

## 2014-2015 GRP Goals and Progress

In the 2014 Supplemental Legislative Budget, Ecology received one time funding for additional resources to address changing oil spill risks associated with crude moved by rail and vessels. This work is funded until June 30, 2015. Geographic Response Plans (GRPs) will be developed to address potential oil spill origin points along the State's rivers and streams. This document will be updated periodically to communicate GRP goals and progress through next June.

### **GRP Gaps Include:**

- Areas along railroad corridors where published GRPs exist, but are out of date and need substantial review and revision.
- Areas where published GRPs exist, but have strategies that were not developed using the geospatial planning tools that we use today
- Areas where published GRPs exist, but lack important input from trustee agencies to determine where the spill risk exists
- Existing plans that were not screened for cultural resources (using confidential data that only trustee agencies have).
- Existing GRPs that have other gaps in their development (e.g. plans without all chapters fully developed).
- New or existing areas where a rail or pipeline company created spill response strategies (control points) that should be incorporated into a GRP. This will make them accessible to everyone and can be tested by contractors during oil spill exercises.
- New areas where GRPs have never been developed along railroad corridors.

### **GRP Areas to be Updated or Developed in 2014-2015:**

- Chehalis River
- Clark/Cowlitz Rivers
- Duwamish/Green Rivers
- Lake Chelan
- Lake Washington
- Lower Columbia River
- Middle Columbia River
- Moses Lake/Crab Creek
- Nisqually River

### **Upcoming GRP Activities:**

- July 2014: Complete development of Project Work Plans for highest priority GRP areas.
- August 2014: Provide at least one public workshop in each GRP area under development. The workshop provides the public an opportunity to communicate directly with Ecology about resources important to them. It also provides Ecology a chance to explain the GRP development process and related work.
- October 2014: Conduct field work for highest priority GRP areas. Potential GRP strategy locations to be visited will be based on public comments, existing data, and site viability.

### **Completed GRP Activities:**

- April 2014: GRP Goals and Progress Web Page Created.
- May 2014: Interview and hire three personnel to support GRP development.
- June 2014: Finished work in identifying GRP gaps in Washington State (both marine and inland areas) and identify priority work list based on gaps and risk.
- June 2014: Posted list of priority GRP update/development areas to GRP web page.
- June 2014: Launched Ecology's GRP database (GRPdb2); a geospatial based tool that helps us create, manage, and update response strategy designs and other information.