

# SKAGIT RIVER HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT- Habitat Enhancement Program

September 15, 2021



Seattle City Light



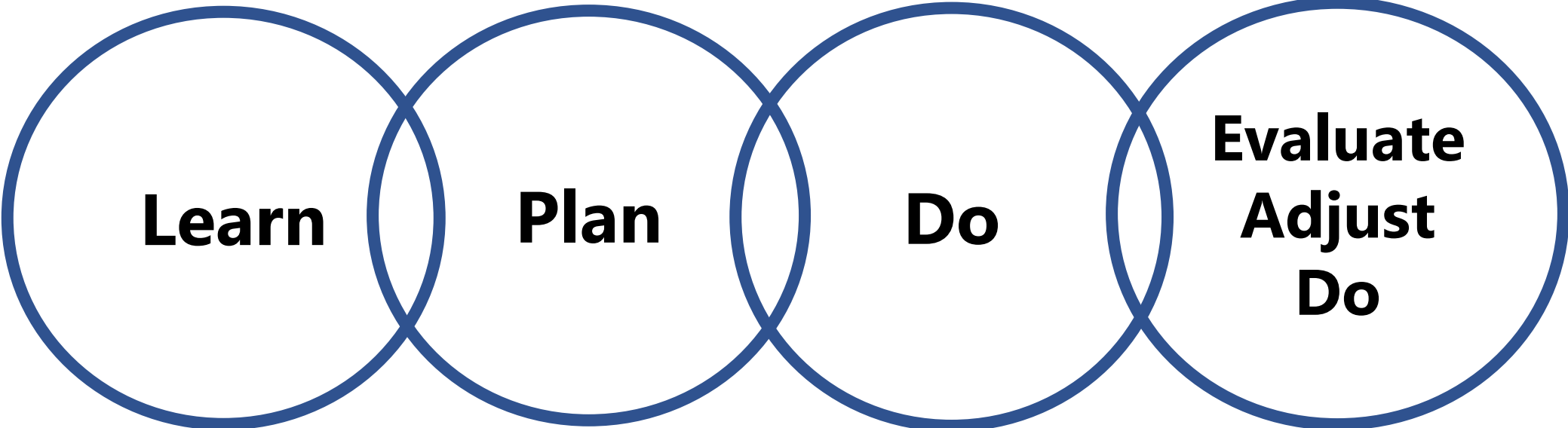
# Summary of Ordinance

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- + **Establishes** a habitat enhancement program and funding levels
  - Relies on existing appropriations
  - No impact to rates
- + **Provides authority** to GM Smith to sign agreements
- + **Specifies** that tribes and agencies shall be consulted



# Federal (FERC) Relicensing Process



- Identify and implement studies

- Implement early commitments including the Habitat Enhancement Program
- Identify new mitigation measures

- Implement requirements of the new license

- Monitor and adjust actions



**Study Plan determination**  
July 16, 2021



**Submittal of application**  
April 2023

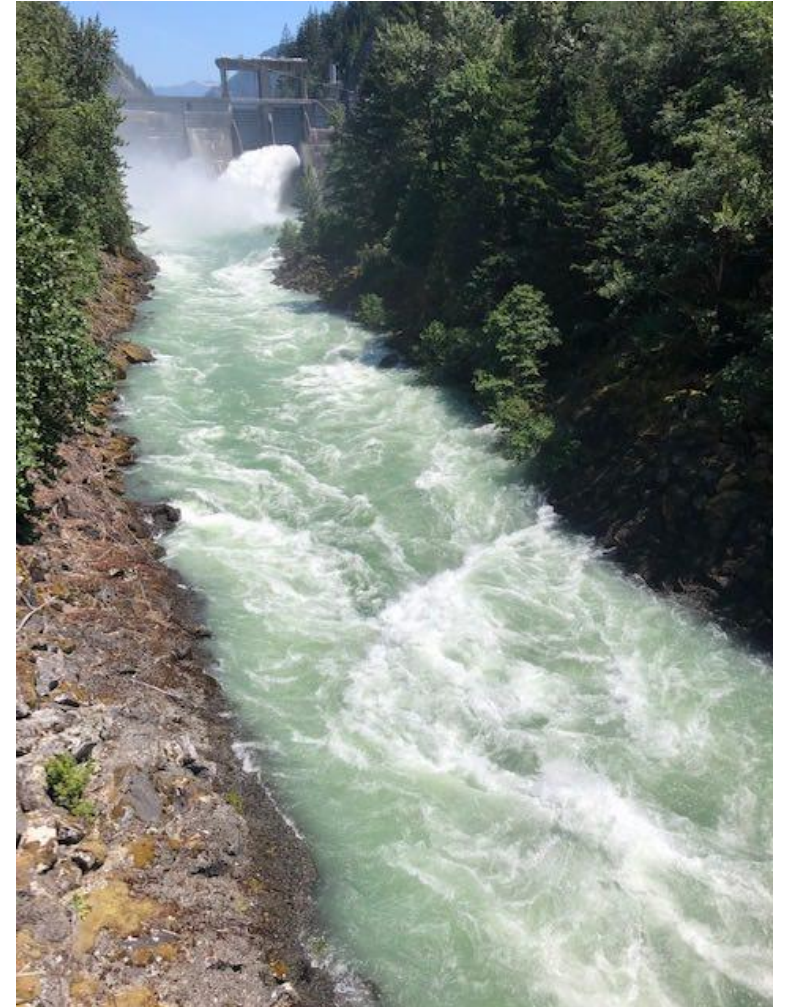


**Issuance of new license**  
April 2025

# SKAGIT PRE-LICENSE COMMITMENTS

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- + **Restore** flows to the Gorge reach of the river
- + **Establish** a Habitat Enhancement Program
- + **Implement** critical early actions prior to issuance of the license



# HABITAT PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

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- + **Establishes a fund** for habitat enhancement work
  - \$2.5 million in 2021
  - Additional \$500,000 each year prior to new license
- + Demonstrates **commitment to salmon recovery** during relicensing process
- + **Bridges** ecosystem investments between old license and new
- + **Collaborative** decision making with tribes and agencies

# Questions

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# THANK YOU

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