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Measure 3.2.b: Supplemental - Increase percentage of core saltwater swimming beaches meeting water quality standards from 89% to 95% by 2016



SALTWATER SWIMMING BEACHES

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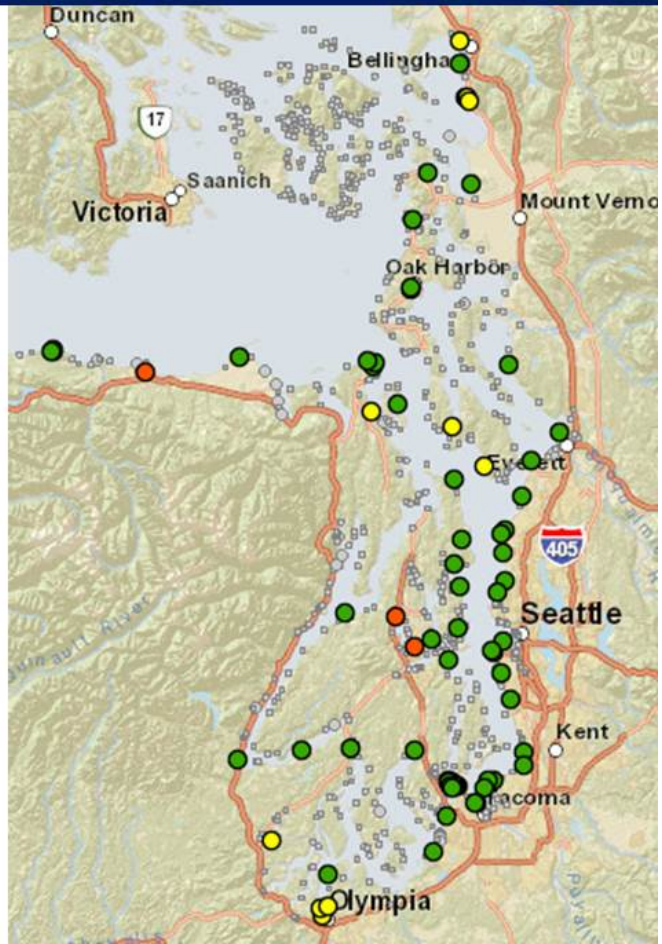
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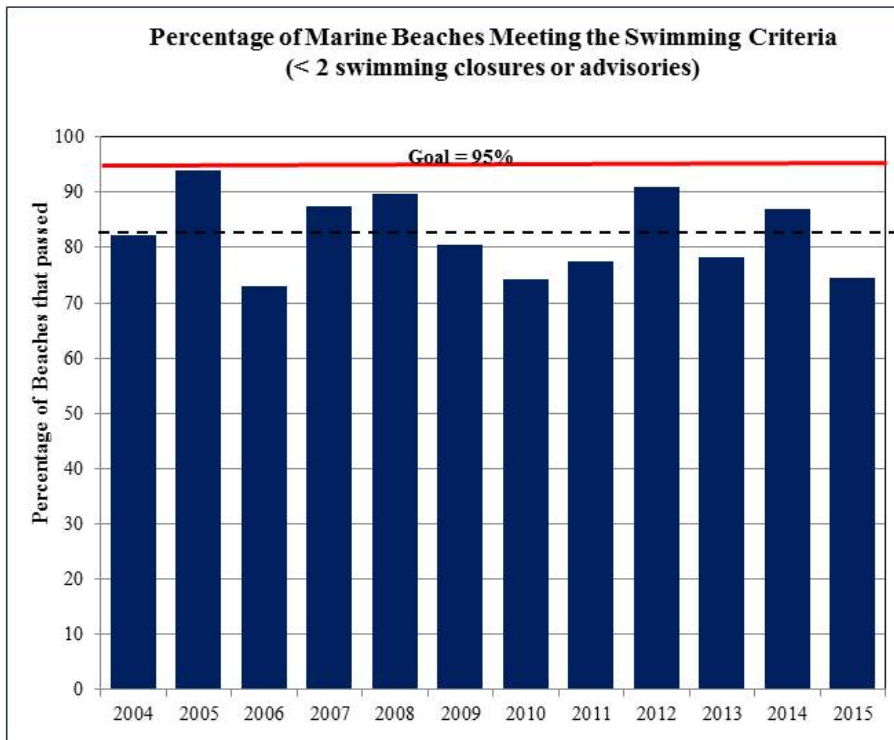
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Goal

- ❖ **2016 goal:** 95% of monitored saltwater swimming beaches free of fecal bacteria



Current State: Not Meeting, Improvement Actions in Progress



- 75% met criteria in 2015.
- Most closures lasted a few days.
- **SOURCES:**
 - Stormwater (drought)
 - Failing on-site systems
 - Natural sources
 - WWTP upsets or failing infrastructure

Strategy: *Continue working with stakeholders to identify and remediate bacteria sources*

- ❖ Maintain great partnership with co-lead Washington State Department of Health
- ❖ Work with communities and local jurisdictions to identify bacteria sources and implementation
- ❖ Improvement projects appear to be leading towards the overall goal being met



Detailed Action Plan:

Task	Task Lead	Partners	Expected Outcome	Status	Due Date
BEACH staff meet with local jurisdictions of core "problem" beaches and develop plans and actions to control bacterial pollution to beaches	Debby Sargeant Ecology BEACH Program Manager	Washington State Department of Health Washington State Parks	Clean saltwater beaches	At Risk	12/31/2016
BEACH staff meet with Health NEP staff to identify and recommend funding local partners for work in source remediation		Island County Kitsap County Snohomish County			
Look for other possible funding sources		Skagit County			
Continue monitoring to determine if source control efforts are effective		Whatcom County			



Assistance Needed:

Stable funding for:

- ❖ Coordination
- ❖ Monitoring
- ❖ Corrective actions



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關閉 ¡Playa Cerrada! Cấm Vào 폐쇄함

NO SWIMMING

禁止游泳 ¡Se prohíbe nadar!
Cấm Bơi Lội 수영 금지



NO WADING

禁止戲水 ¡Se prohíbe bañarse!
Cấm Vào Nước 물놀이 금지



WATER POLLUTED!

水質汚染 ¡Agua Contaminada! Nước Bị Ô Nhiễm 오염된물

STAY OUT OF THE WATER!

禁止下水 ¡Quédese fuera del agua! Tránh vào nước 물에는 들어가지 말것

Health Jurisdiction _____

Contact Phone _____

Please refer to this beach as _____

Contact the BEACH Program at (360) 480-4868
or on the Web at: <http://tiny.cc/BeachClosure>

For shellfish information at this beach visit:
www.doh.wa.gov/shellfishsafety.htm or call 1-800-562-5632.

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