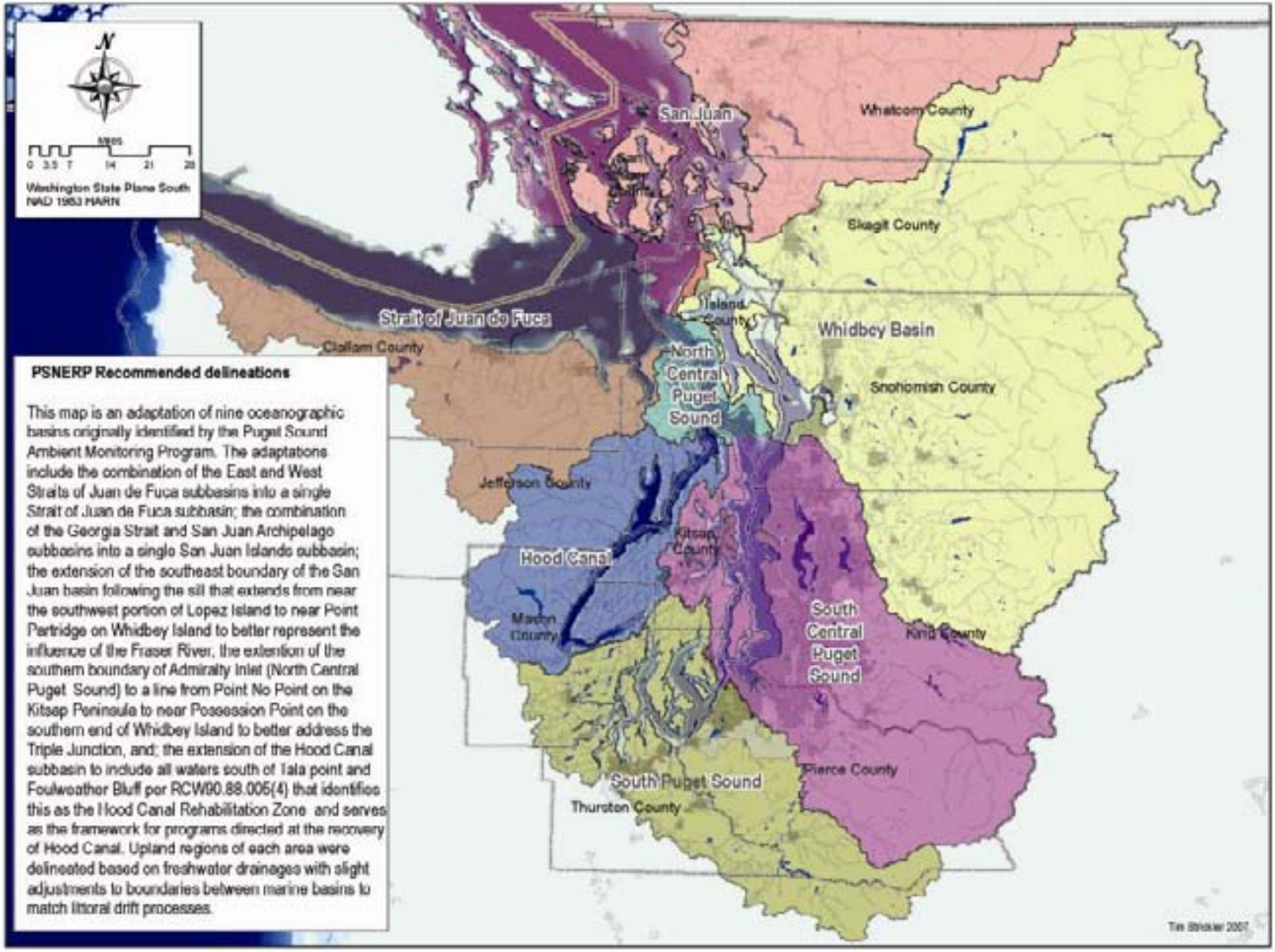

PSNERP Recommended delineations

This map is an adaptation of nine oceanographic basins originally identified by the Puget Sound Ambient Monitoring Program. The adaptations include the combination of the East and West Straits of Juan de Fuca subbasins into a single Strait of Juan de Fuca subbasin; the combination of the Georgia Strait and San Juan Archipelago subbasins into a single San Juan Islands subbasin; the extension of the southeast boundary of the San Juan basin following the sill that extends from near the southwest portion of Lopez Island to near Point Partridge on Whidbey Island to better represent the influence of the Fraser River; the extention of the southern boundary of Admiralty Inlet (North Central Puget Sound) to a line from Point No Point on the Kitsap Peninsula to near Possession Point on the southern end of Whidbey Island to better address the Triple Junction, and; the extension of the Hood Canal subbasin to include all waters south of Tala point and Foulweather Bluff per RCW90.88.005(4) that identifies this as the Hood Canal Rehabilitation Zone and serves as the framework for programs directed at the recovery of Hood Canal. Upland regions of each area were delineated based on freshwater drainages with slight adjustments to boundaries between marine basins to match littoral drift processes.