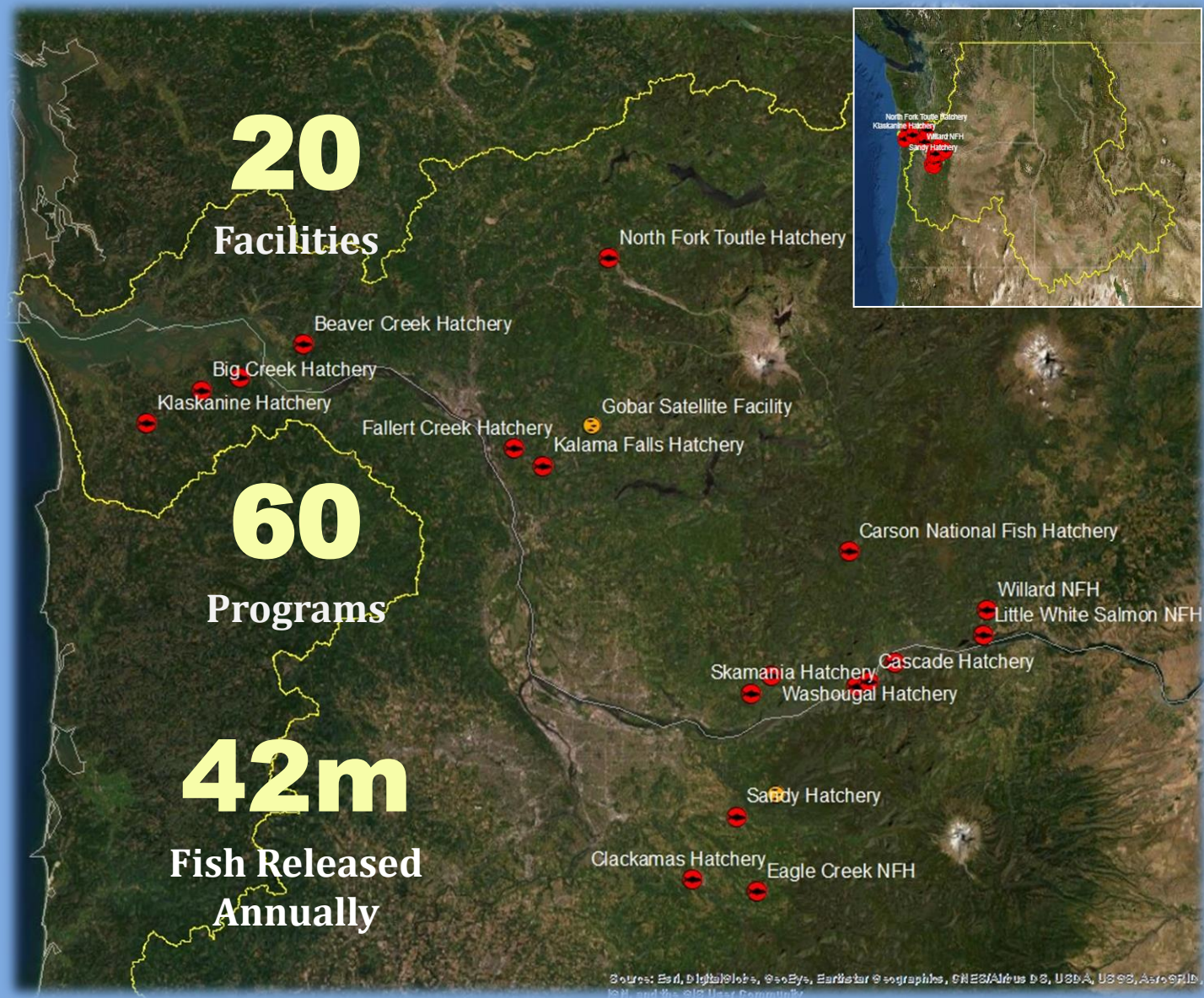


# MITCHELL ACT ARTIFICIAL PRODUCTION PROGRAM

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Congress passed the Mitchell Act in 1938 in response to federal projects and management that contributed to declining salmon and steelhead resources in the Columbia River Basin. Through the Act, Congressional appropriations support efforts associated with the operation, maintenance, monitoring, evaluation, and reform of hatchery programs and associated hatchery facilities that release juvenile salmon and steelhead in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. Historically, the majority of the production provided fish for ocean and in-river non-treaty commercial and recreational harvest. The Mitchell Act has also funded hatchery production to support tribal treaty harvest in the Columbia River and hatchery programs designed specifically to conserve salmon protected under the Endangered Species Act.