

Newly Lost Net Reporting, Response, and Retrieval Program for Washington State's Salish Sea, USA

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The Fishery

- **Salmon**
 - Chinook, coho, chum, sockeye, and pink
- **Gillnet and purse seine**
- **Approx. ex-vessel value \$10,000,000 USD**
- **Economic and cultural importance**



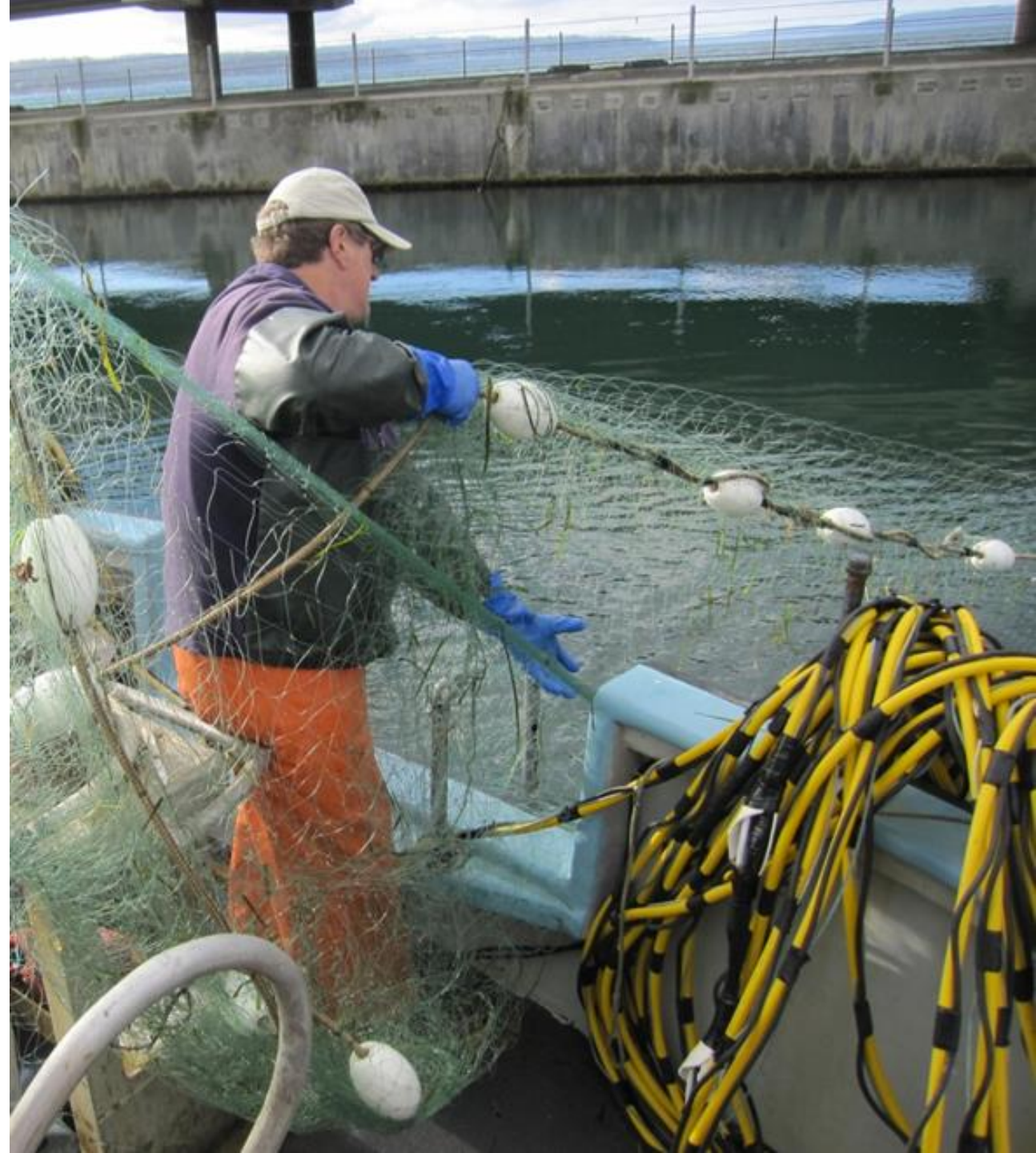
Cleaning up the Salish Sea

- More than 5,600 derelict nets removed
- 3.36 km² restored (830 acres)
- Over 450,000 marine organisms entangled
- Over \$10,000,000 USD spent



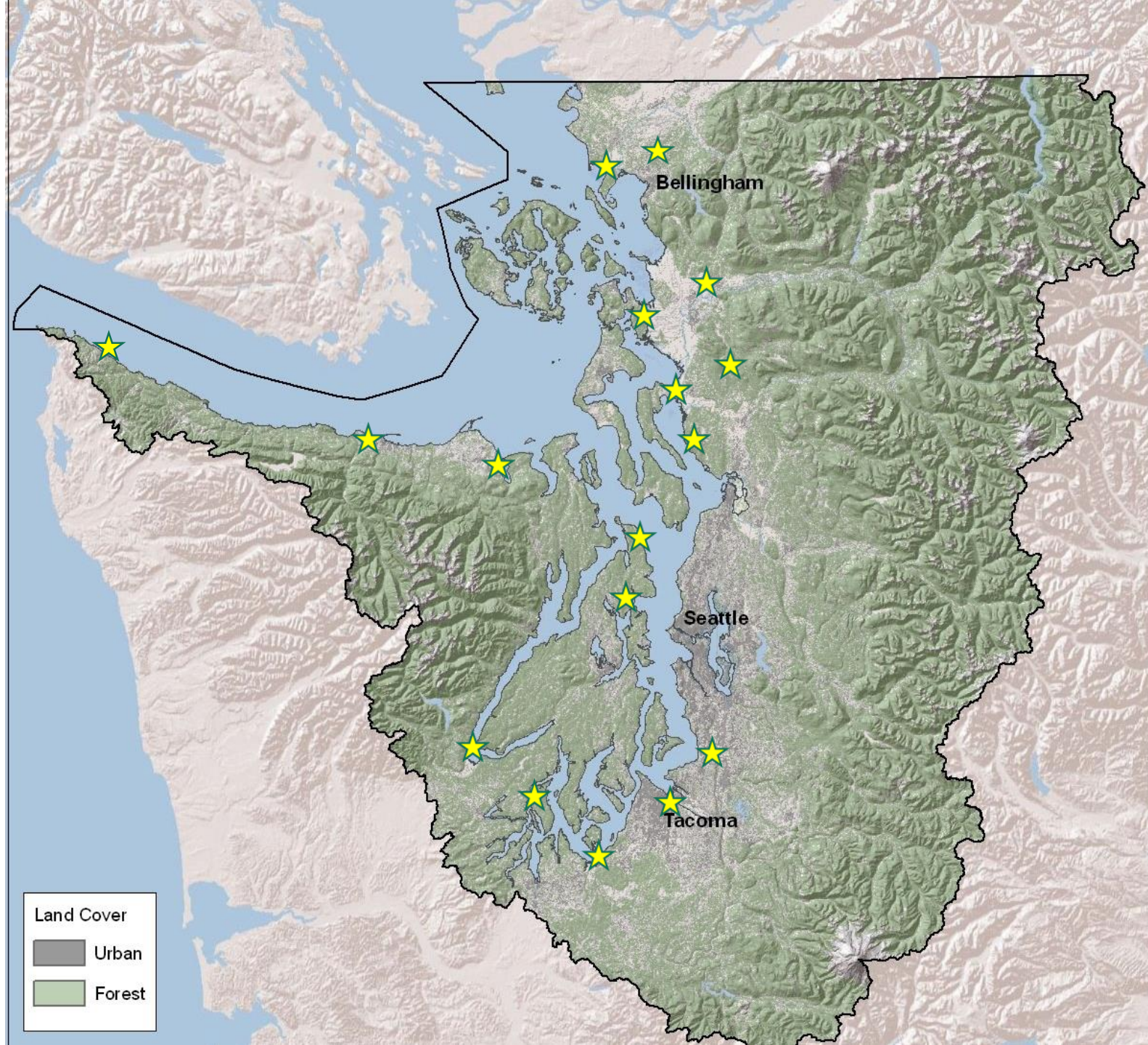
Reporting, Response, and Retrieval Program

- Reporting system in place
- State fishers required to report within 24 hours
- Tribal fishers required to report under NOAA harvest rules
- Respond to all reports
- Coordinate with fishers and agencies for removal



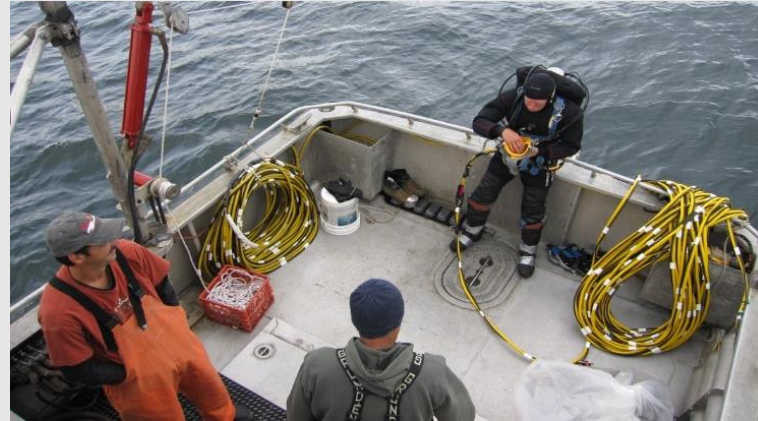
Partners

- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
 - 17 treaty tribes
- NOAA



Gear Removal

- Follow state approved guidelines
- Submit removal plan
- State collection permit
- USFWS collection permit
- Federal exemption
- All gear removed by hand
- Data collection



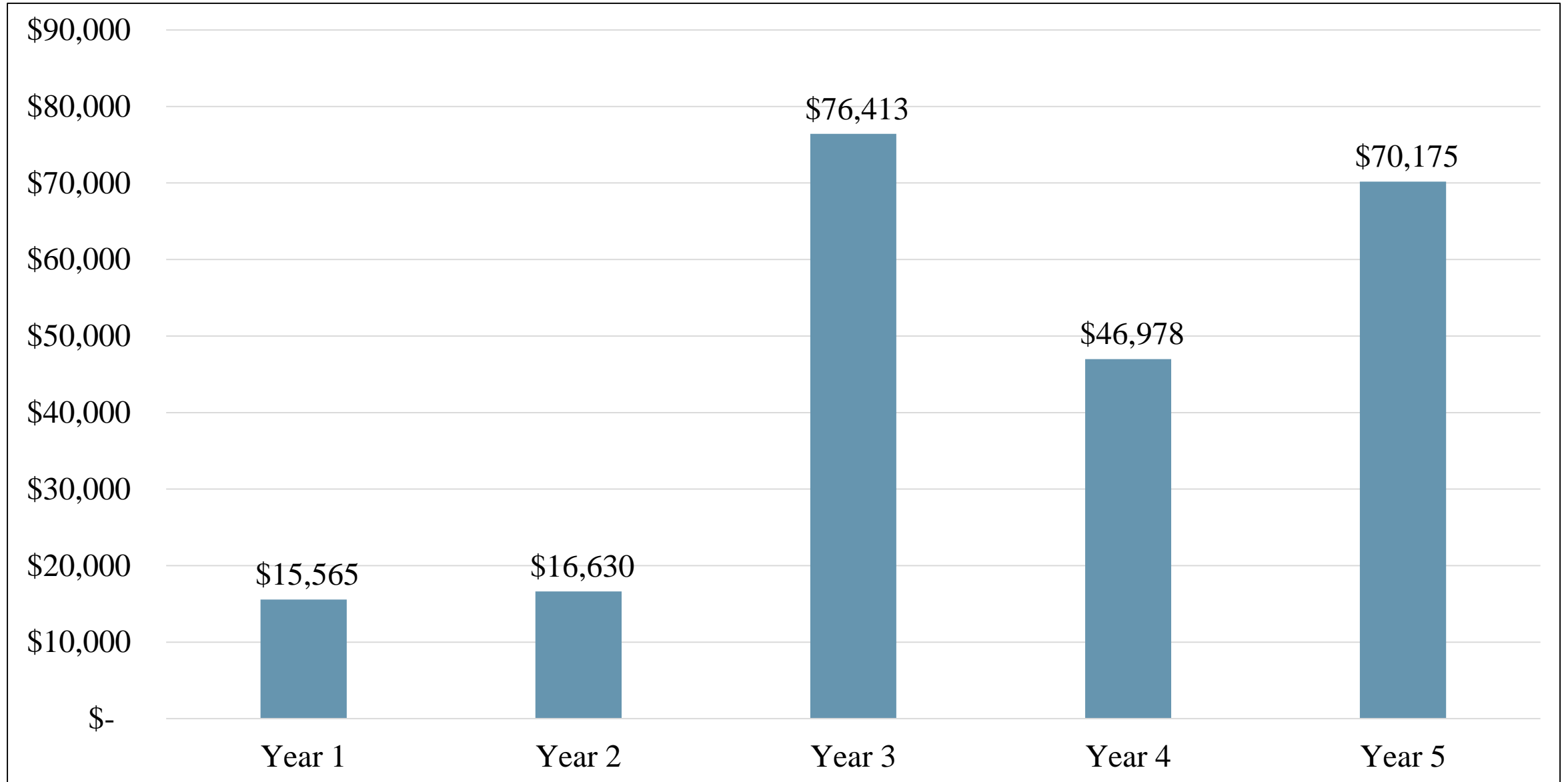
**98 reports
received**

Source	Reports
Fisher reported own net	7
Fisher reported other's net	2
Private citizen	60
Tribal Resource Manager	1
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	5
Other agencies	10
Recreational fisher	2
Northwest Straits Foundation removal team	10
Anonymous	1
TOTAL	98

58 nets
removed

Species Group	Number of Dead	Number of Alive	Species Observed
Mammal	27	1	harbor porpoise, harbor seal, river otter
Bird	35	0	Brandt's cormorant, pelagic cormorant, red-necked grebe, surf scoter
Fish	438	45	copper rockfish, PS rockfish, rockfish unid., chum salmon, coho salmon, salmon unid., cabezon, Irish lords, lingcod, sculpins, dogfish, English sole, kelp & painted greenling, ratfish
Invert.	901	2,443	Dungeness crab, red rock crab, PS king crab, urchins, heart crab, slender cancer crab

Program Costs



Remaining Challenges

- **Funding**
 - Who should pay for it?
 - Who should run it?
- **Compliance**



Thank

You!



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