



2023 Lopez Island Derelict Fishing Crab Pot Removal

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Cleaning up the Salish Sea

- More than 5,800 derelict nets and 7,000 pots removed
- Over 870 acres restored
- Over 489,000 marine organisms entangled
- Over 11,000,000 marine animals saved each year



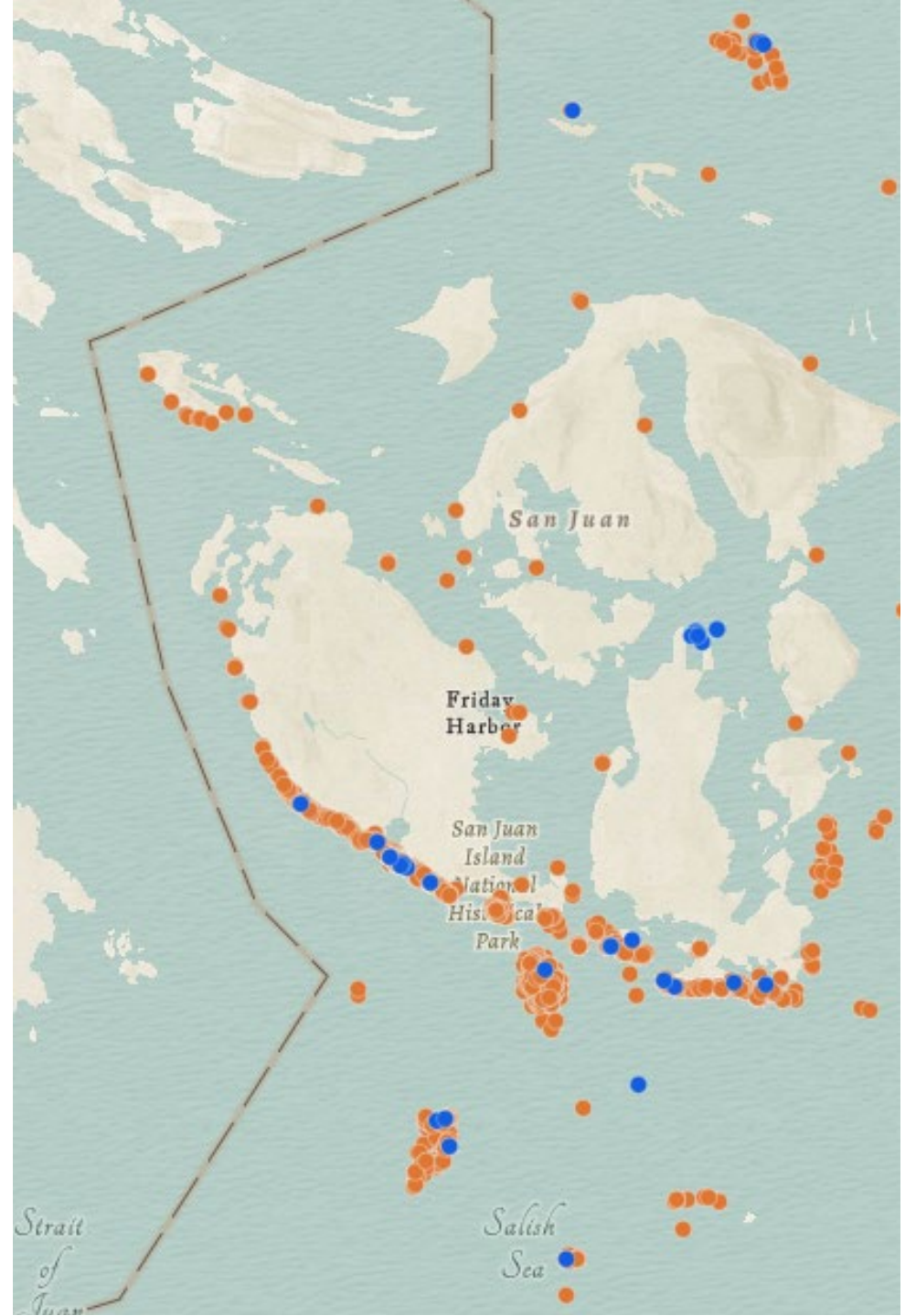
Reporting, Response, & Retrieval Program

- 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

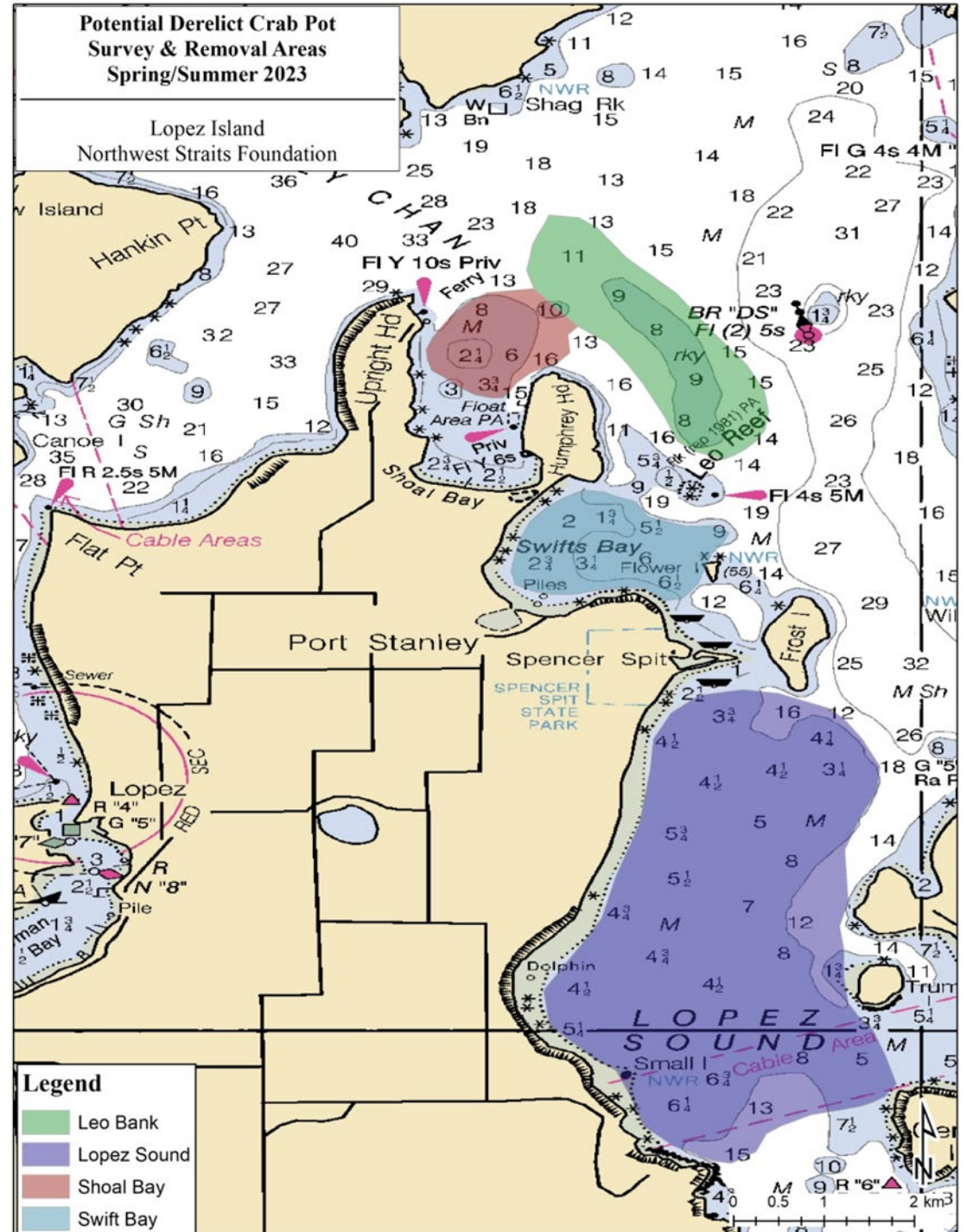


Past Efforts in San Juan Co.

- Over 2,400 nets removed
- 30 crab pots removed
- 355 acres restored
- 40% of nets removed and acres restored Puget Sound-wide

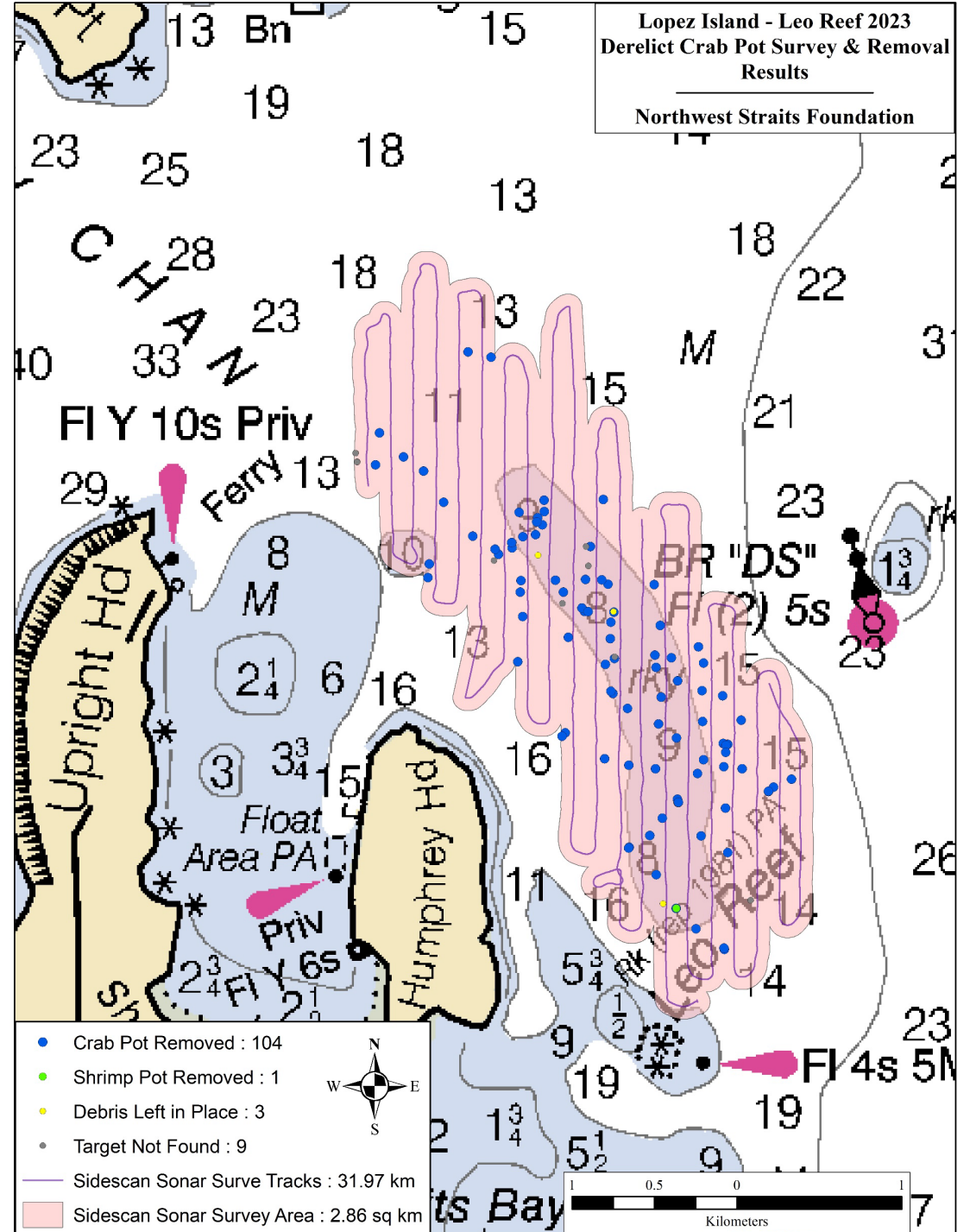


- **Leo Reef**
 - \$67,000
 - 125-204 pots
- **Leo Reef & Shoal Bay**
 - \$91,000
 - 181 – 296 pots
- **Leo Reef, Shoal & Swifts Bay**
 - \$116,000
 - 260 – 360 pots
- **Lopez Sound**
 - \$153,000
 - 500 – 600 pots



Leo Reef Results

- 104 crab pots removed
- 81 commercial; 23 sport
- 1 shrimp pot
- All gear returned, reused or recycled
- 706 acres cleared of marine debris





Thank

You!



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