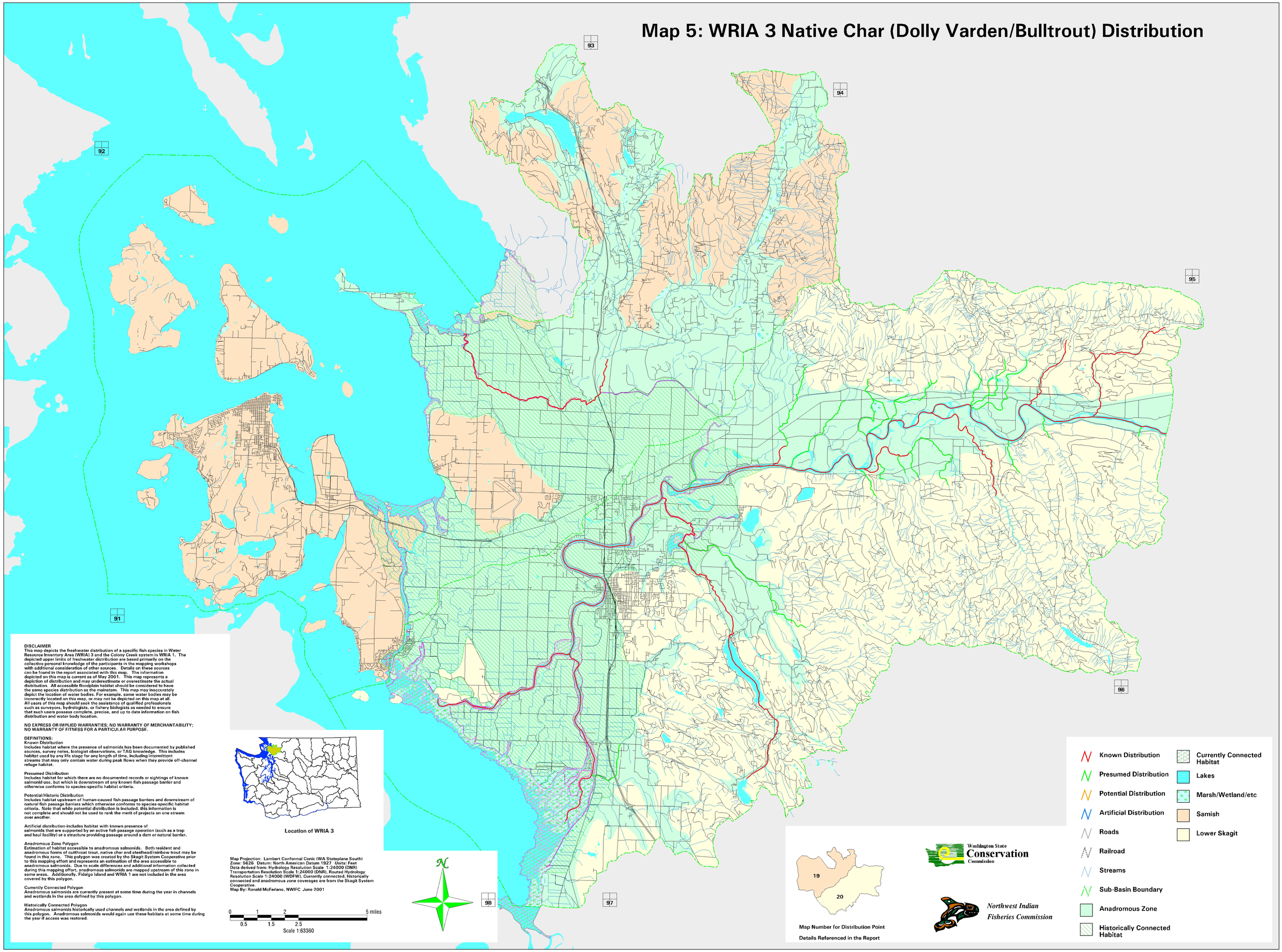
Map 5: WRIA 3 Native Char (Dolly Varden/Bulltrout) Distribution



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DEFINITIONS:
Known Distribution
Includes habitat where the presence of salmonids has been documented by published sources, survey notes, biologist observations, or TAG knowledge. This includes habitat used by any life stage for any length of time, including intermittent streams that may only contain water during peak flows when they provide off-channel refuge habitat.

Presumed Distribution
Includes habitat for which there are no documented records or sightings of known salmonid use, but which is downstream of any known fish passage barrier and otherwise conforms to species-specific habitat criteria.

Potential/Historic Distribution
Includes habitat upstream of human-caused fish passage barriers and downstream of natural fish passage barriers which otherwise conforms to species-specific habitat criteria. Note that while potential distribution is included, this information is not complete and should not be used to rank the merit of projects on one stream over another.

Artificial distribution-includes habitat with known presence of salmonids that are supported by an active fish passage operation (such as a trap and haul facility) or a structure providing passage around a dam or natural barrier.

Anadromous Zone Polygon
Estimation of habitat accessible to anadromous salmonids. Both resident and anadromous forms of cutthroat trout, native char and steelhead/rainbow trout may be found in this zone. This polygon was created by the Skagit System Cooperative prior to this mapping effort and represents an estimation of the area accessible to anadromous salmonids. Due to scale differences and additional information collected during this mapping effort, anadromous salmonids are mapped upstream of this zone in some areas. Additionally, Fidalgo Island and WRIA 1 are not included in the area covered by this polygon.

Currently Connected Polygon
Anadromous salmonids are currently present at some time during the year in channels and wetlands in the area defined by this polygon.

Historically Connected Polygon
Anadromous salmonids historically used channels and wetlands in the area defined by this polygon. Anadromous salmonids would again use these habitats at some time during the year if access was restored.