

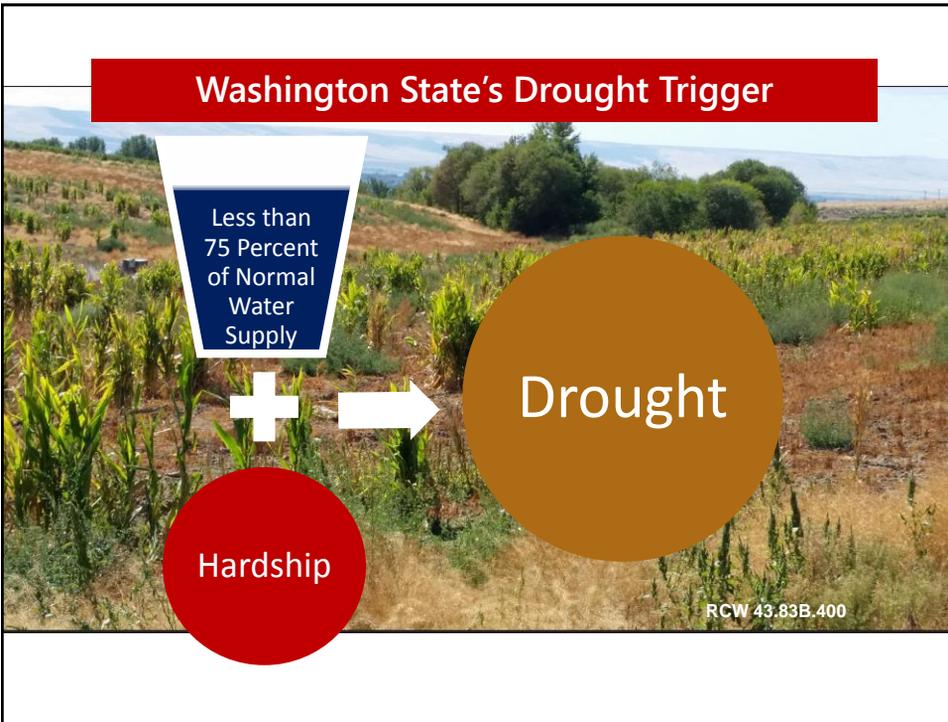


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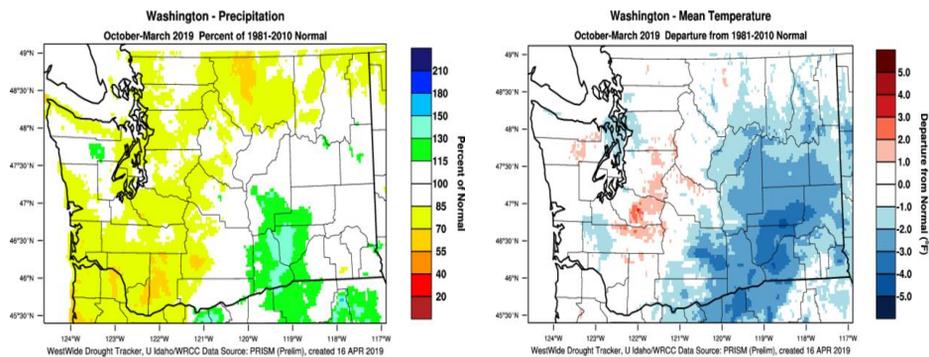
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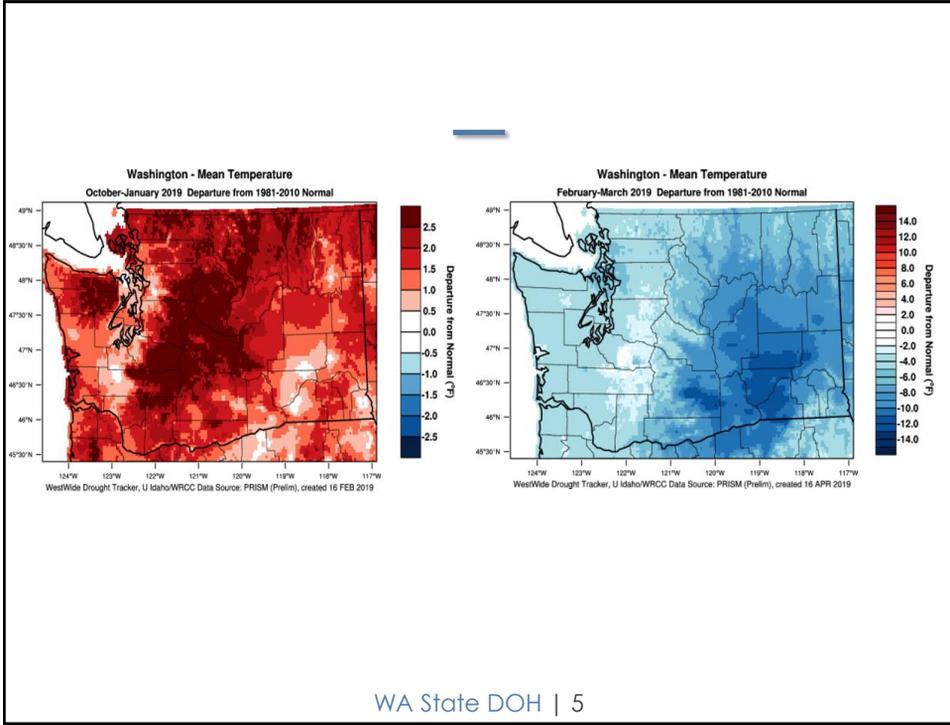
- WSAC—Responsible for assessing whether the water supply is likely to be below 75% of normal
  - Office of Washington State Climatologist
  - U.S. Geological Survey
  - National Weather Service
  - Natural Resources Conservation Service
  - U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
  - U.S. Army Corps (optional)
  - Bonneville Power (optional)

## Evaluating Hardship and Impacts

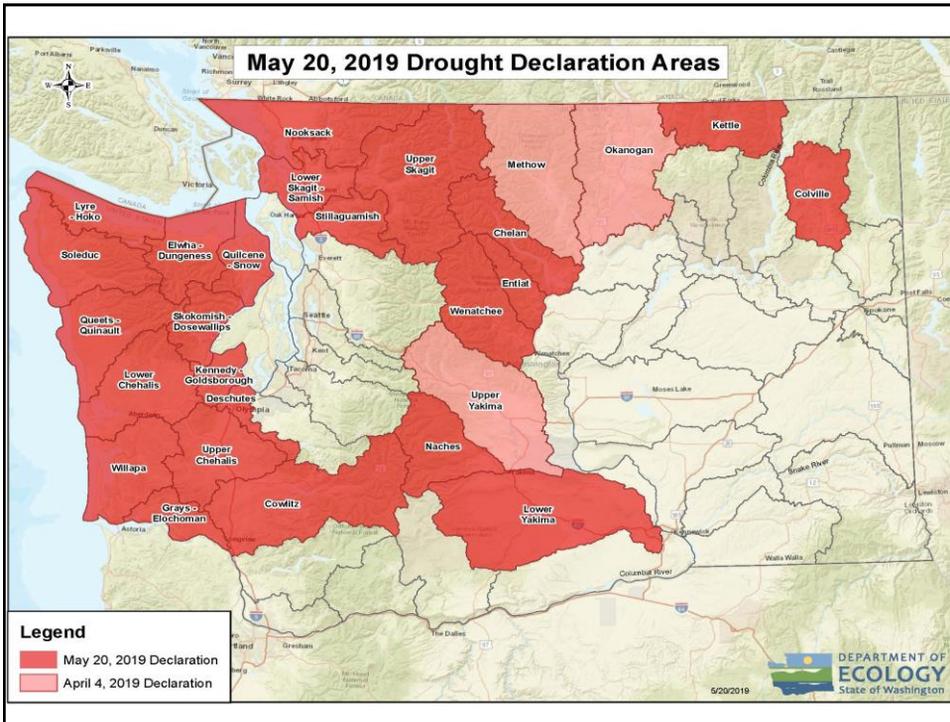
- EWEC—assessing whether water supply deficits are likely to cause undue hardships to water uses or users
  - Governor’s Office
  - State Conservation Commission
  - Agriculture
  - Commerce
  - Ecology
  - Fish & Wildlife
  - Health
  - Natural Resources
  - Emergency Management Division

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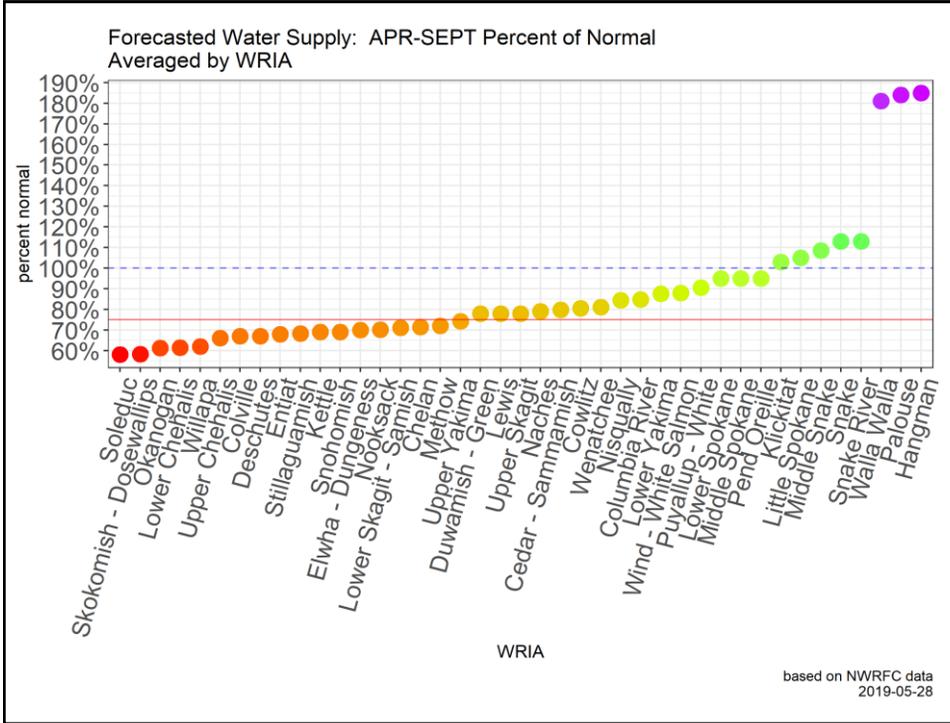
- Authorize emergency withdrawals
- Authorize emergency water right transfers
- Provide emergency grants and loans

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## Drought Monies

- Department of Ecology
- Department of Health
- Other
- Webinar—June 24

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## Upcoming Meeting Dates

- Water Supply Availability Committee—Friday, June 7
- Executive Water Emergency Committee—Friday, June 14

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