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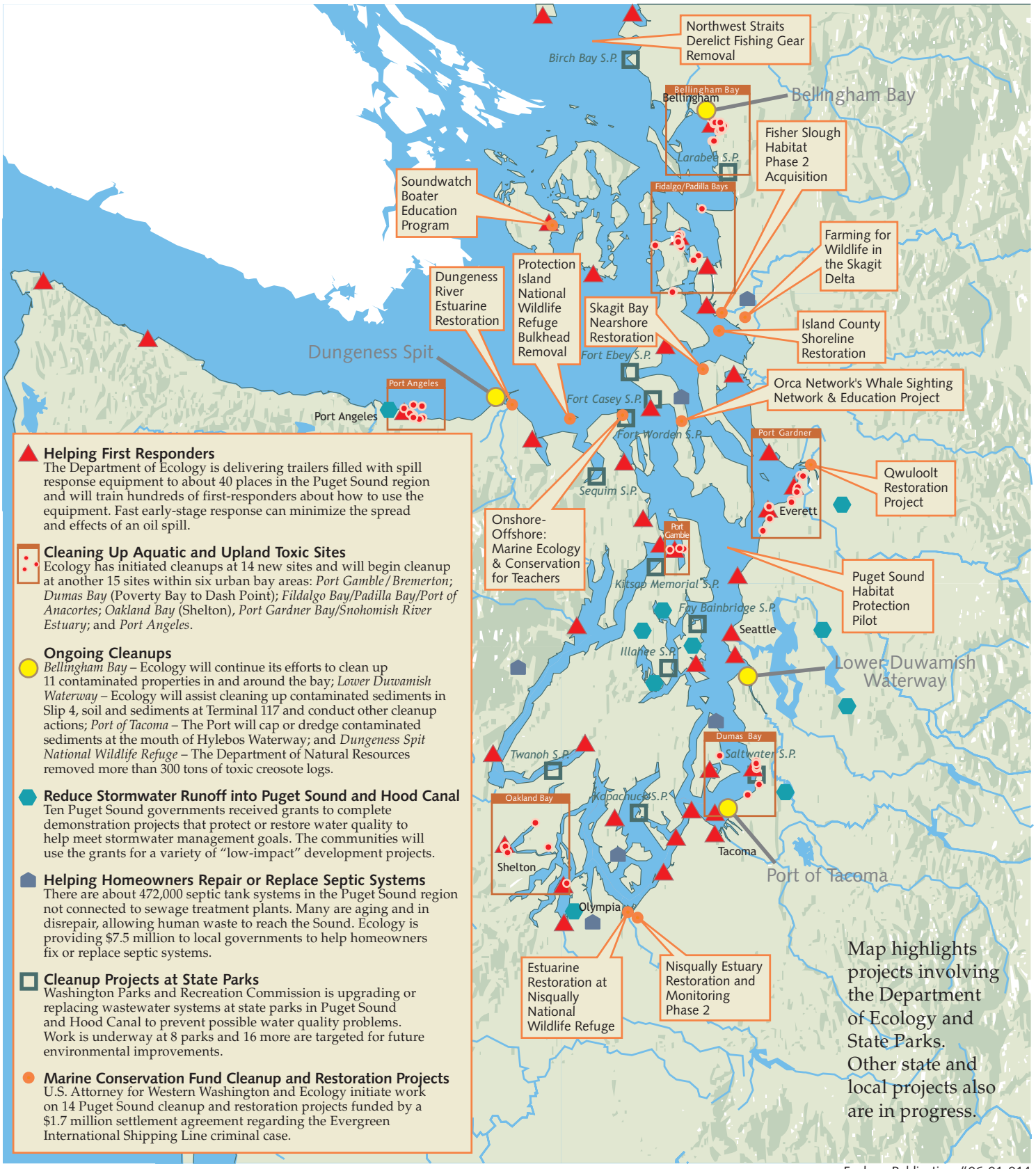

Helping First Responders
The Department of Ecology is delivering trailers filled with spill response equipment to about 40 places in the Puget Sound region and will train hundreds of first-responders about how to use the equipment. Fast early-stage response can minimize the spread and effects of an oil spill.

Cleaning Up Aquatic and Upland Toxic Sites
Ecology has initiated cleanups at 14 new sites and will begin cleanup at another 15 sites within six urban bay areas: *Port Gamble/Bremerton*; *Dumas Bay* (Poverty Bay to Dash Point); *Fildalgo Bay/Padilla Bay/Port of Anacortes*; *Oakland Bay* (Shelton), *Port Gardner Bay/Snohomish River Estuary*; and *Port Angeles*.

Ongoing Cleanups
Bellingham Bay – Ecology will continue its efforts to clean up 11 contaminated properties in and around the bay; *Lower Duwamish Waterway* – Ecology will assist cleaning up contaminated sediments in Slip 4, soil and sediments at Terminal 117 and conduct other cleanup actions; *Port of Tacoma* – The Port will cap or dredge contaminated sediments at the mouth of Hylebos Waterway; and *Dungeness Spit National Wildlife Refuge* – The Department of Natural Resources removed more than 300 tons of toxic creosote logs.

Reduce Stormwater Runoff into Puget Sound and Hood Canal
Ten Puget Sound governments received grants to complete demonstration projects that protect or restore water quality to help meet stormwater management goals. The communities will use the grants for a variety of "low-impact" development projects.

Helping Homeowners Repair or Replace Septic Systems
There are about 472,000 septic tank systems in the Puget Sound region not connected to sewage treatment plants. Many are aging and in disrepair, allowing human waste to reach the Sound. Ecology is providing $7.5 million to local governments to help homeowners fix or replace septic systems.

Cleanup Projects at State Parks
Washington Parks and Recreation Commission is upgrading or replacing wastewater systems at state parks in Puget Sound and Hood Canal to prevent possible water quality problems. Work is underway at 8 parks and 16 more are targeted for future environmental improvements.

Marine Conservation Fund Cleanup and Restoration Projects
U.S. Attorney for Western Washington and Ecology initiate work on 14 Puget Sound cleanup and restoration projects funded by a $1.7 million settlement agreement regarding the Evergreen International Shipping Line criminal case.

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