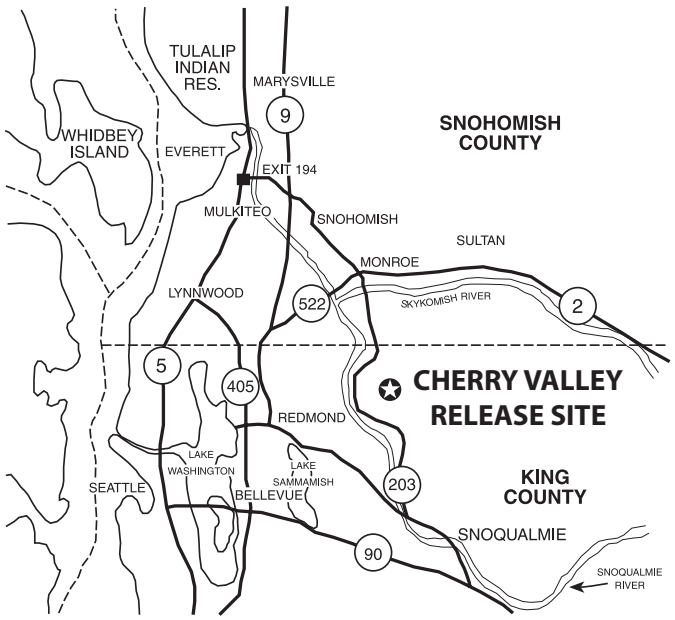
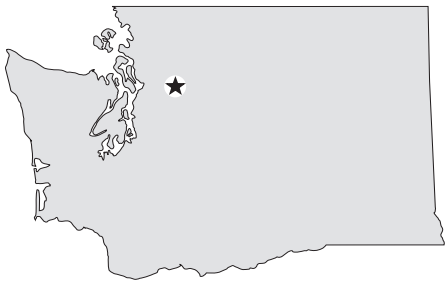


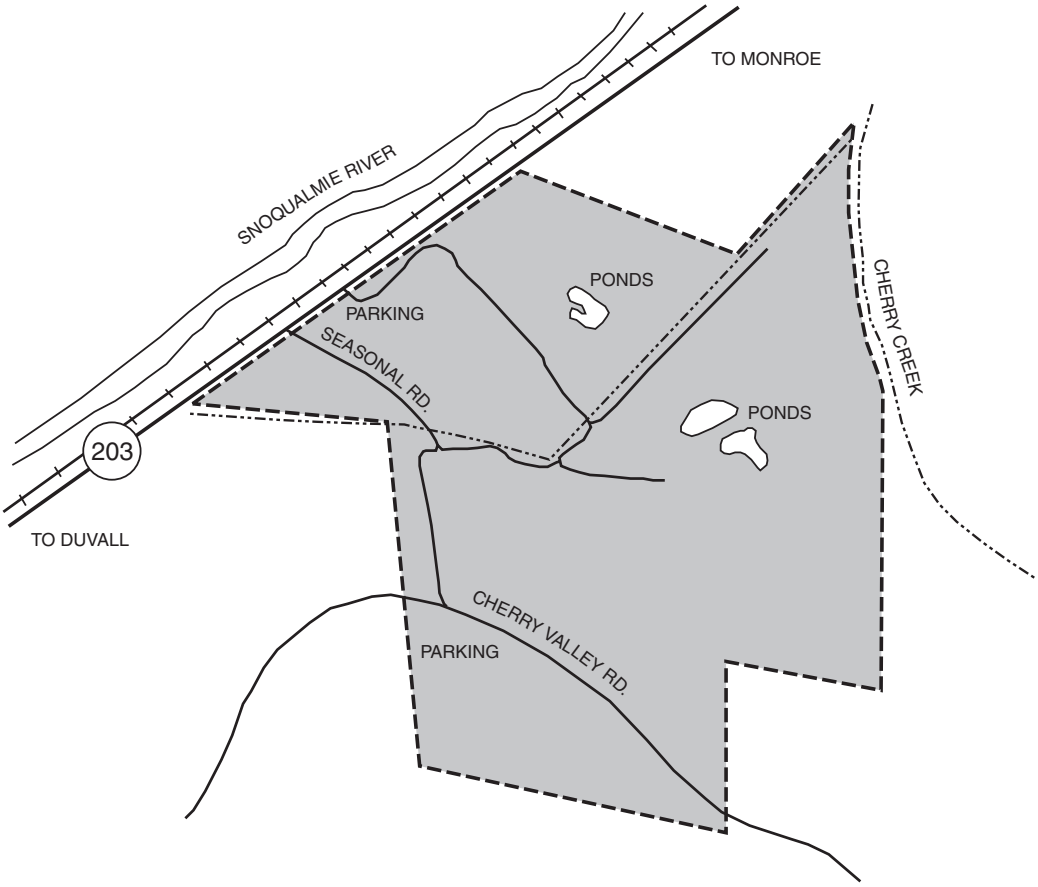


The **Cherry Valley Unit** is located north of Duvall on State Route 203. The parking lot is marked with a sign on State Route 203. Alternate access to the site is provided on the Cherry Valley Road.

Total acreage:
~300 Ac w/Stillwater

NONTOXIC SHOT REQUIRED ON ENTIRE AREA

CHERRY VALLEY UNIT
SNOQUALMIE WILDLIFE AREA
King County, Washington



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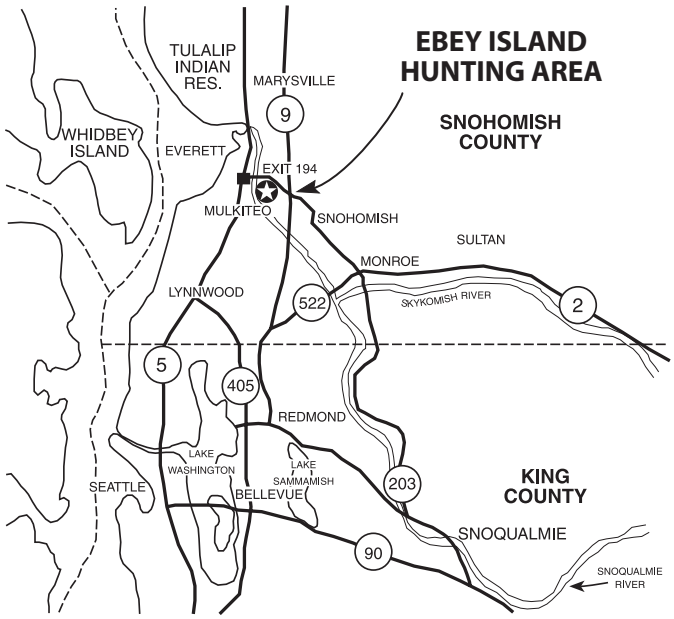
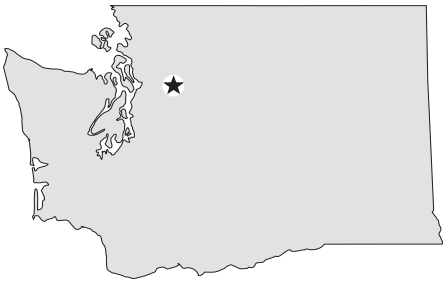
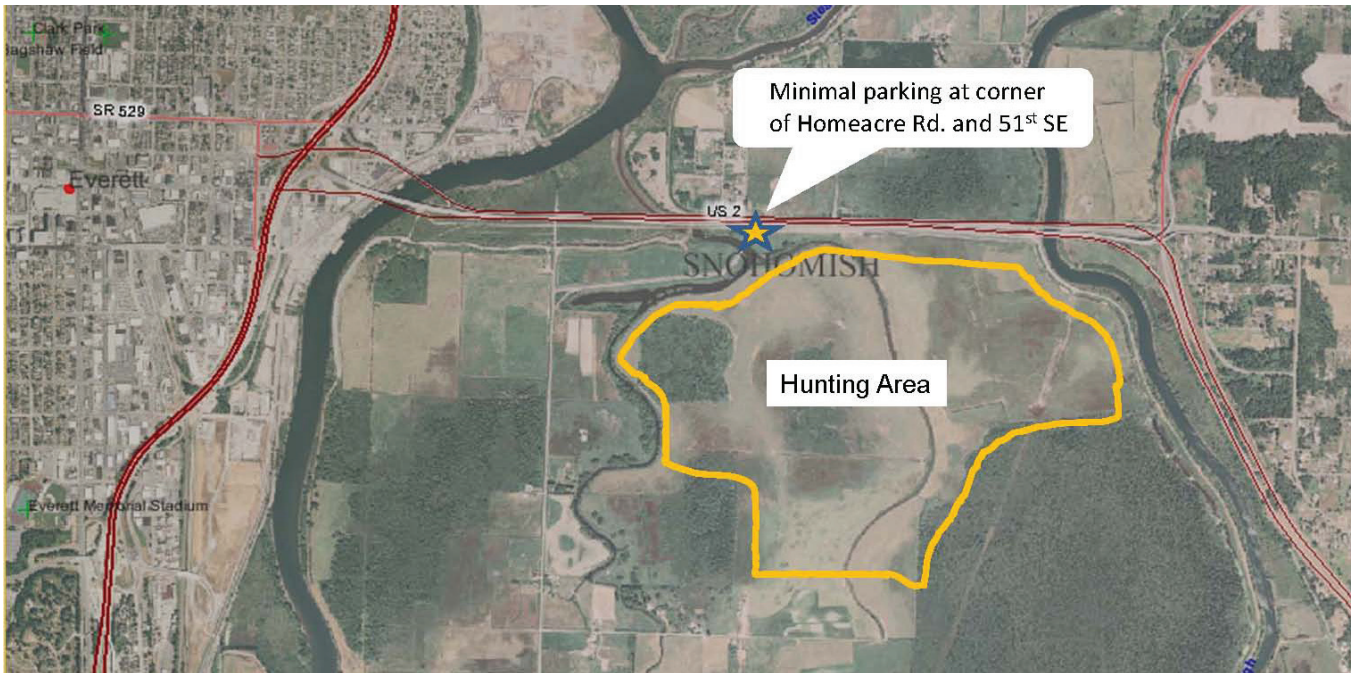




Driving Directions: From I-5, take Hwy. 2 east to Homeacre Rd. (1st exit) Parking is at the bottom of the exit by the pipeline and at the corner of Homeacre Rd. and 51st St. SE

NONTOXIC SHOT REQUIRED ON ENTIRE AREA

EBEY ISLAND HUNTING AREA
Snohomish County, Washington



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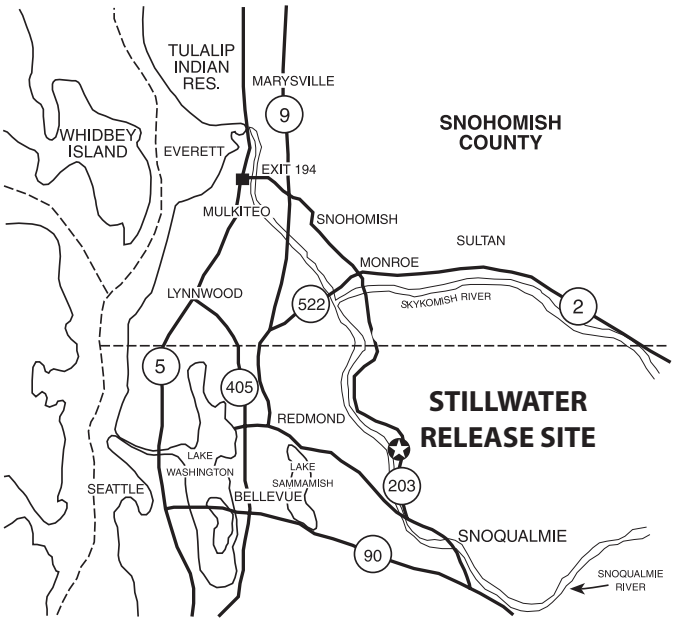
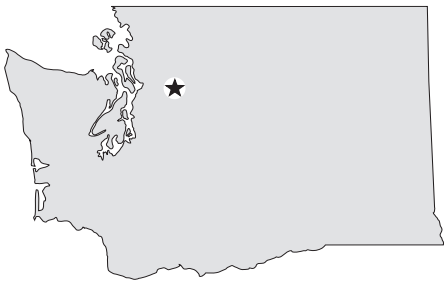


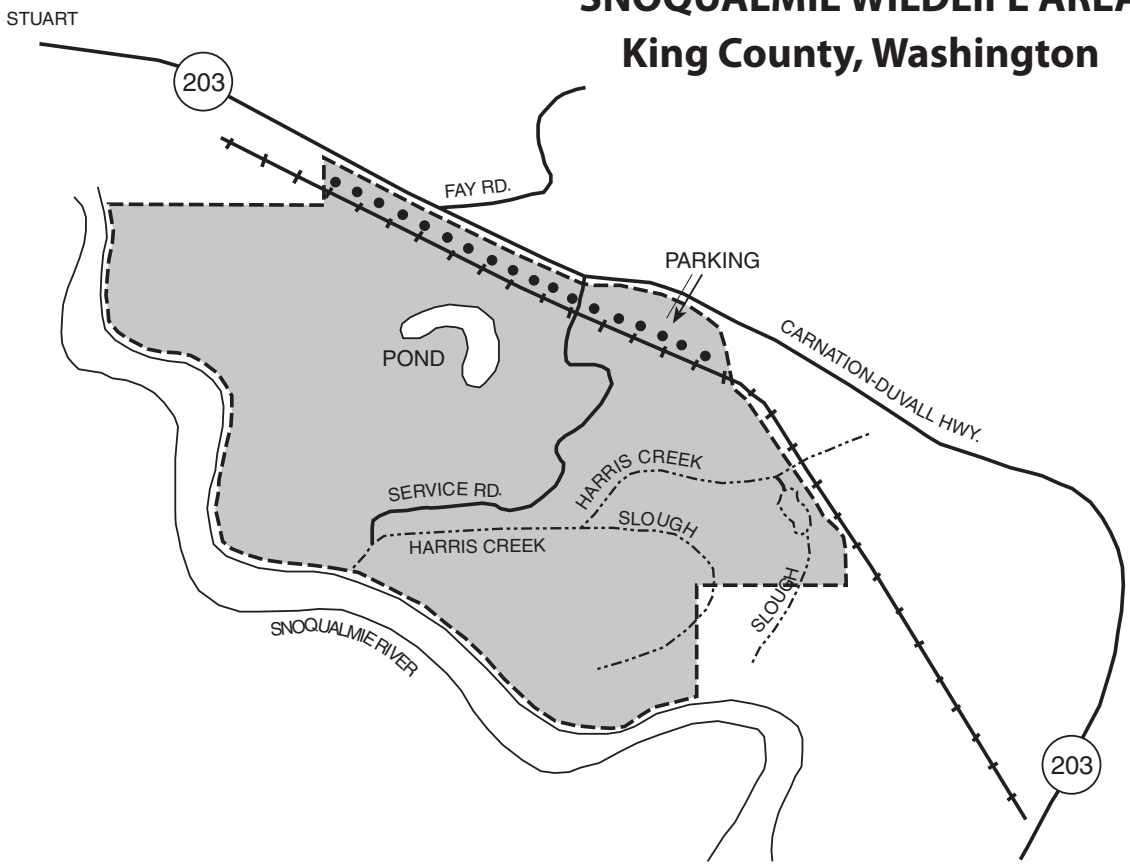


The **Stillwater Unit** is located on State Route 203, north of Carnation. Parking lots are accessed directly from State Route 203.

Total acreage:
~300 Ac w/Cherry Valley

NONTOXIC SHOT REQUIRED ON ENTIRE AREA

STILLWATER UNIT
SNOQUALMIE WILDLIFE AREA
King County, Washington



REGION FIVE PHEASANT HUNTING INFORMATION

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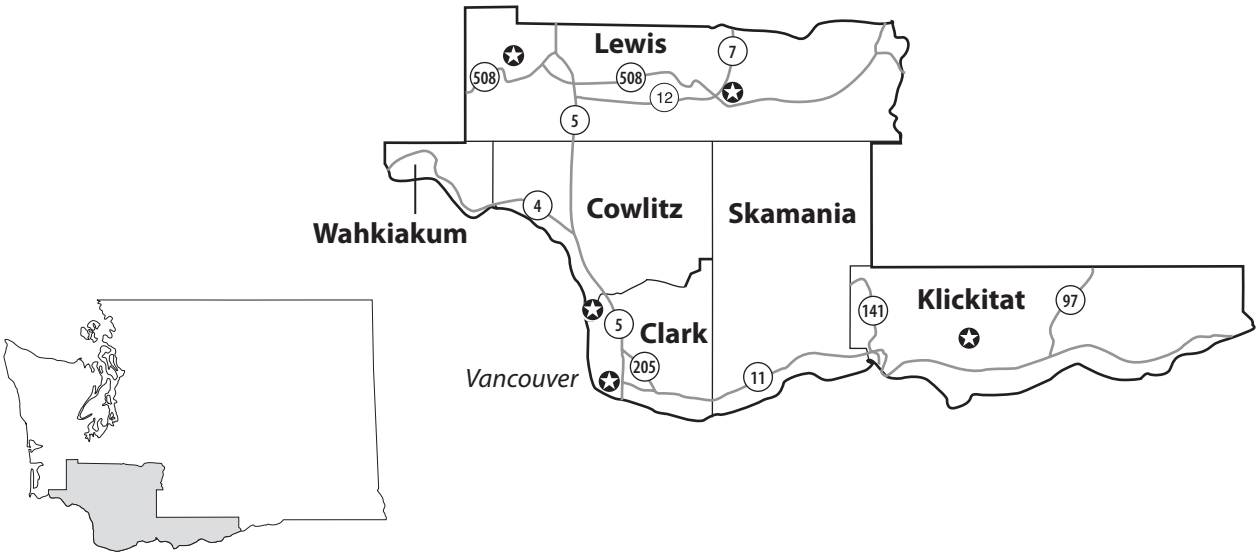


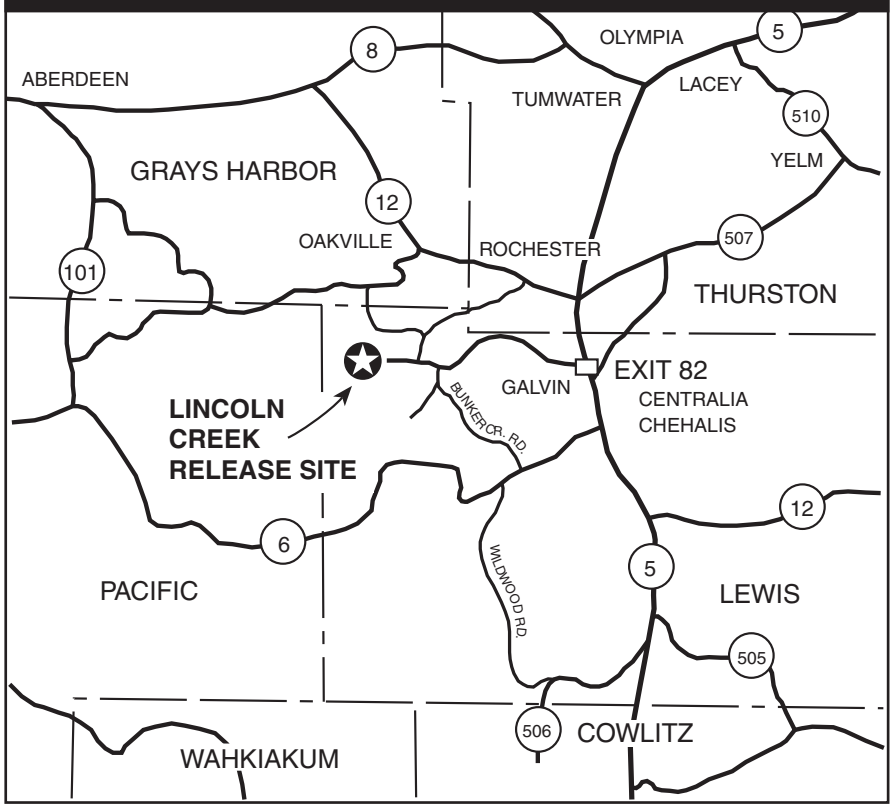
Several of the pheasant release sites in Region Five have been adopted by volunteers. One of the most active groups is the Vancouver Wildlife League. They are associated with many wildlife projects in the Vancouver area and handle much of the pheasant release program on the Shillapoo and Vancouver Lake sites. These sites receive very high use because of their popularity and proximity to Vancouver.

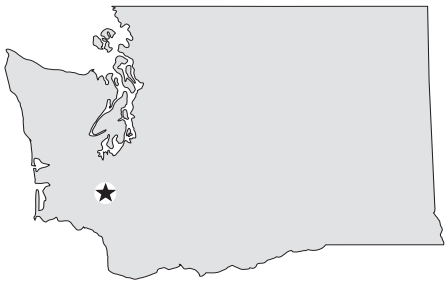
Such sites as Lincoln Creek and Woodland Bottoms receive lighter pressure, but still receive some mid-week releases early in the hunting season. The remaining sites are used by fewer hunters overall and releases mainly occur for weekend hunting.

Administratively, Klickitat County's fish and wildlife programs are managed through WDFW's Region 5 office in Vancouver. However, for the pheasant enhancement program, Klickitat County is considered an eastern Washington county, and license requirements are the same as the other eastern Washington counties. For Klickitat County, refer to Eastern Washington Pheasant Release Program pamphlet.

Region 5 Office:
(360) 696-6211
2108 Grand Blvd.
Vancouver, WA 98661

LINCOLN CREEK RELEASE SITE



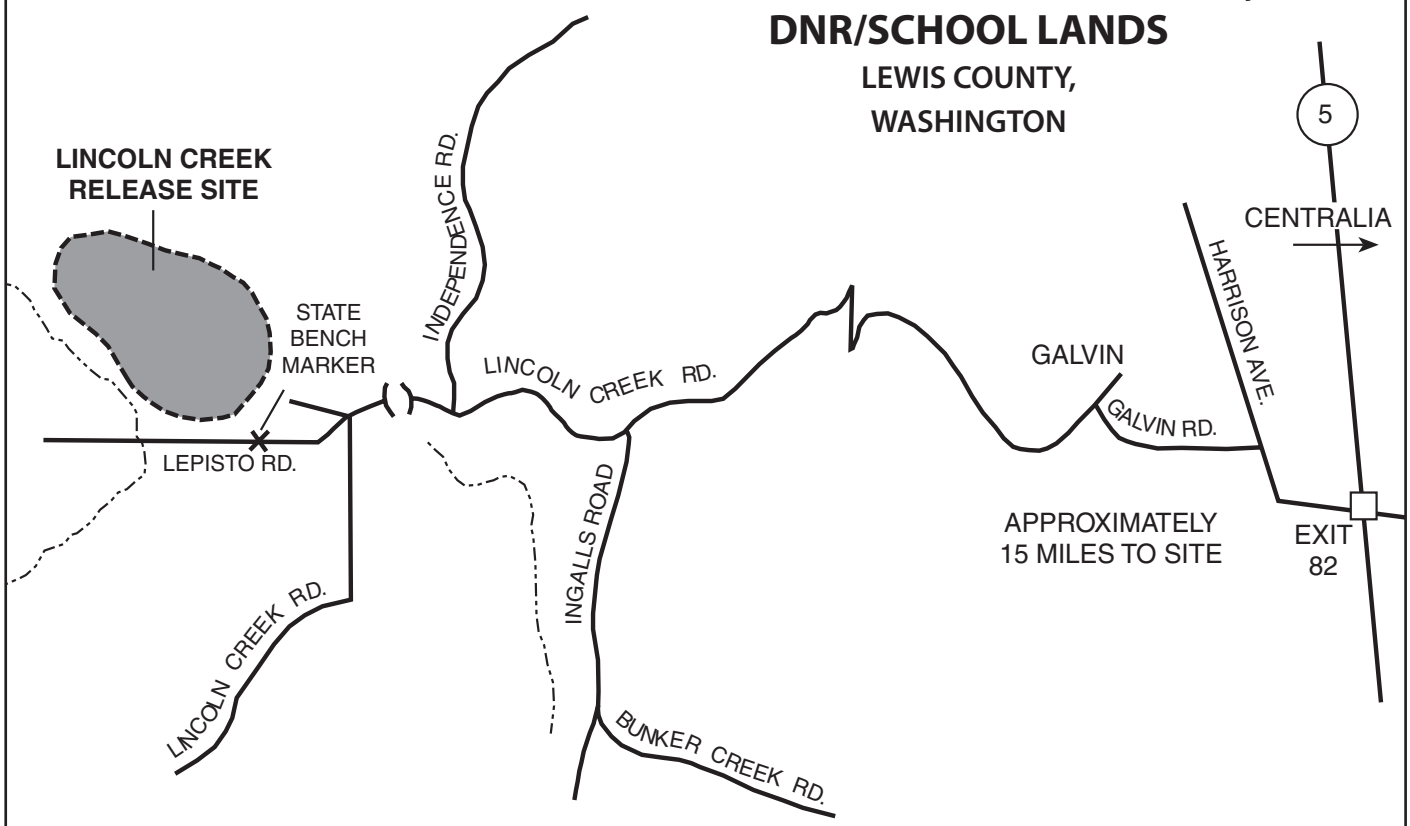


To find the **Lincoln Creek** release site, head west from exit 82 off I-5 to Galvin Road. Proceed west on Lincoln Creek Road to Lepisto Road and the release site. The Lincoln Creek Site is approximately 300 acres.

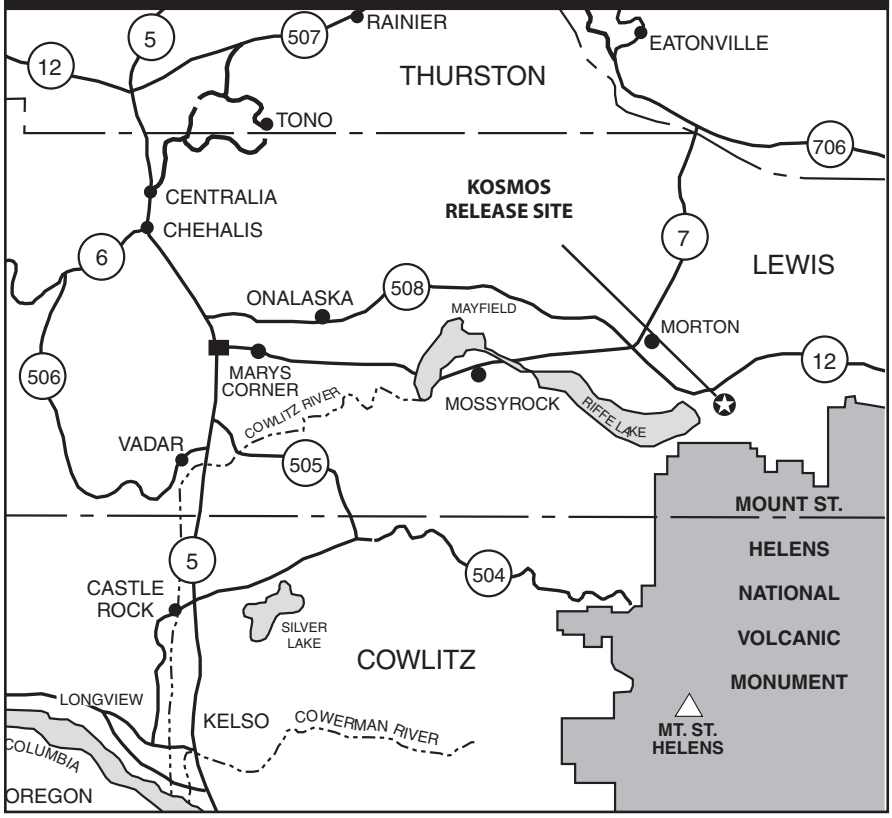
NONTOXIC SHOT REQUIRED ON ENTIRE AREA

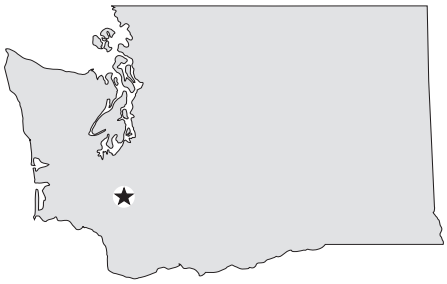
LINCOLN CREEK RELEASE SITE, DNR/SCHOOL LANDS

LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON



KOSMOS RELEASE SITE





The **Kosmos** release site is part of the Cowlitz Wildlife Area and may be found by traveling east of Morton on Hwy 12.

Turn south to town of Glenoma and follow signs to County Park. Release site boundary is marked by signs.

Total acreage: ~325 Ac

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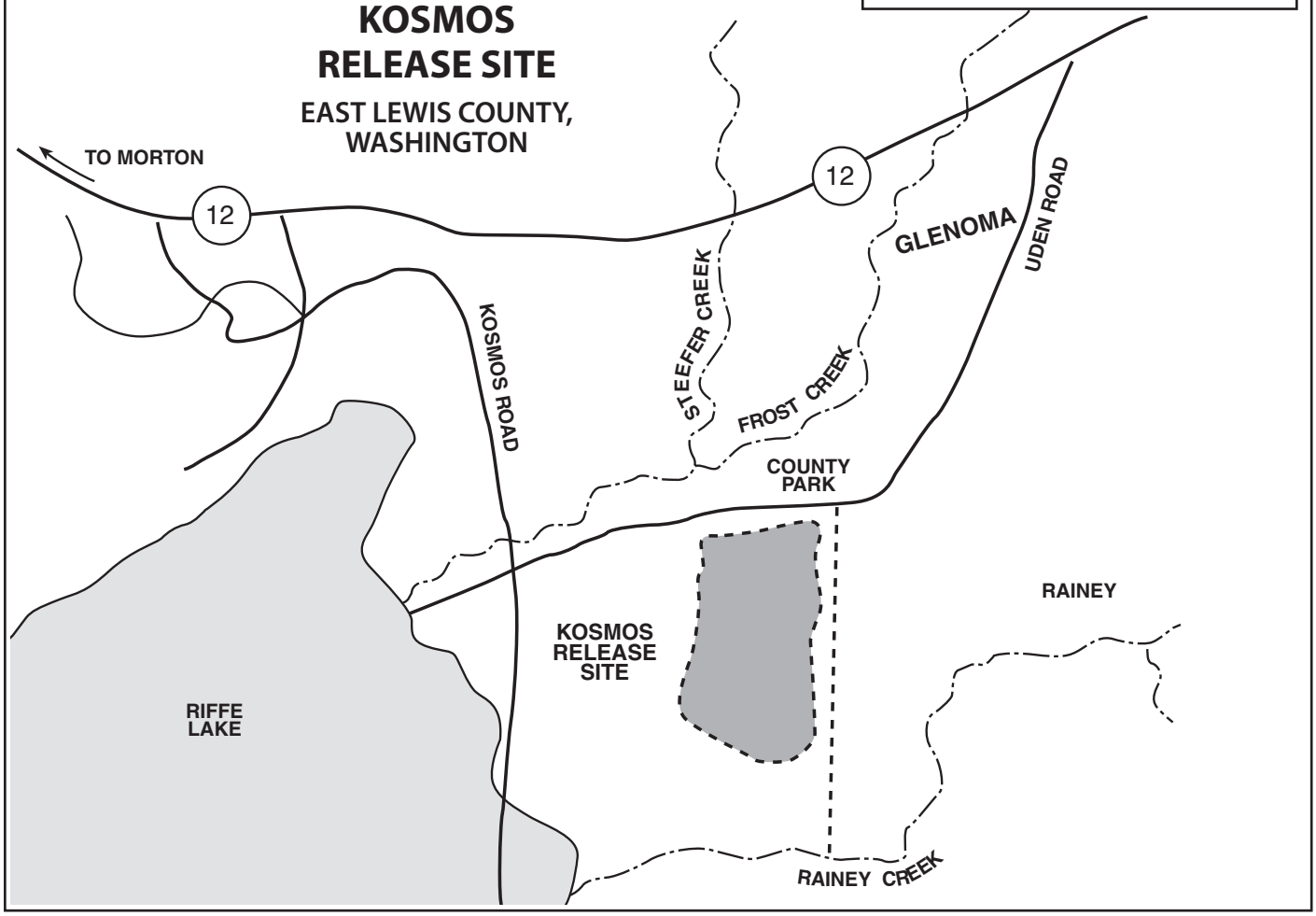
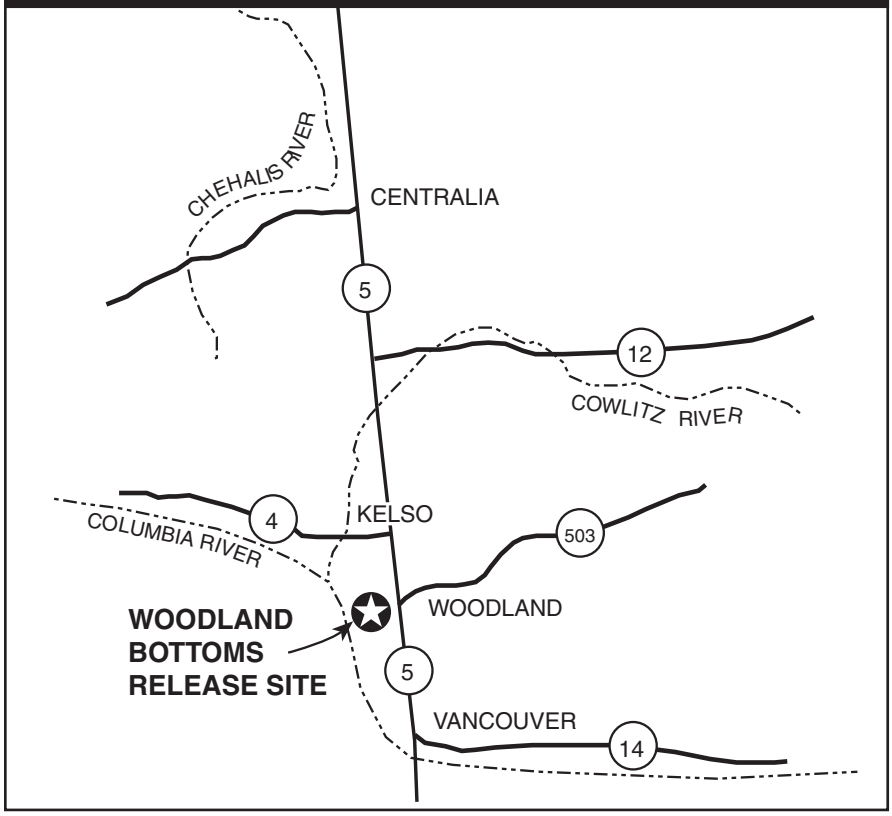
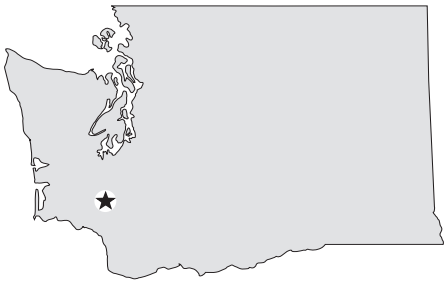
KOSMOS RELEASE SITE

EAST LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON



WOODLAND BOTTOMS RELEASE SITE



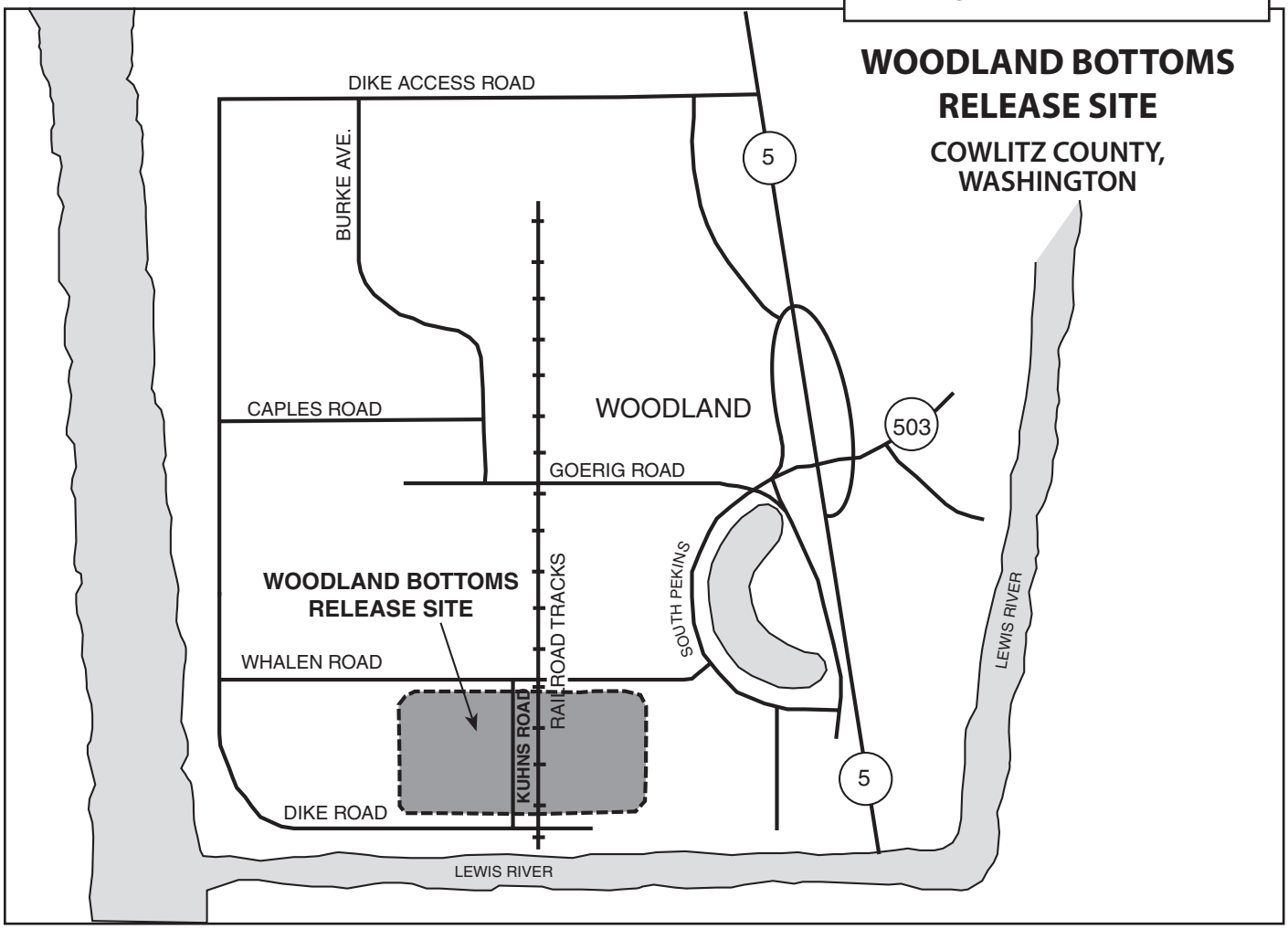


To find the **Woodland Bottoms** release site, take the Woodland exit (exit 21) off I-5. Head west on Goerig Road and Davidson Ave. Go around Horseshoe Lake on South Pekin Road to Whalen Road. Travel west on Whalen Road, then south on Kuhns Road to the release site. The Woodland Bottoms Release Site is approximately 270 acres.

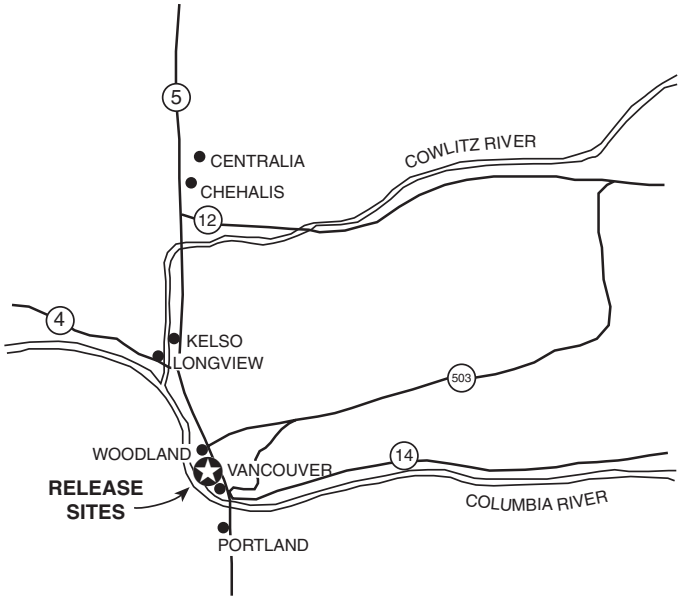
NONTOXIC SHOT REQUIRED ON ENTIRE AREA

WOODLAND BOTTOMS RELEASE SITE

COWLITZ COUNTY, WASHINGTON



VANCOUVER LAKE AND SHILLAPOO WILDLIFE AREA



To reach both the **Vancouver Lake** and **Shillapoo** release sites take the Fourth Plain Blvd. exit (exit #1 D) off I-5. Go west on Fourth Plain Blvd. For the Vancouver Lake release site, head north on Fruit Valley Road, then west on La Frombois Road to the site. For the Shillapoo Release site, stay on Lower River Road to the site. Total acreage is approximately 1450 acres.

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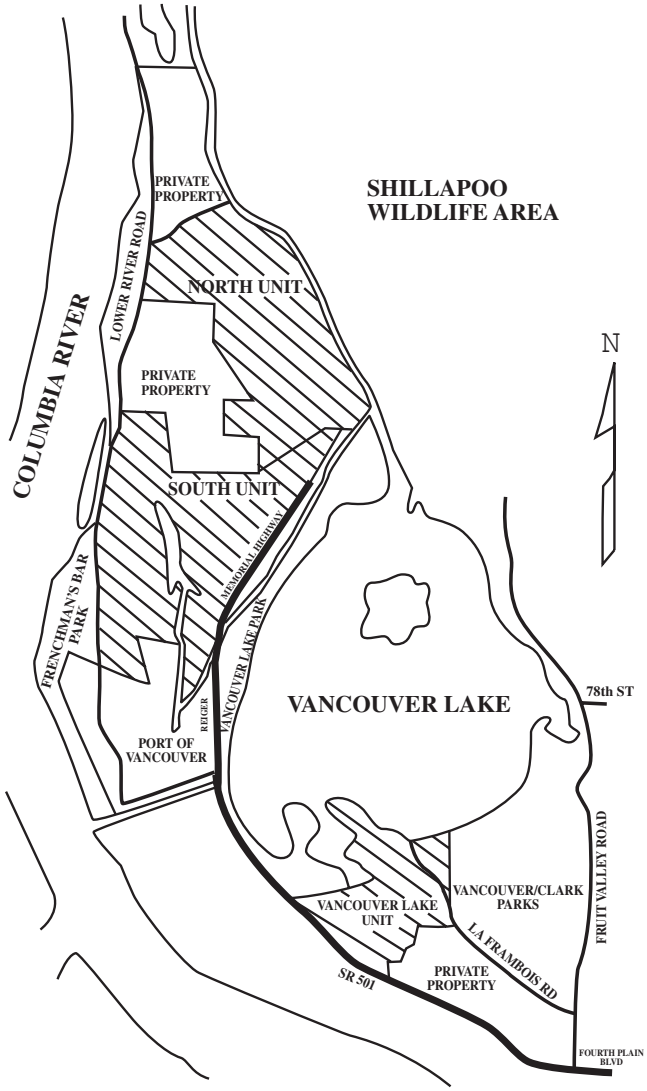


VANCOUVER LAKE AND SHILLAPOO WILDLIFE AREAS

Clark County, Washington

REGION SIX PHEASANT HUNTING INFORMATION

Volunteers play a significant role in the pheasant release program in Region Six. The Peninsula Bird Hunters handle the Belfair sites and individual volunteers release birds on the Dungeness Recreation Area, Hunter Farms (private property), Raymond, Skookumchuck, and Chinook sites.

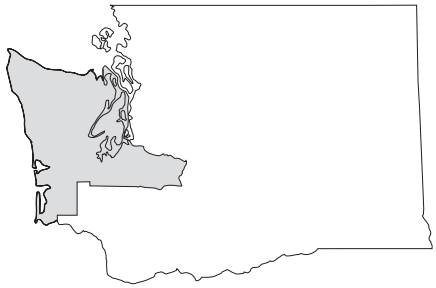
Fort Lewis, Scatter Creek, Skookumchuck, and Belfair receive the most hunting pressure and the highest number of released pheasants. Pheasants are released during the middle of the week on these areas.

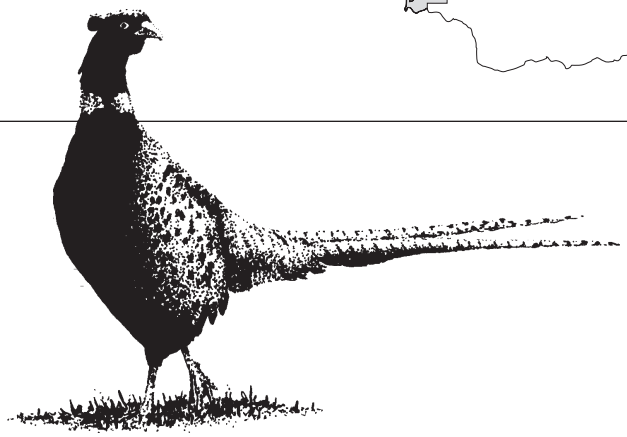
The Dungeness Recreation Area Site opens later than most sites to reduce conflicts with other recreational users of the Dungeness Recreational Area. Pheasant hunting is allowed at the Dungeness Recreation Area in Clallam County between the first weekend in October and November 30 on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. Pheasant hunting is allowed at the Dungeness Recreation Area in Clallam County between the first weekend in October and November 30 on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. For additional information contact the Region Six Office.

Nontoxic shot is required on all release sites statewide.

At the Scatter Creek release site, hunters must choose to hunt on either odd numbered or even numbered weekend days from 8:00 am - 10:00 am. Youth and senior hunters may hunt on either day.

REGION SIX





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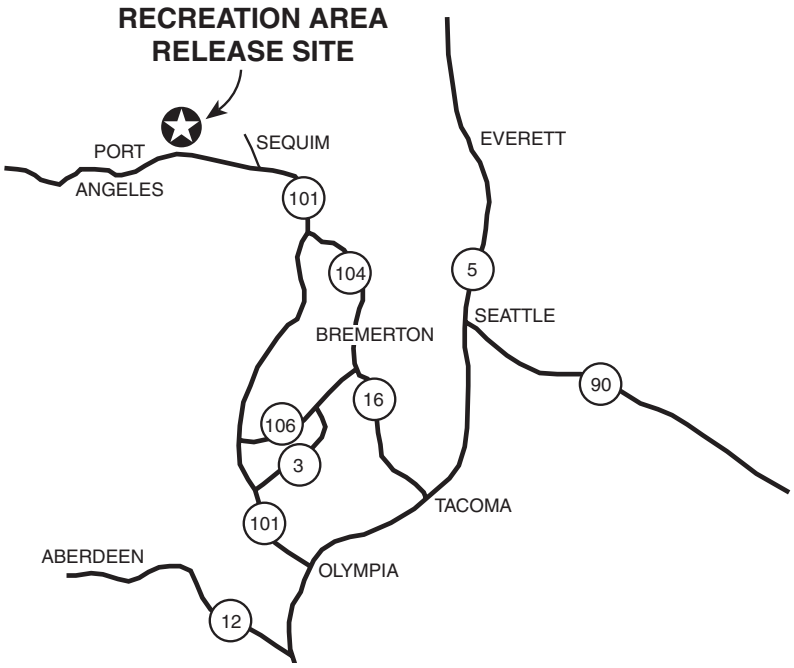
DUNGENESS RECREATION AREA



The easiest way to find the **Dungeness Recreation Area** release site is to follow the signs from Hwy 101 to the Dungeness Recreation Area until you see the release site signs.

Total acreage: ~150 Ac

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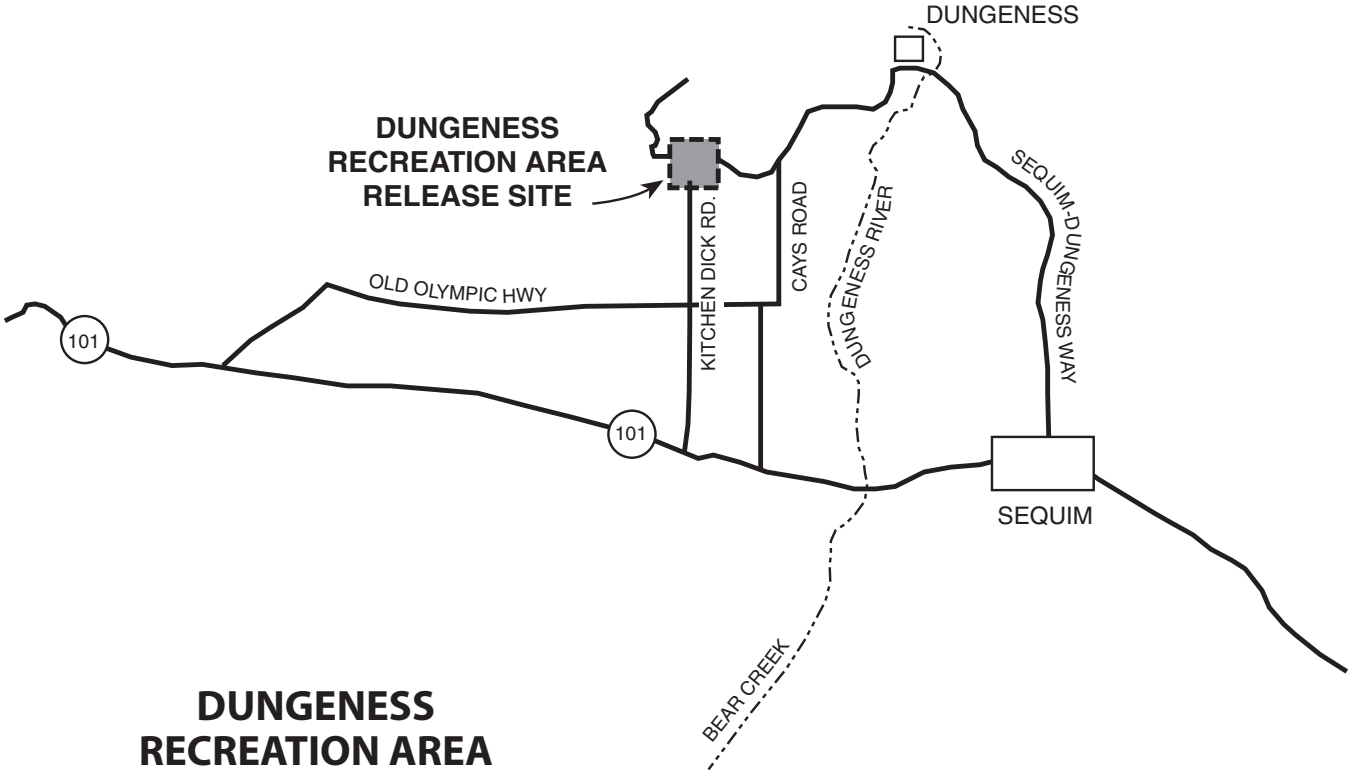

DUNGENESS RECREATION AREA RELEASE SITE

CLALLAM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

HUNTER FARMS RELEASE SITE

To reach the **Hunter Farms Release Site**, travel north on Hwy 101 out of Shelton. Take Purdy Cutoff Road to the east. The release site is at the intersection of Hwy 106 and Purdy Cutoff Road.

Total acreage: ~200 Ac

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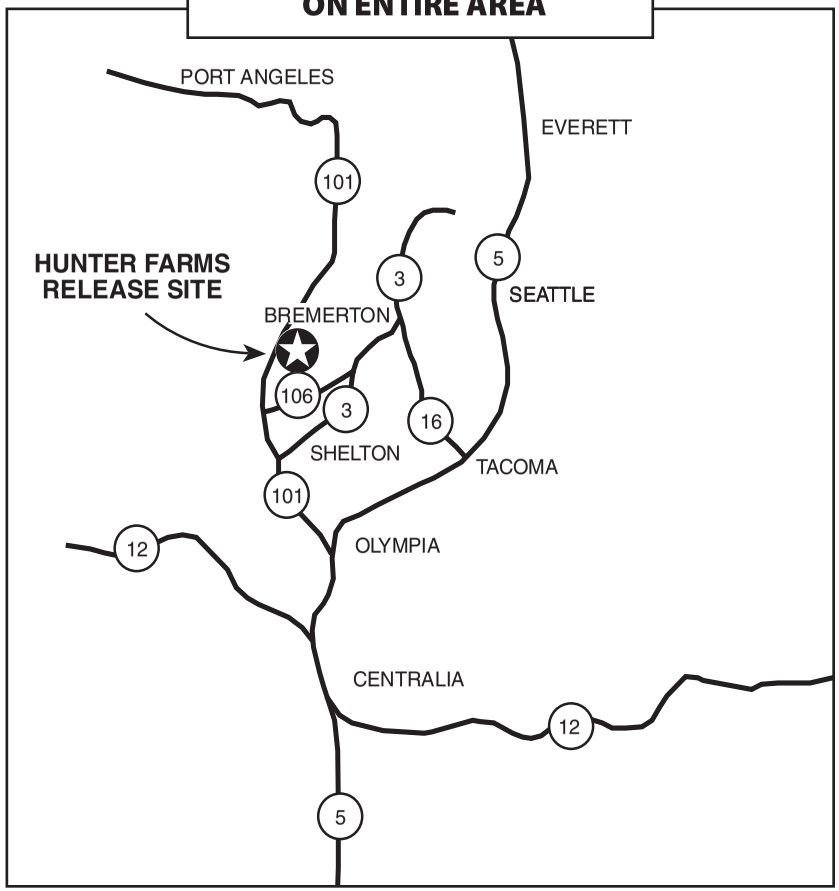

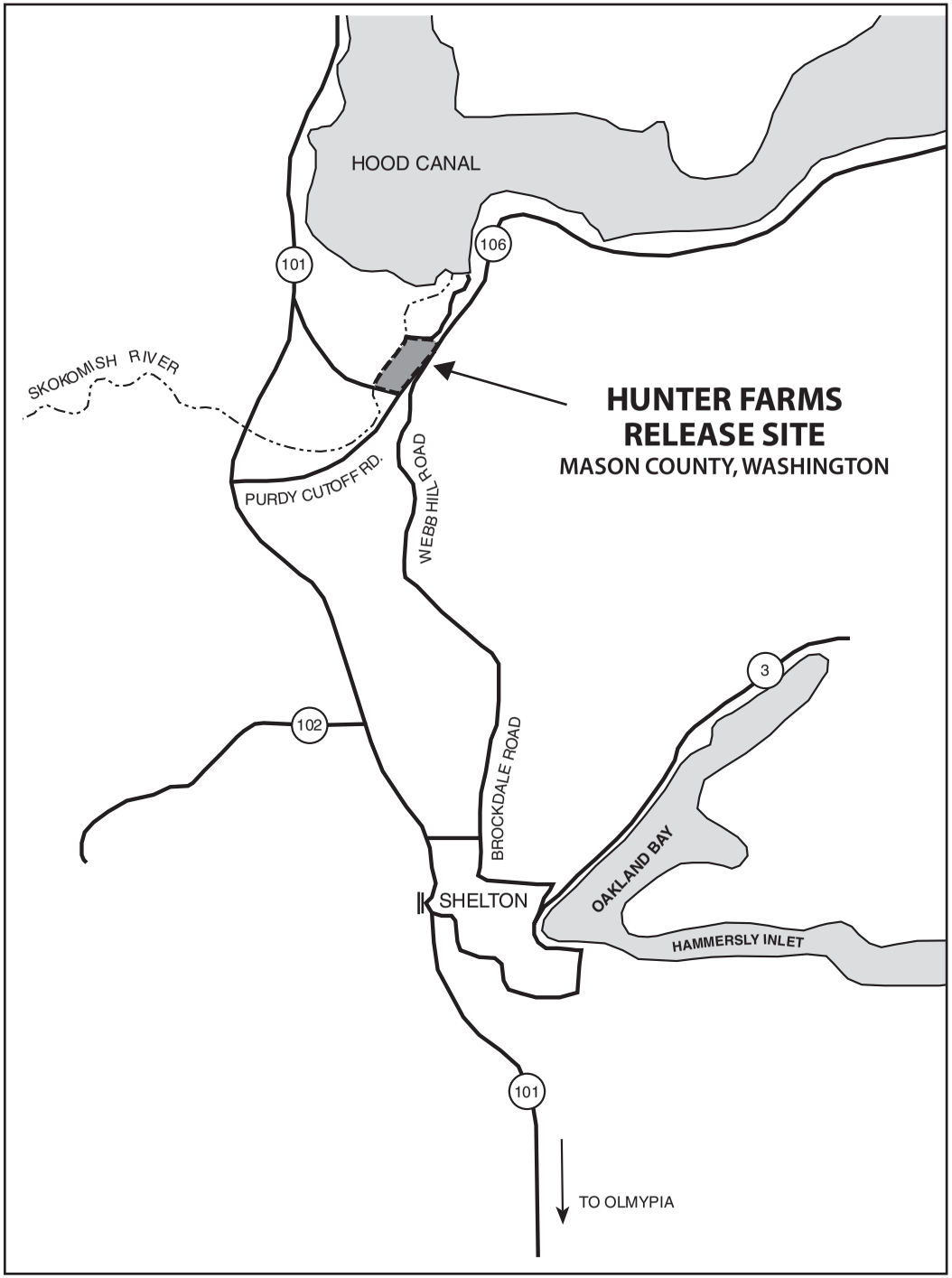

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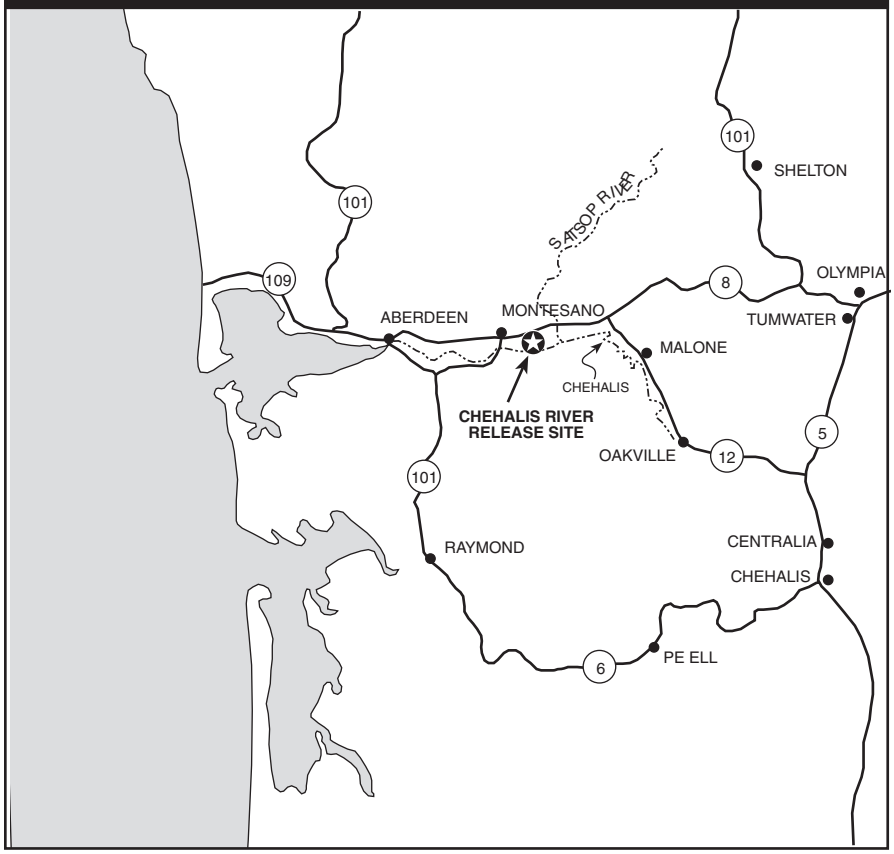

From I-5 go west on Hwy 12. After crossing Satsop River turn left at Brady onto Monte-Brady Rd. Go south and west on the Monte-Brady Rd. to Foster Rd. Go 1.6 miles on the Foster Rd. and Brady Loop Rd. to the release site.

Total acreage: ~250 Ac

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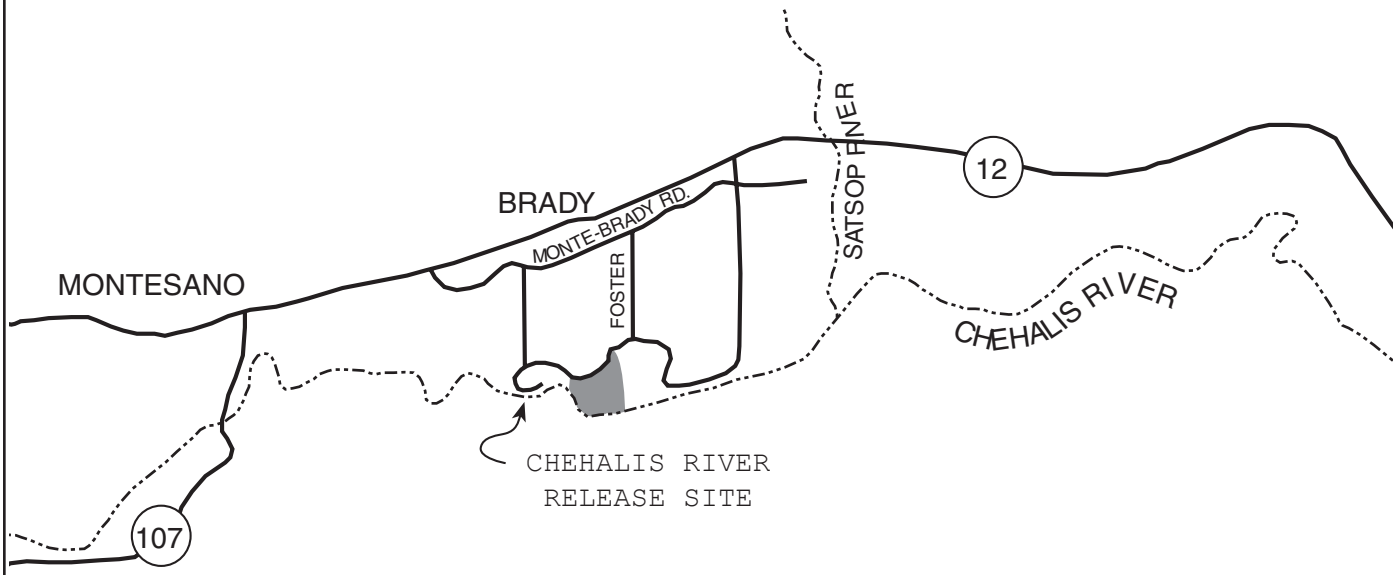
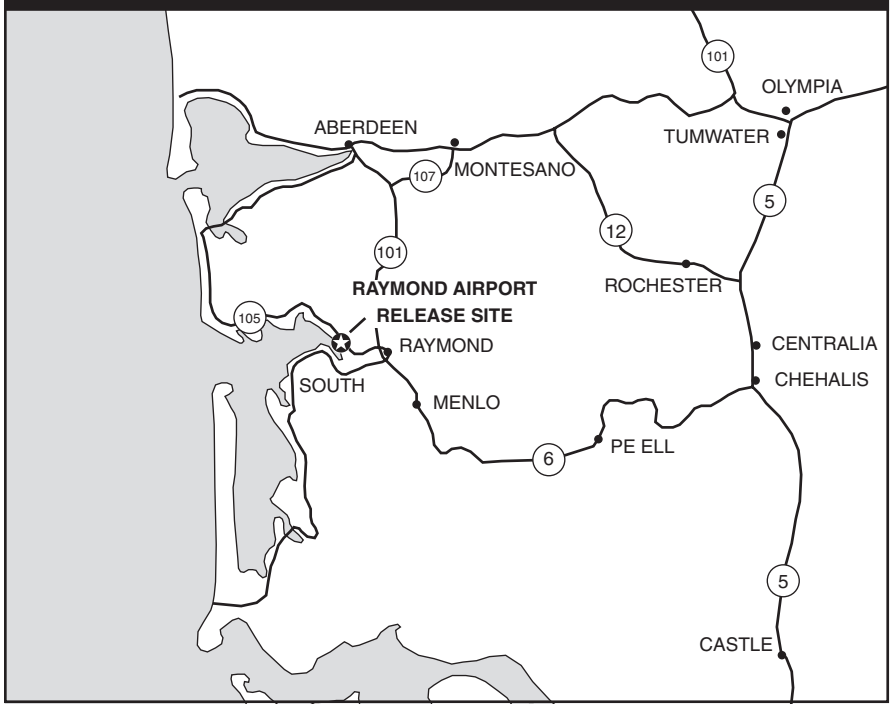


CHEHALIS RIVER RELEASE SITE

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY, WASHINGTON

RAYMOND AIRPORT RELEASE SITE



To get to the **Raymond Airport** release site, go north on Hwy 105 out of Raymond and follow signs to the Willapa Harbor (Raymond) Airport.

Total acreage: ~300 Ac

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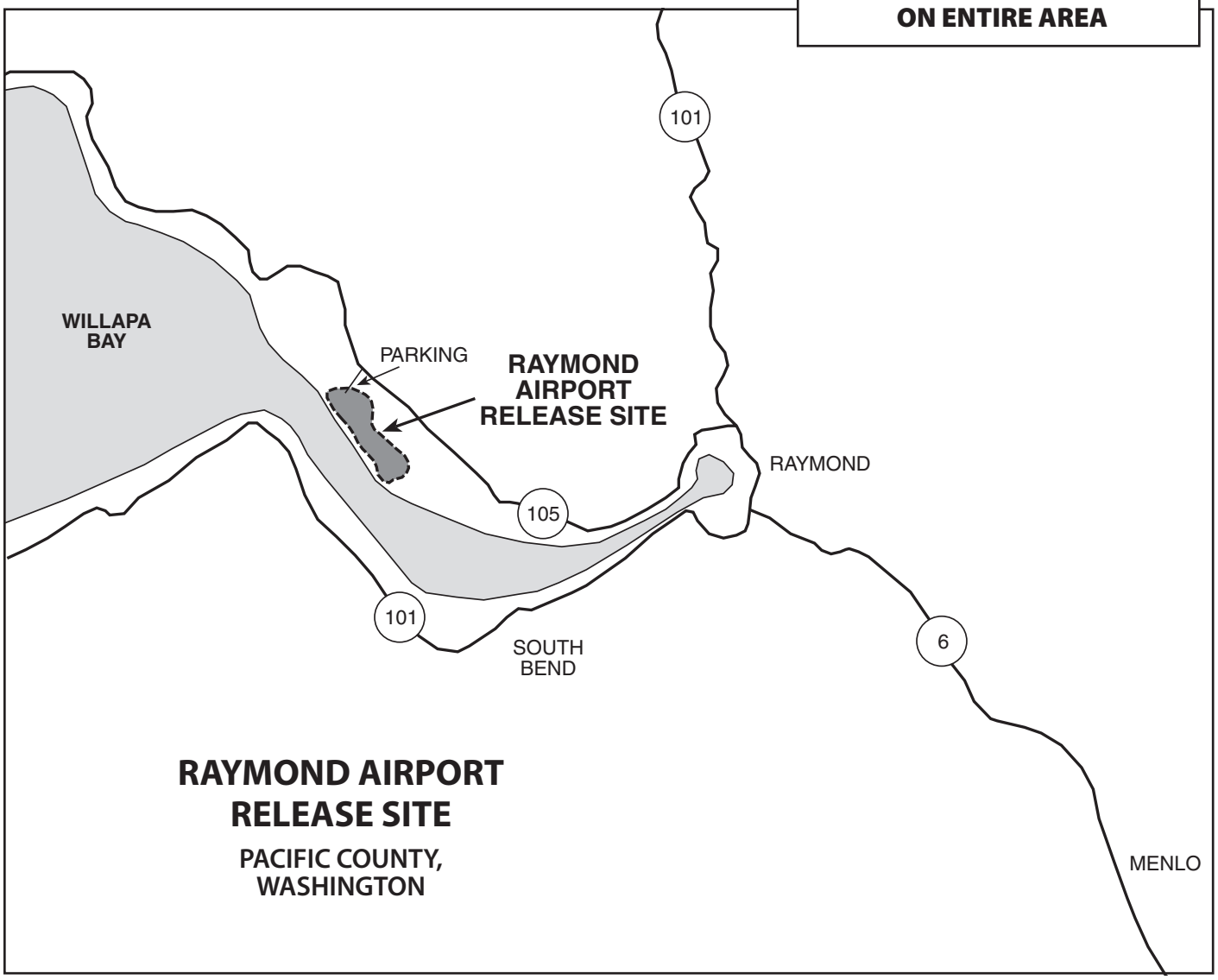
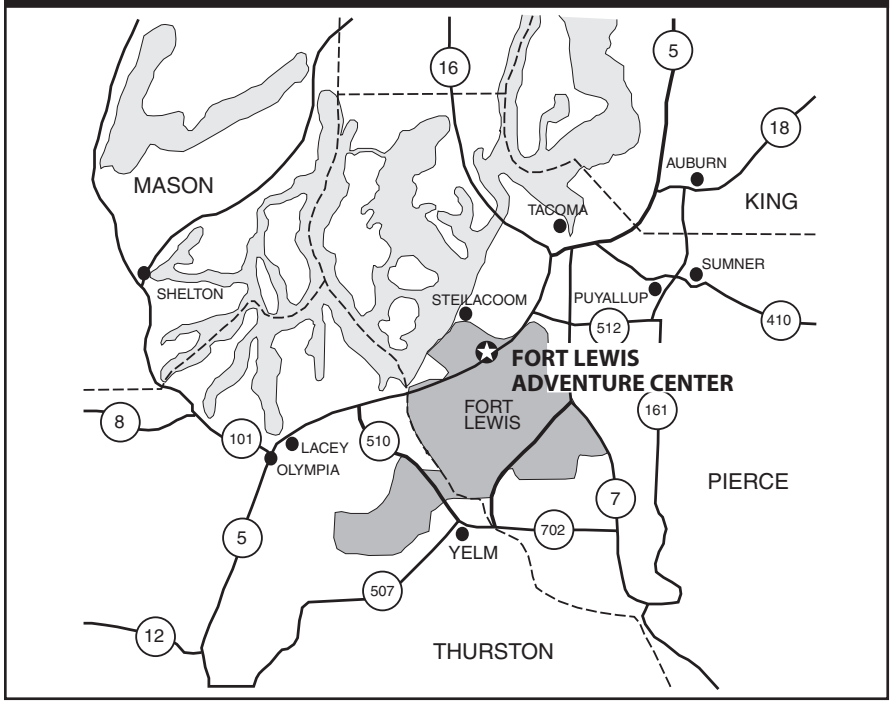


RAYMOND AIRPORT RELEASE SITE

PACIFIC COUNTY, WASHINGTON

FORT LEWIS RELEASE PROGRAM



To sign in for a release site on **Fort Lewis** you must contact the Adventure Center
Phone: (253) 967-8260 or 967-8295.

Total acreage: ~1850 Ac

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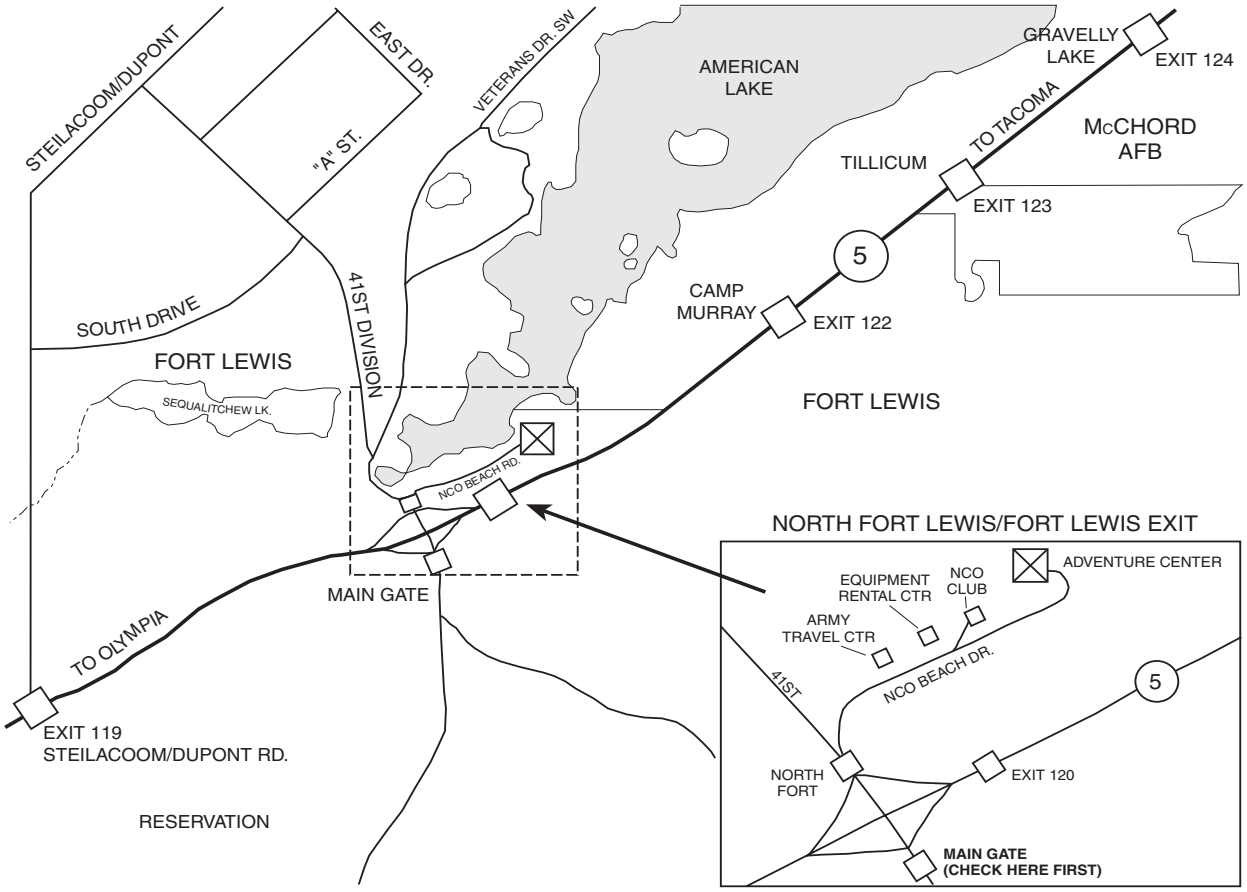
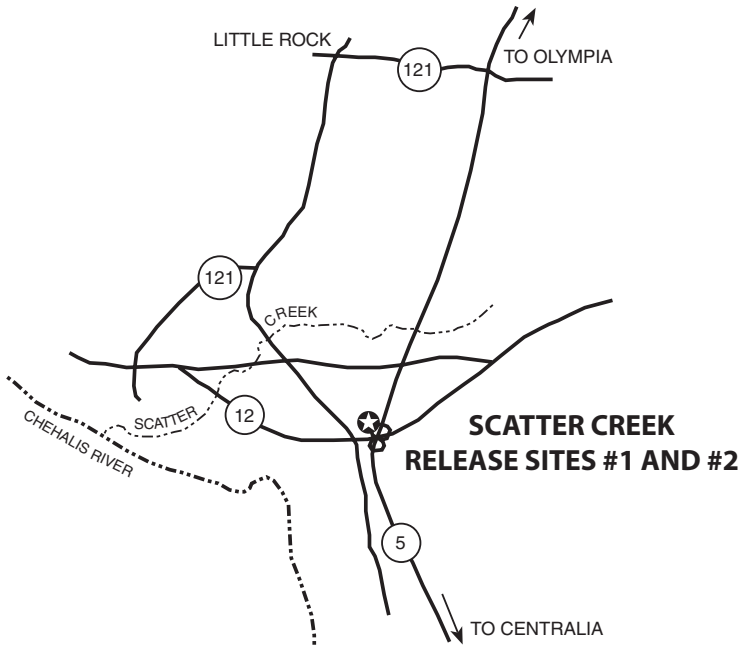
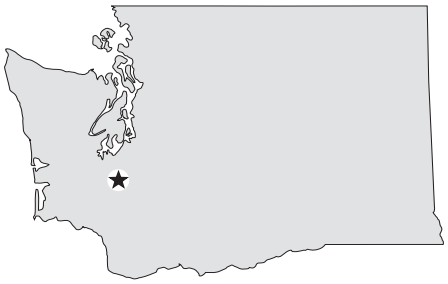


FORT LEWIS ADVENTURE CENTER

PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

SCATTER CREEK RELEASE SITE





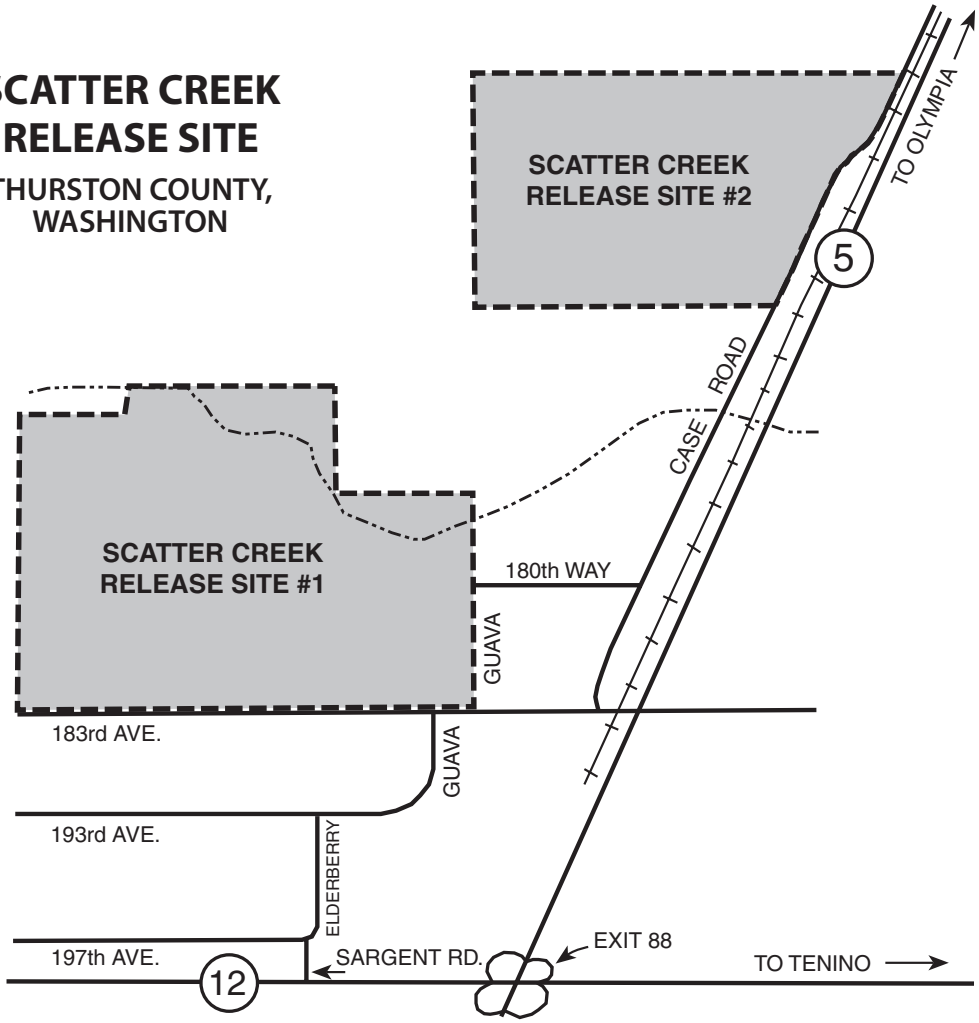
To reach **Scatter Creek** release sites, take Exit 88 and follow Hwy 12 west. Turn right onto Sargent Road (at stop light), then take immediate right onto Elderberry Street. At the "T" go right (east) on 193rd. Ave. follow the road to the left. You will then be on Guava Road. Follow Guava Road to 183rd and either left on Guava to Scatter Creek Release Site #1 or left onto Case Road to Scatter Creek Release Site #2.

Total acreage: ~1000 Ac

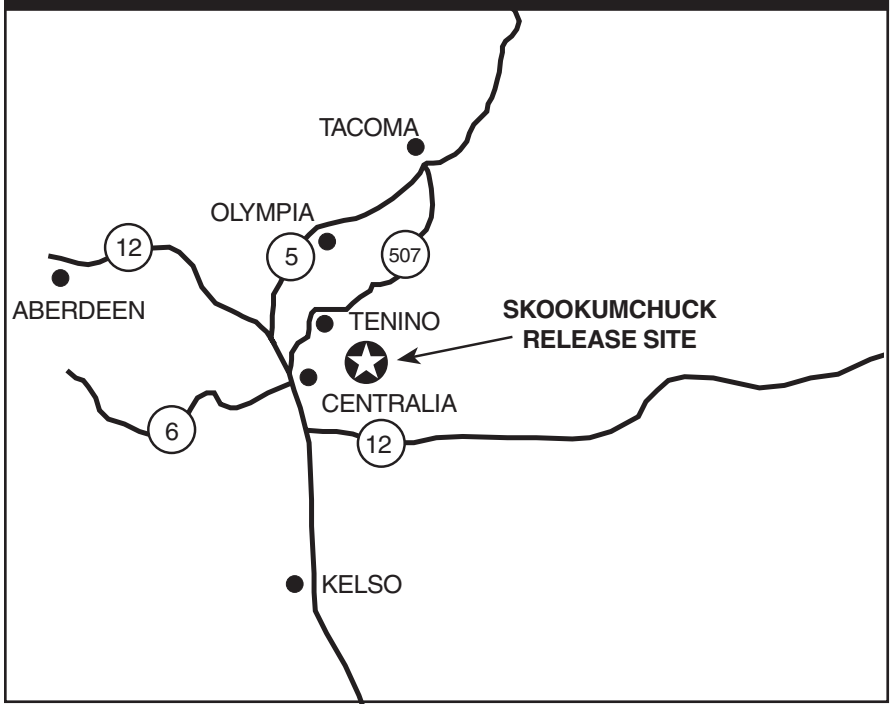
NONTOXIC SHOT REQUIRED ON ENTIRE AREA

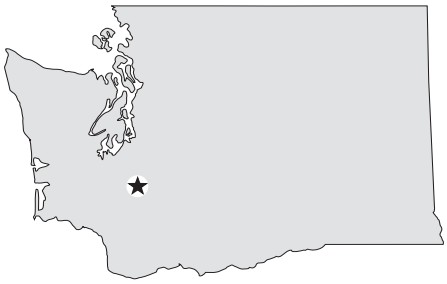
SCATTER CREEK RELEASE SITE

THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON



SKOOKUMCHUCK RELEASE SITE





To reach the **Skookumchuck** release site take exit 88 from I-5 and travel east to Tenino. Then take Hwy 507 toward Bucoda. From 507 take Skookumchuck Road east to the release site.

Total acreage: ~250 Ac

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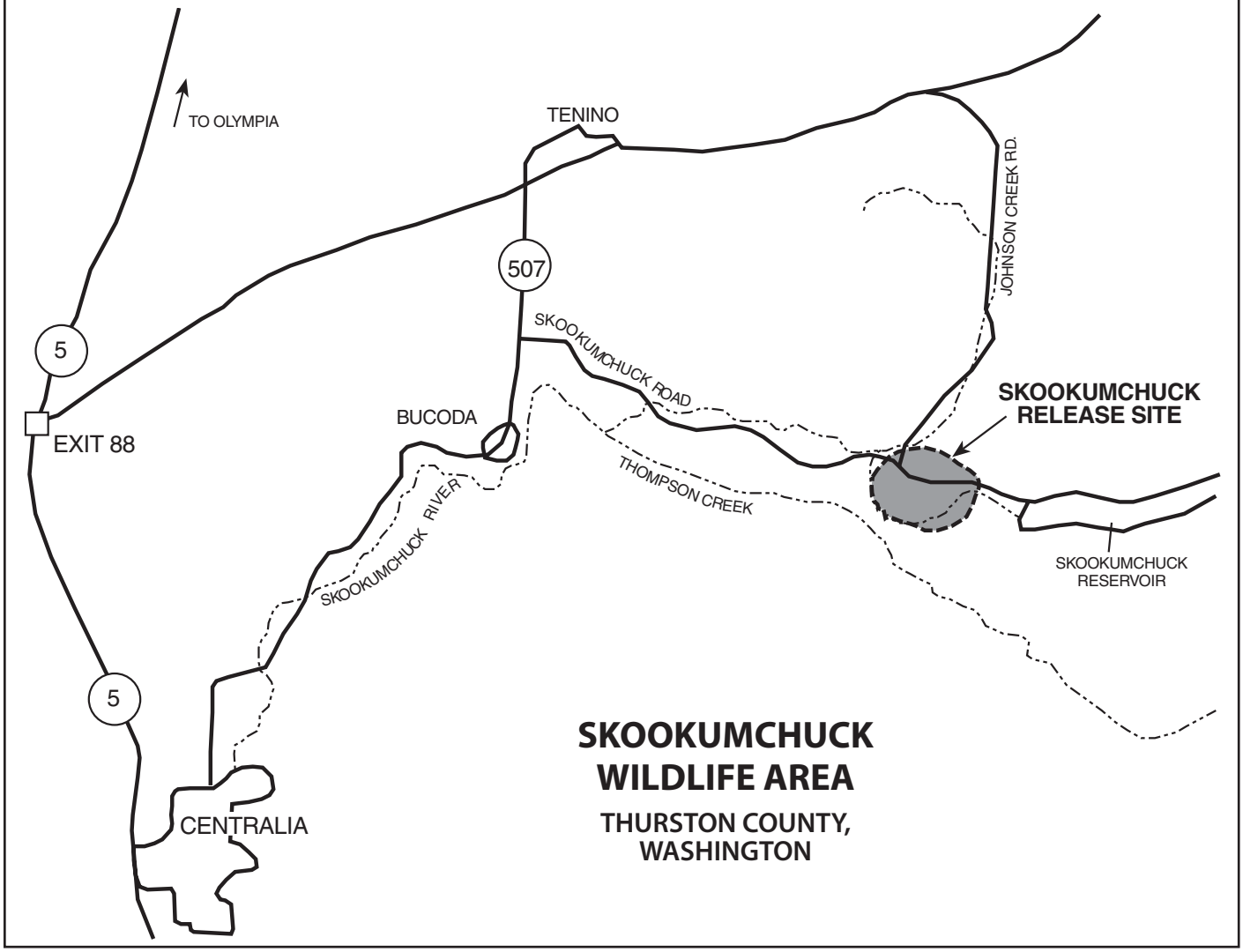

SKOOKUMCHUCK WILDLIFE AREA

THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

BELFAIR RELEASE SITES

The **Belfair site** is located north of the intersection of Bear Creek-Dewatto Rd and Tahuya-Blacksmith Rd.

The **Grapeview site** is located south of Hwy 3, 3.25 miles south of Allyn between mileposts 17 & 18.

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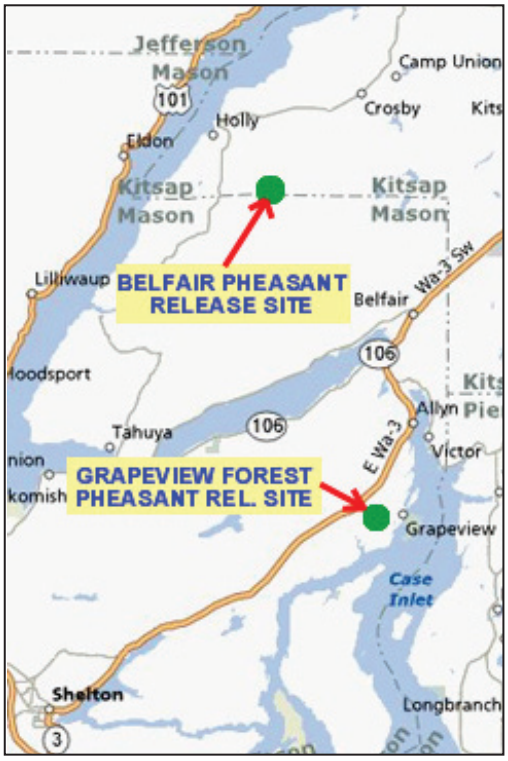
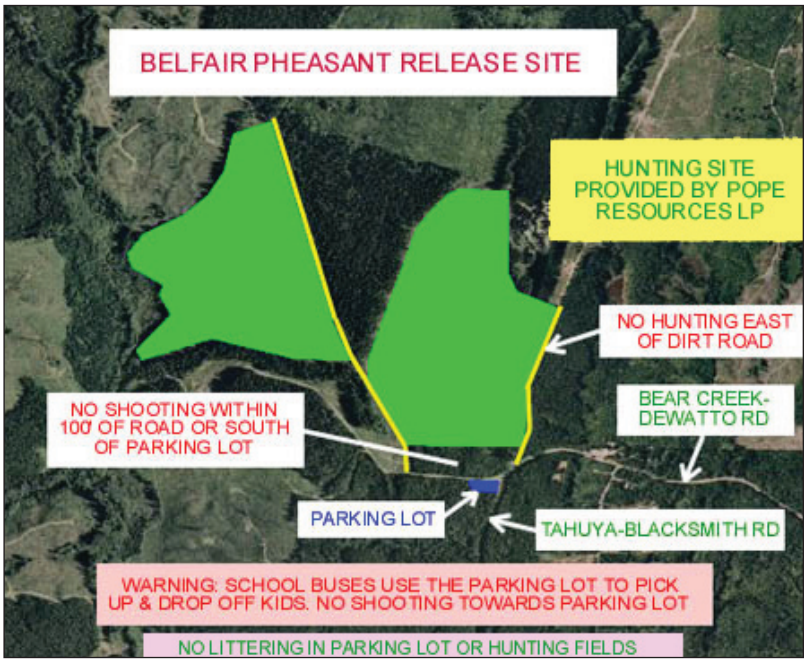
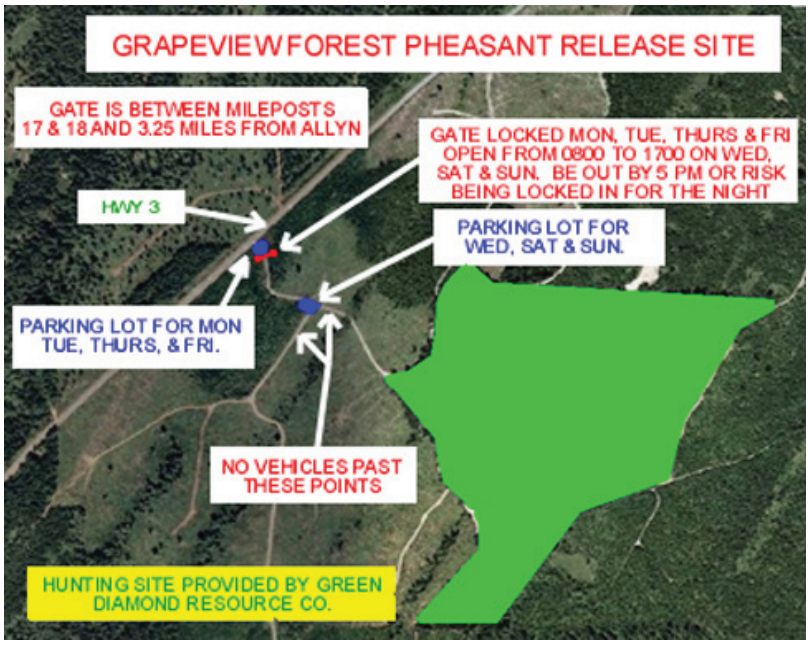


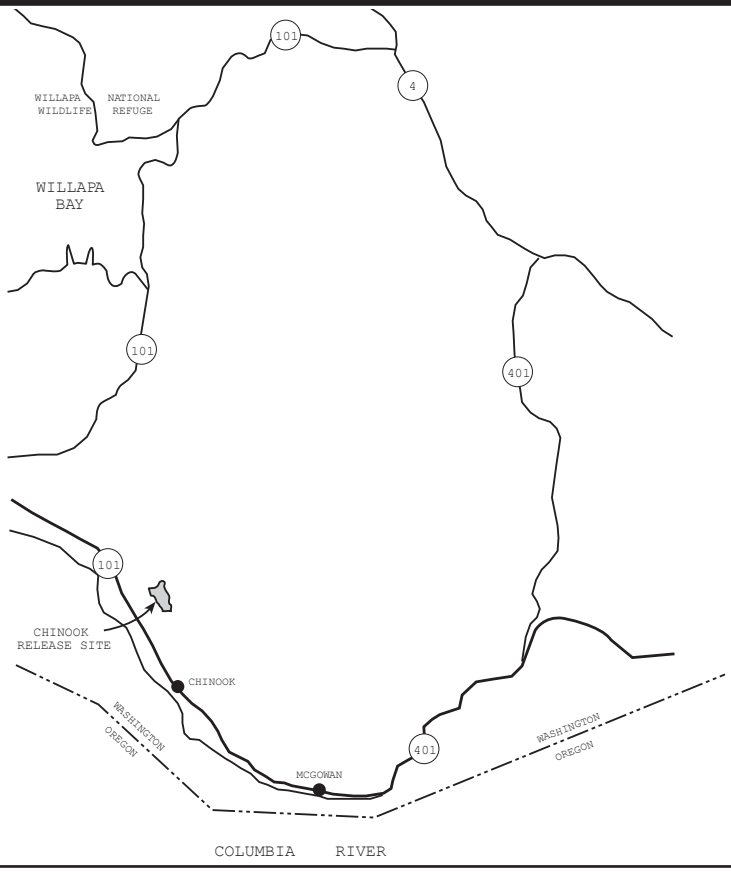


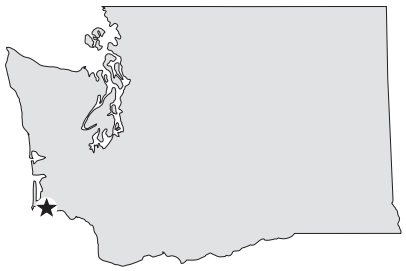


BELFAIR RELEASE SITES

MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

CHINOOK RELEASE SITE





The **Chinook Release Site** is located on the south shore of the Chinook River between the towns of Chinook and Ilwaco in Pacific County. The release site can be accessed from Lingerfelter Road and Chinook Valley Road off of Highway 101.

NOTE: Boundary is not always on the roads!

Total acreage: ~800 Ac

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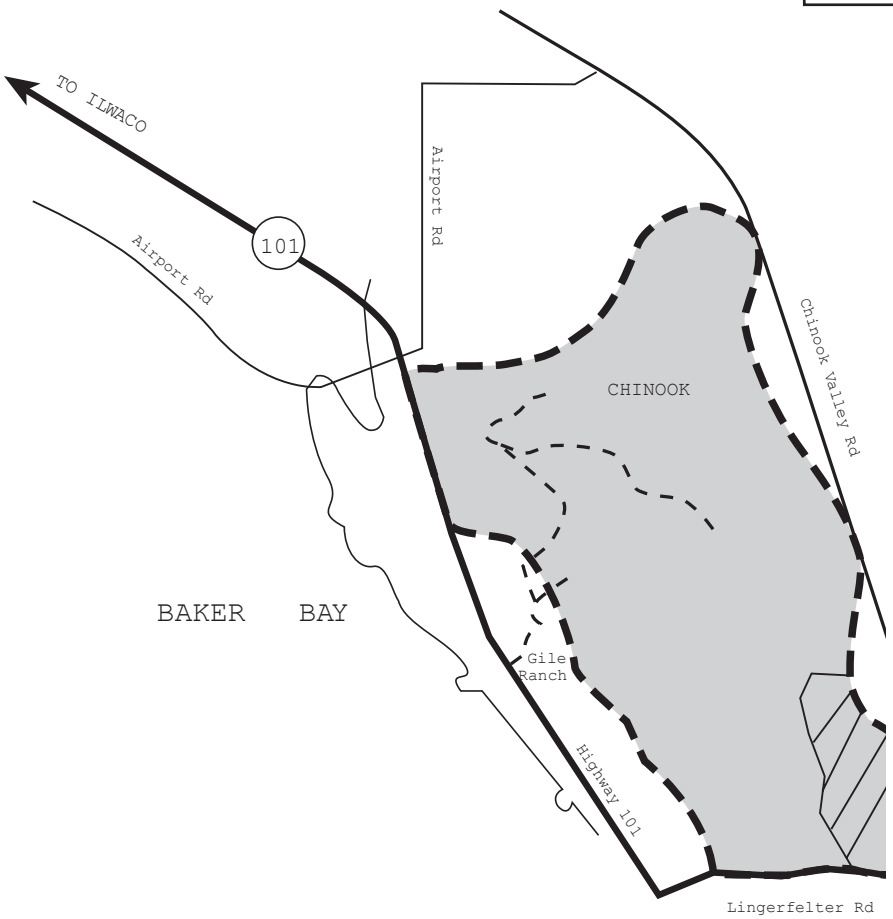

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