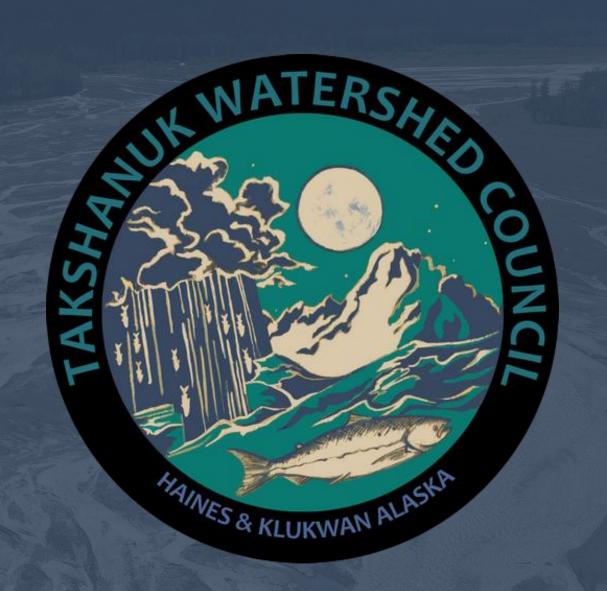


Takshanuk Watershed Council

A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 2002 to provide stewardship for the lands and waters of the Chilkat Watershed

Four main program areas:

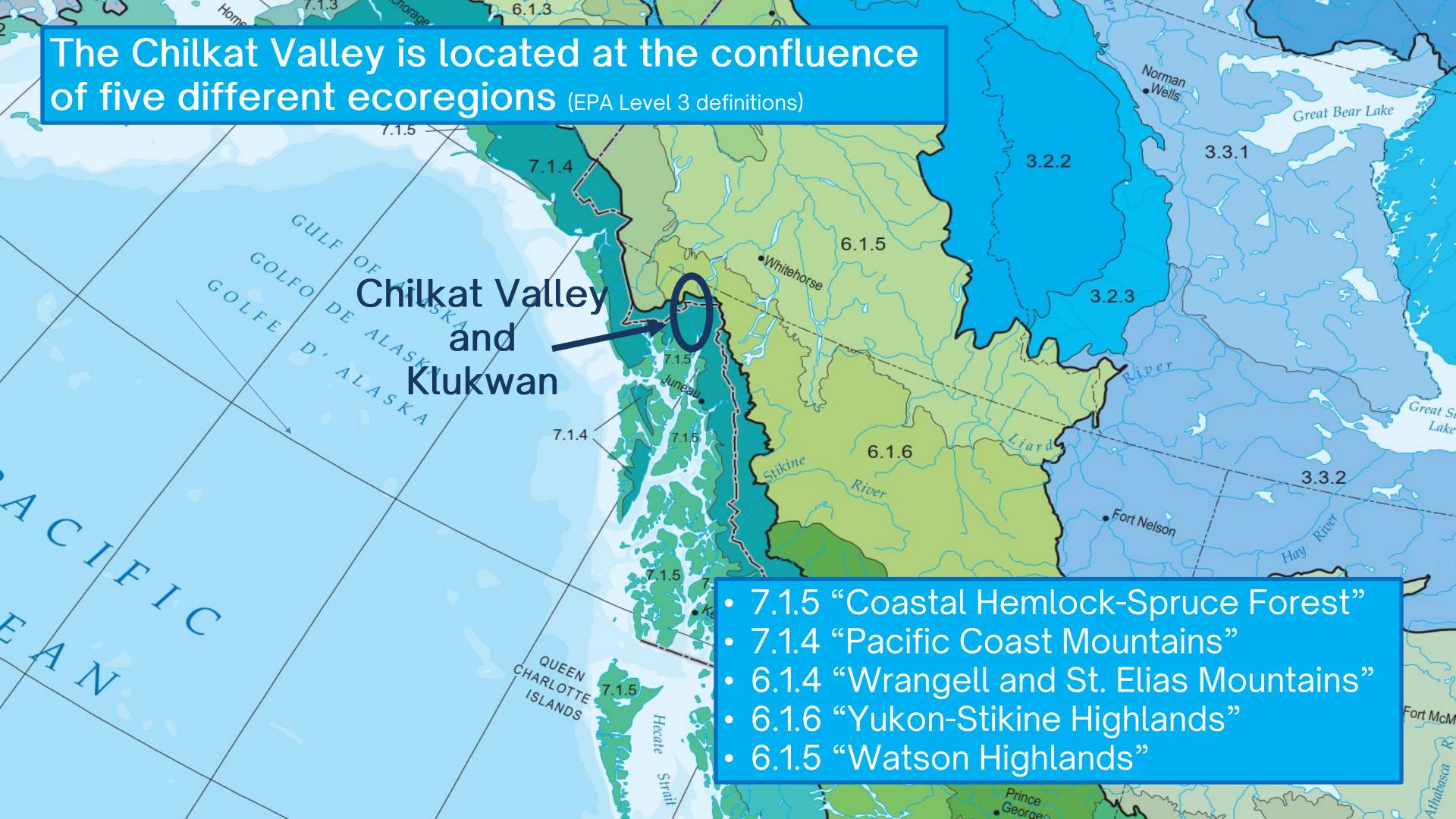
- 1. Education
- 2. Scientific Research
- 3. Habitat Restoration
- 4. Community Development
- Nine-member volunteer board of directors
- Three paid full-time staff
- Seasonal part-time staff



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 "Nexus" – a central, focal, or important place; a connection or a link; a connected group of items





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One World

The Chilkat Valley is a rare modern example of a large ecosystem that is still fully intact

Humans have been a part of this ecosystem for many centuries without destroying or significantly degrading it

The people here today are still thriving on the renewable resources of the Chilkat Valley

