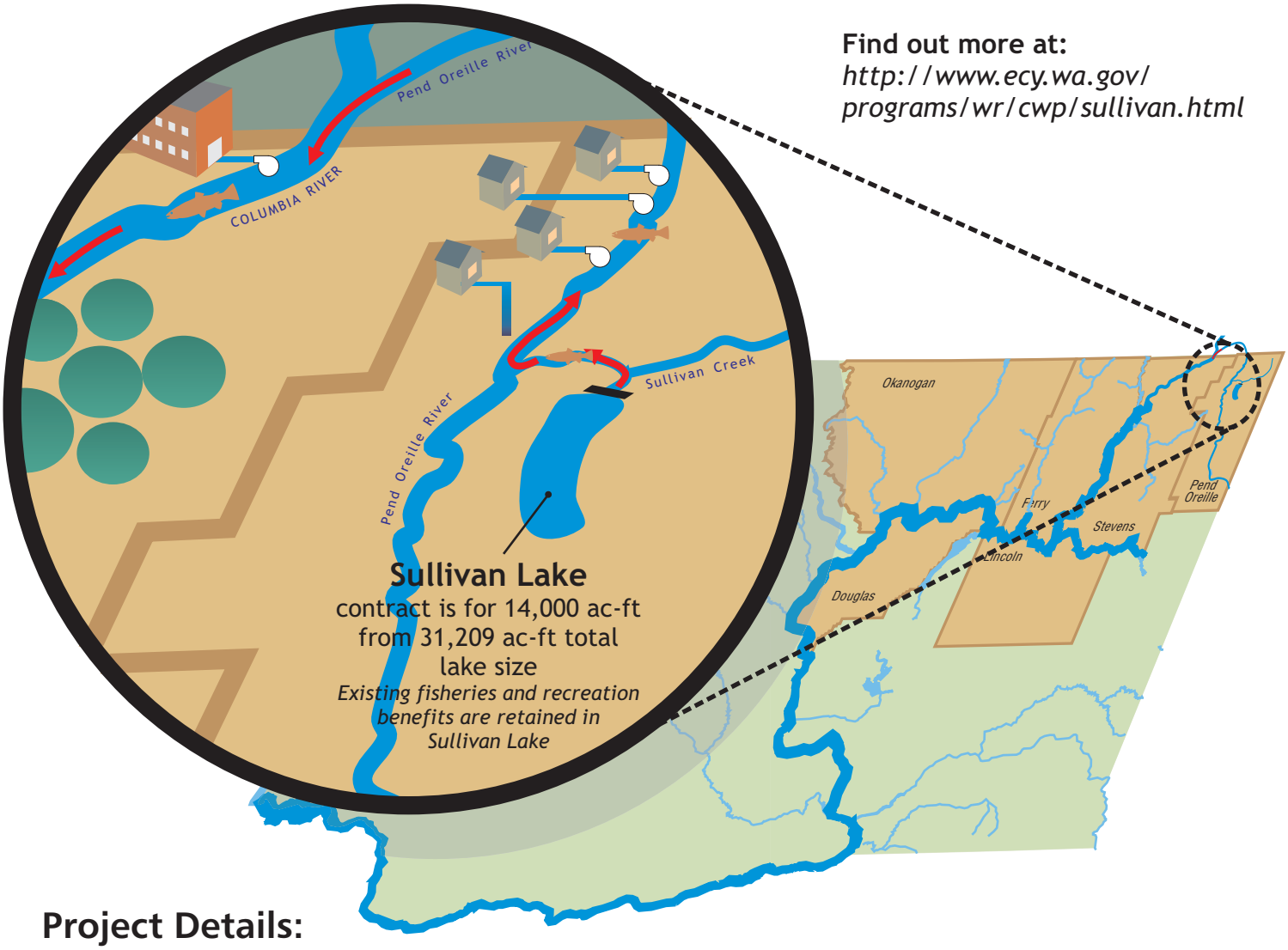
Sullivan Lake Water Supply Project

Ecology's Office of Columbia River (OCR) and the Pend Oreille Public Utility District are partnering on retiming the release of 14,000 acre-feet of water from Sullivan Lake. Formerly used for hydropower purposes and released in the winter when water availability is high, this volume will now be released during the summer when there is greater need for water for both fish and applicants downstream. Under legislation approved in 2011, two-thirds of the releases will be available for applicants for new water rights in six northeastern Washington counties. The remainder will be managed for fisheries benefit in Sullivan Creek, the Pend Oreille River, and the Columbia River.

Find out more at:
http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wr/cwp/sullivan.html



Project Details:

Location: Pend Oreille County

Partner: Pend Oreille County Public Utility District

Cost: $14 Million. Permittees will reimburse the state over time for the water supply development costs

Economic and Environmental Benefits*: $1.4 Billion Added to Tax Base

Environmental Benefits:
9,333 ac-ft of water made available for new water rights.
4,667 ac-ft of water put into Sullivan Creek and protected all the way to the Pacific Ocean.

**After permittees fully allocate the water.*