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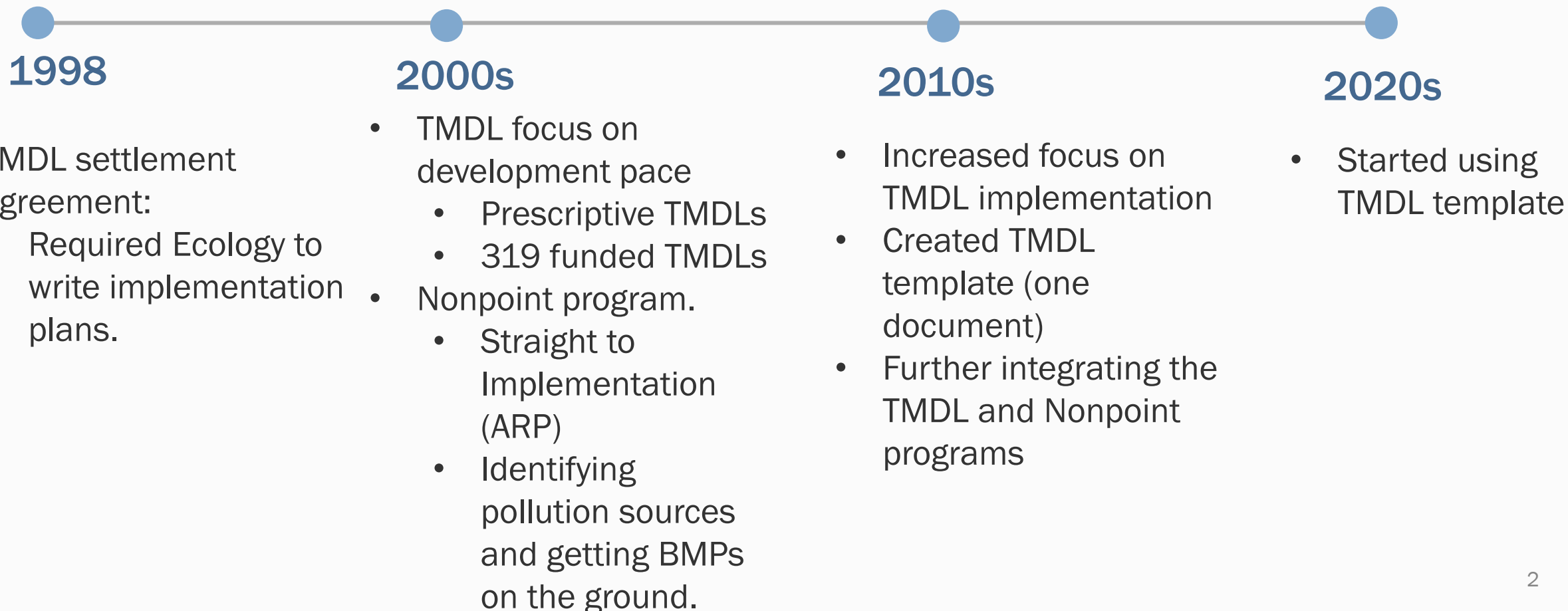
# Integrating TMDL and Nonpoint Programs in Washington State

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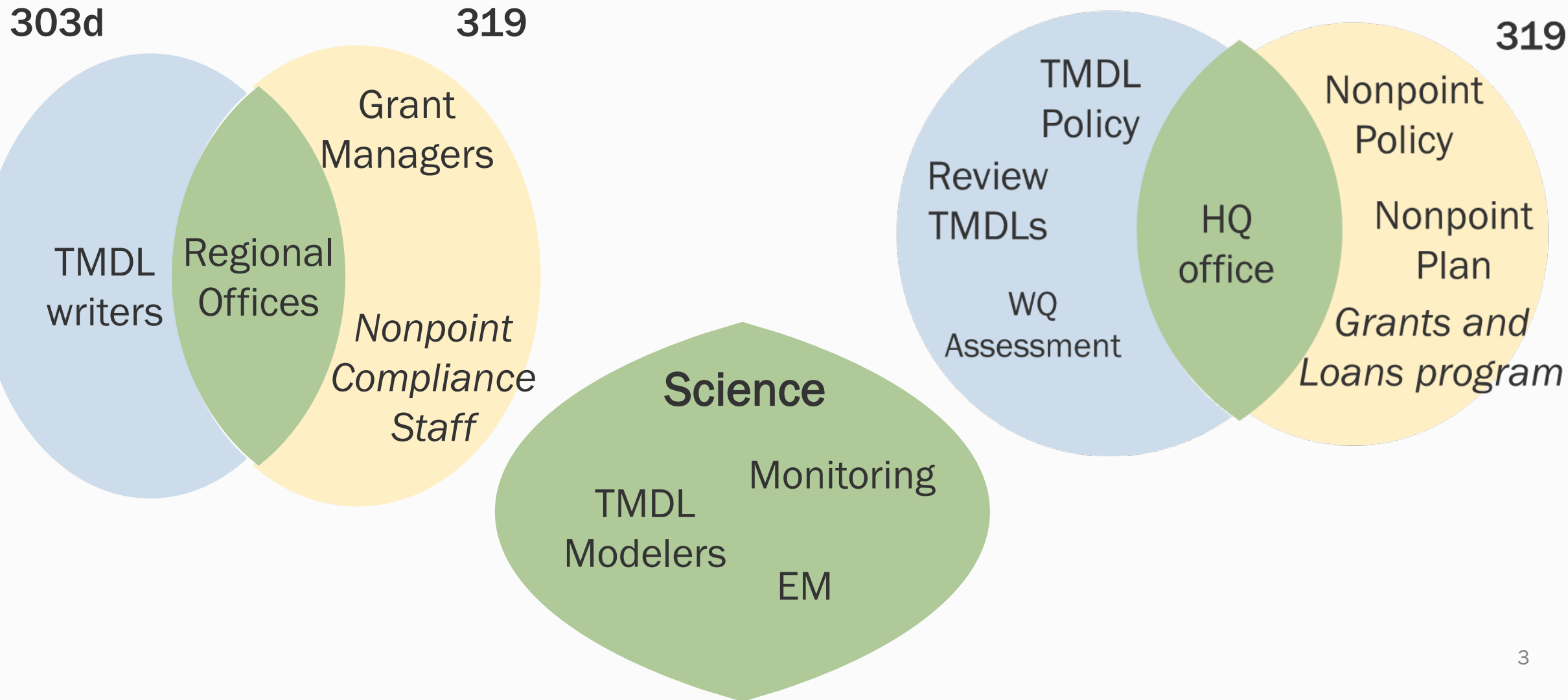
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# How did we get here?

Vision: Align TMDL and nonpoint programs



# Organizational Advantages



# TMDL Template Components

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## Introduction

- Overview
- Scope
- Uses of the Waterbodies
- Water Quality Criteria
- Targets

## TMDL Allocation

- TMDL Formula
- Loading Capacity
- Wasteload Allocations
- Margin of Safety
- TMDL Calculation

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## Implementation Plan

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- Priorities and Timeline
- Technical Feasibility
- Costs
- Outreach
- Tracking Progress
- Reasonable Assurance

# Opportunities

- Implementability.
- Leveraging the best parts of each program.
- 319 grant eligibility.
- One place to go for Ecology's Plan.
- Reduces number of plans.
- Alignment.
- Helpful 319 elements:
  - The identification of causes of impairment and pollution sources
  - A description of the NPS management measures needed to be implemented
  - Schedule and Milestones



# Challenges

- Usefulness of some information.
- Plan length.
- Implementability.
- EPA review.





Thank You!

Good Examples:

Little Spokane River DO, pH,  
and Total Phosphorus TMDL

Lower White pH TMDL

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