

# Wild Fish Conservancy

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## Wild Fish Conservancy Watertype Assessment Project Summary

### West Sound Watersheds Phase I

<http://www.wildfishconservancy.org/maps>

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Water typing is the state-sanctioned process of mapping the distribution of fish and fish habitat. Regulatory water type maps are used to regulate land use decisions adjacent to streams, ponds, and wetlands. Because existing (modeled) regulatory maps often significantly misrepresent the presence, location, and extent of fish habitat, the effectiveness of state and local government fish habitat protection regulations is compromised. More information about the water typing process and its significance is available at: <http://wildfishconservancy.org/resources/maps/what-is-water-typing>

### West Sound Watertype Assessment Project –Phase I

During the 2010-2011 water type field seasons, Wild Fish Conservancy crews performed water type assessments on 24 streams that flow directly into West Sound between Suquamish and Indianola, WA. (Figure 1).

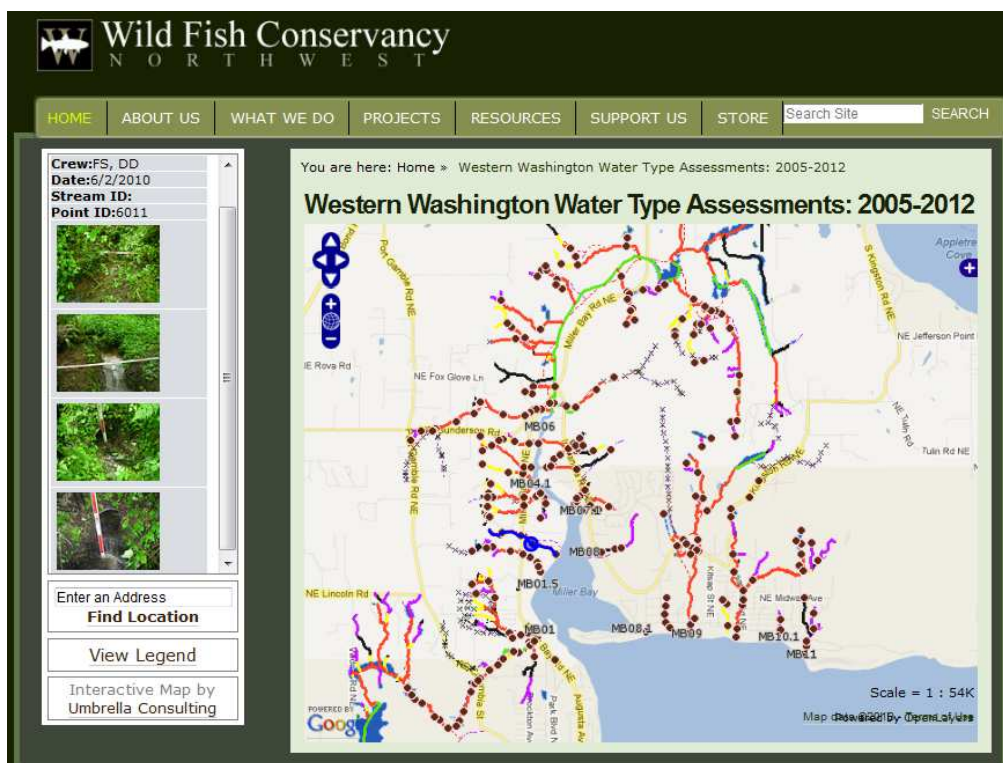


Figure 1. Home page the West Sound portion of Wild Fish Conservancy's South Puget Sound Water Type Assessment Project, available at [www.wildfishconservancy.org/maps](http://www.wildfishconservancy.org/maps).