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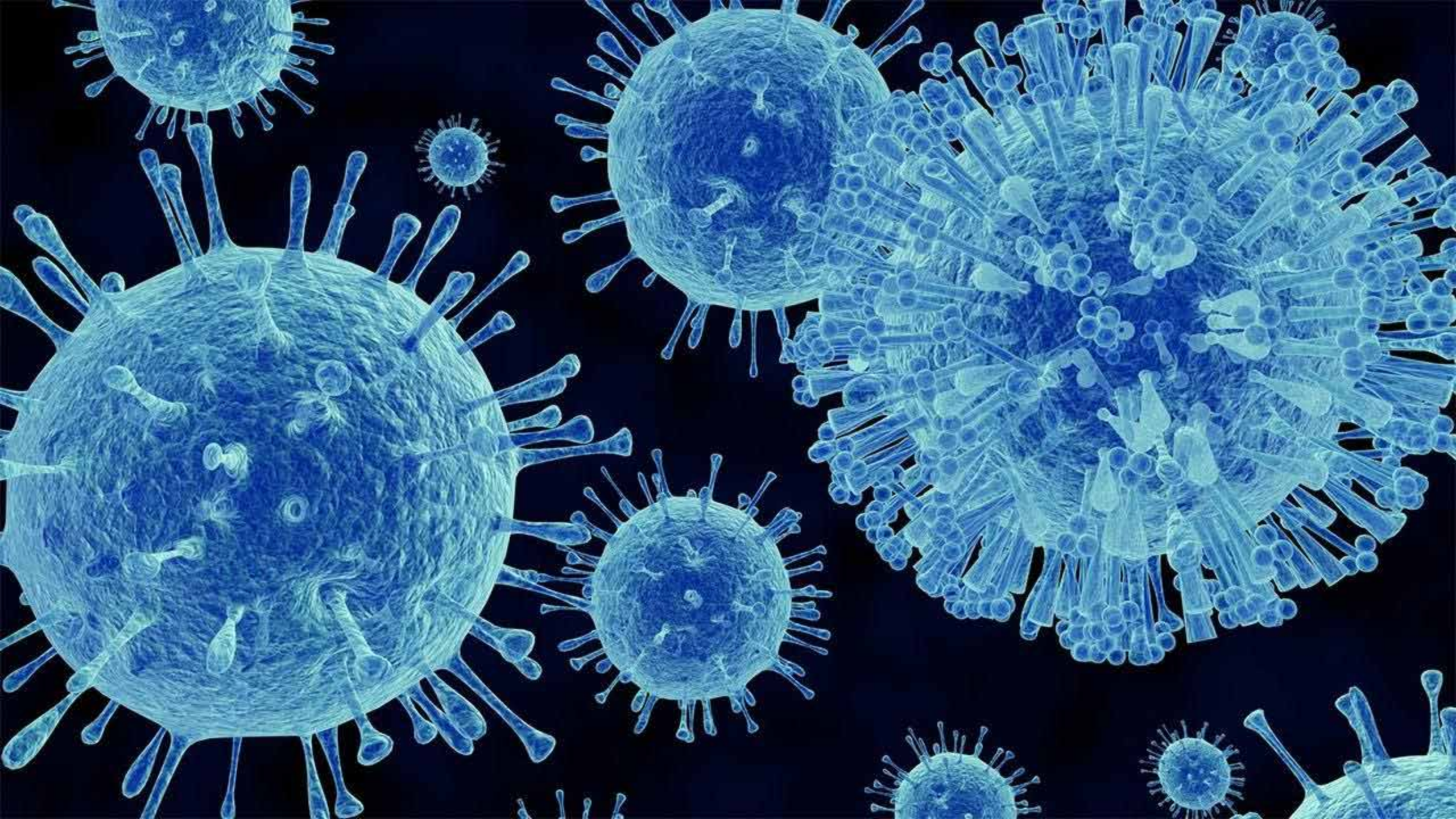
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PUBLIC HEALTH AND PERSONAL LIVELIHOODS: A CASE STUDY OF OYSTERS AND NOROVIRUS IN HAMMERSLEY INLET, PUGET SOUND

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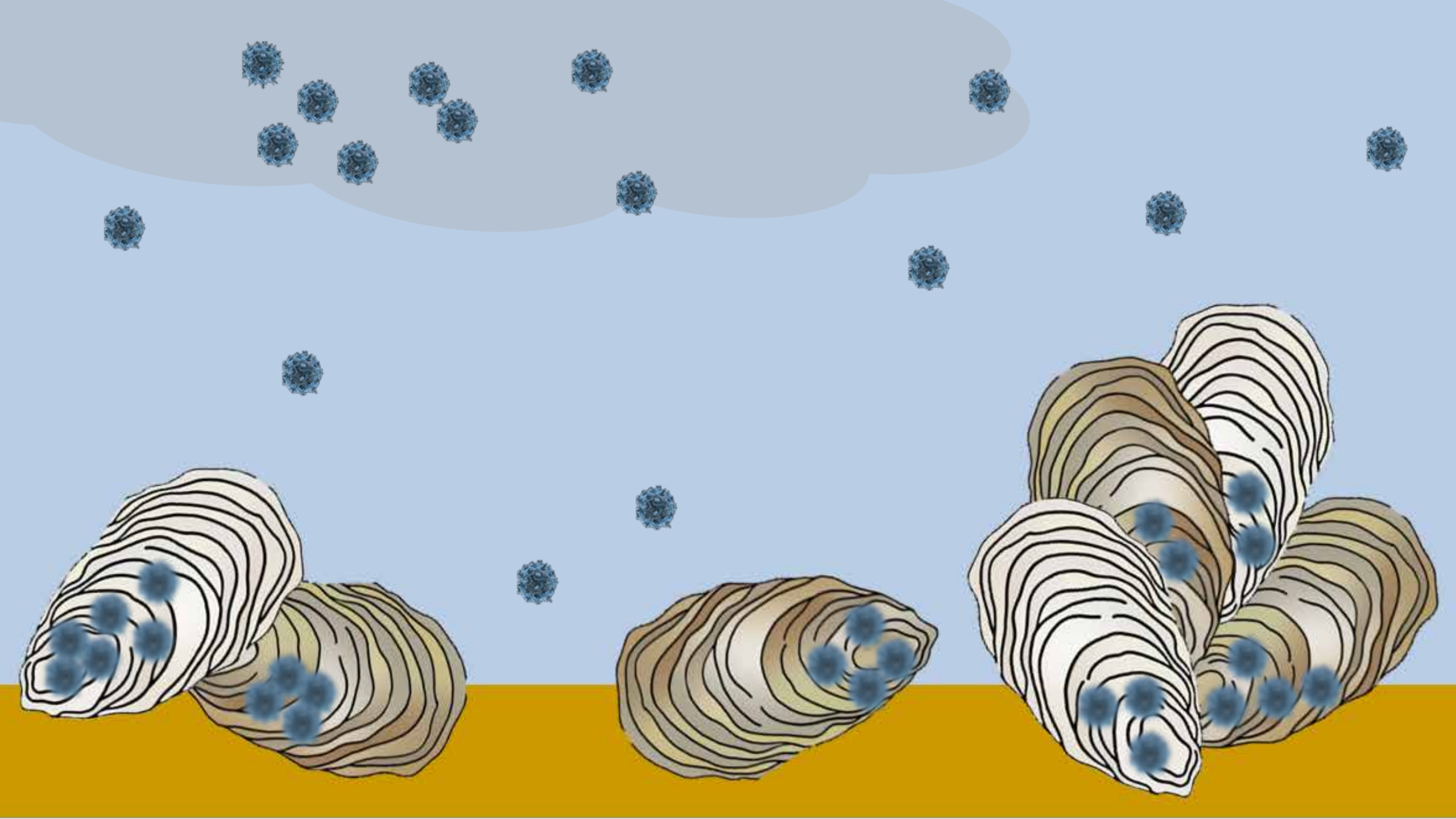


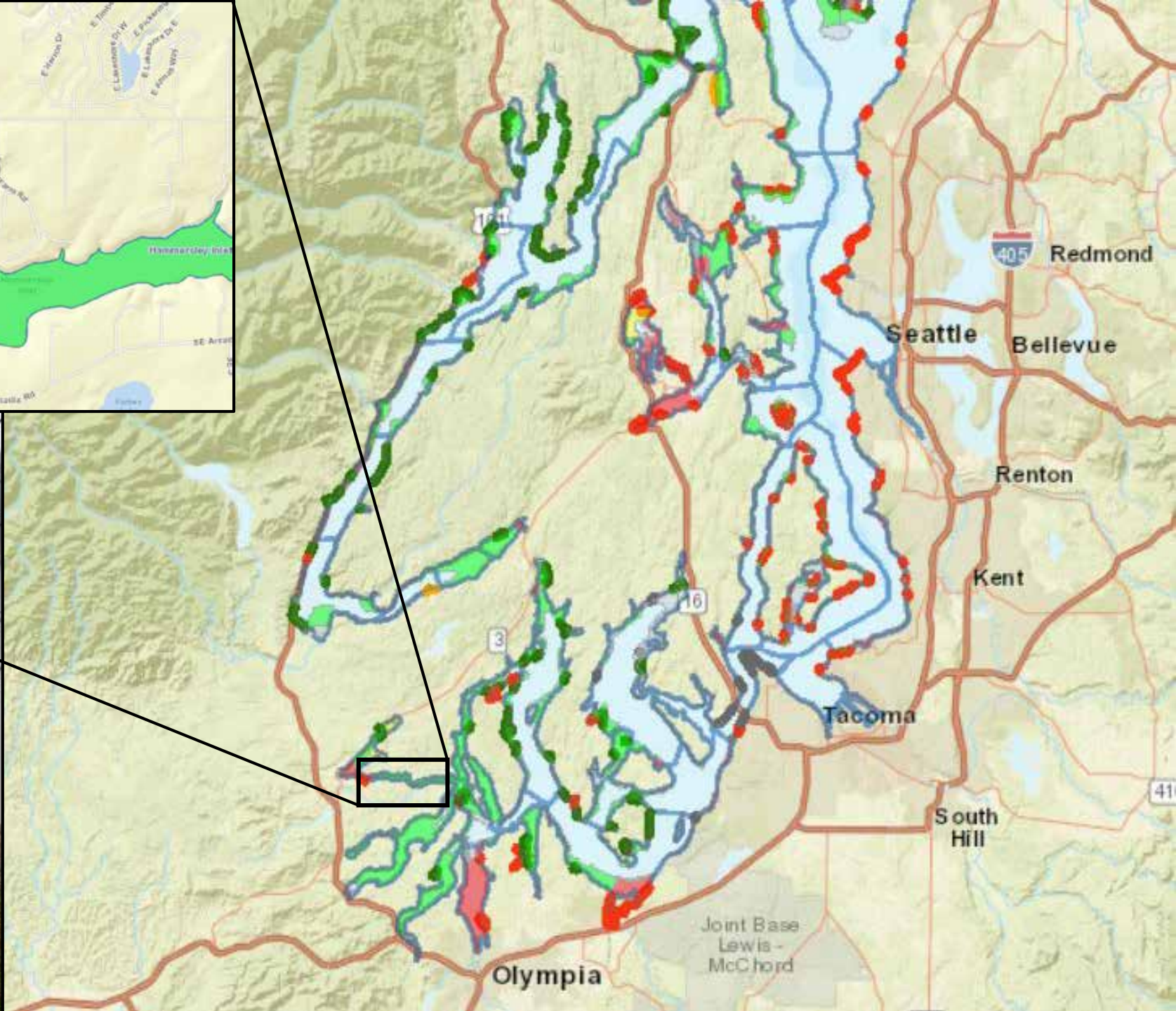
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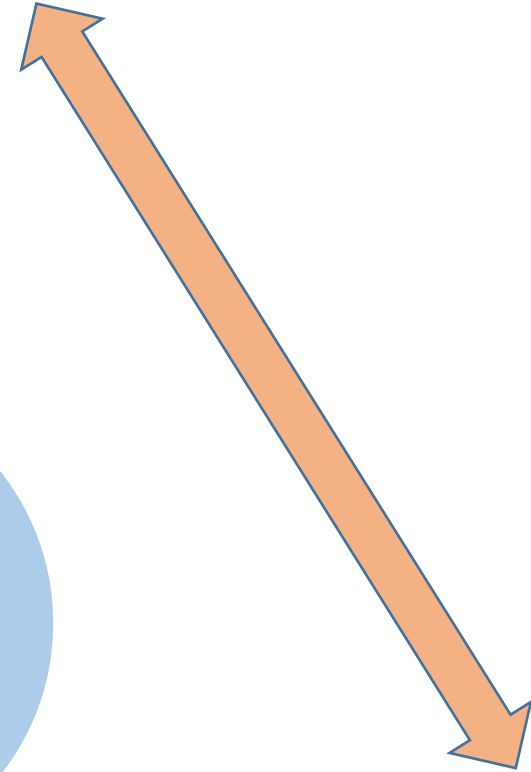
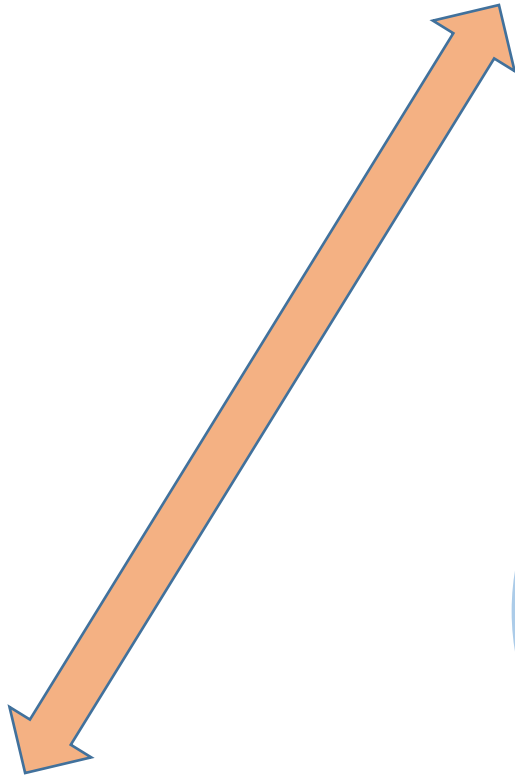
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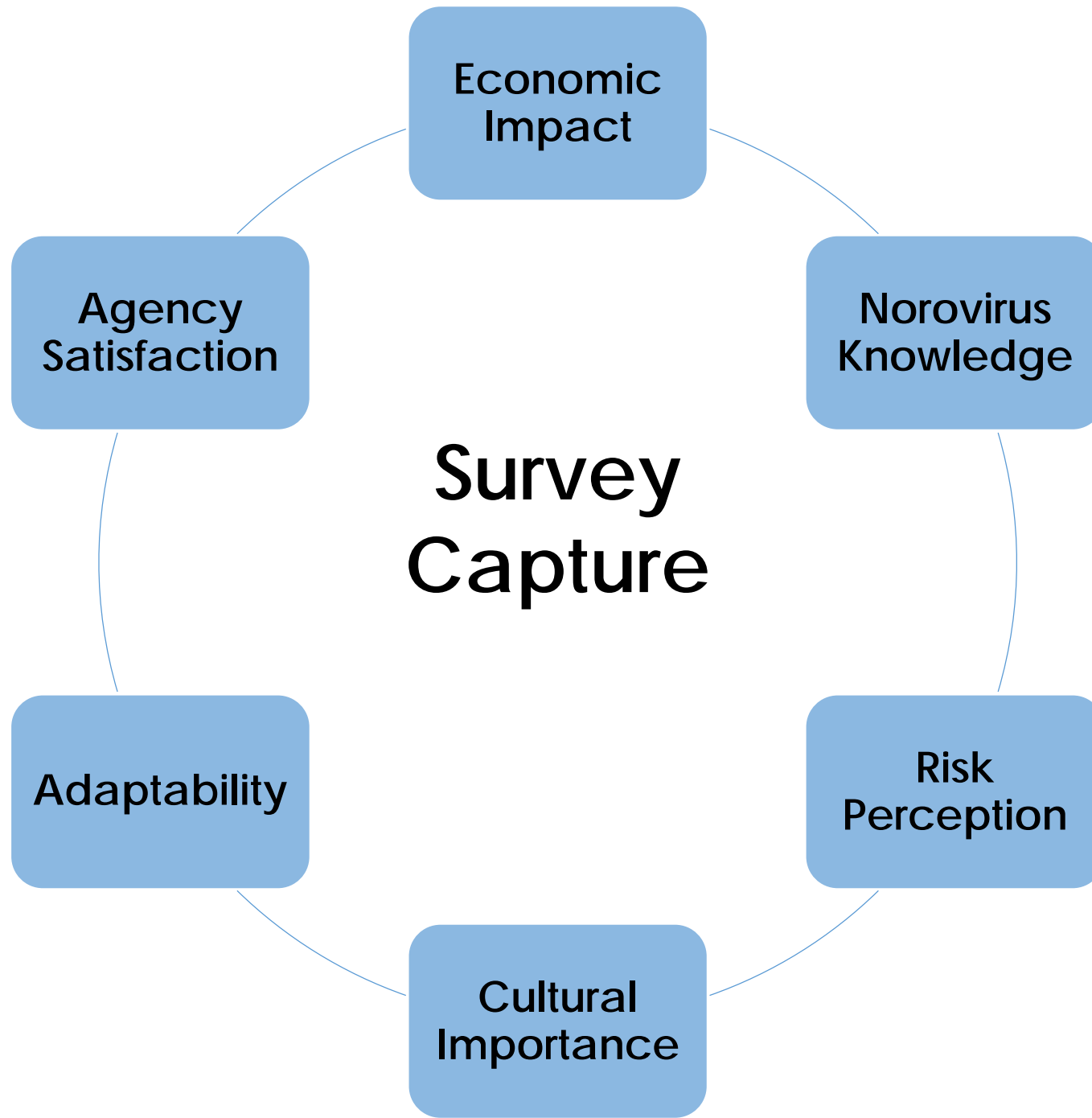
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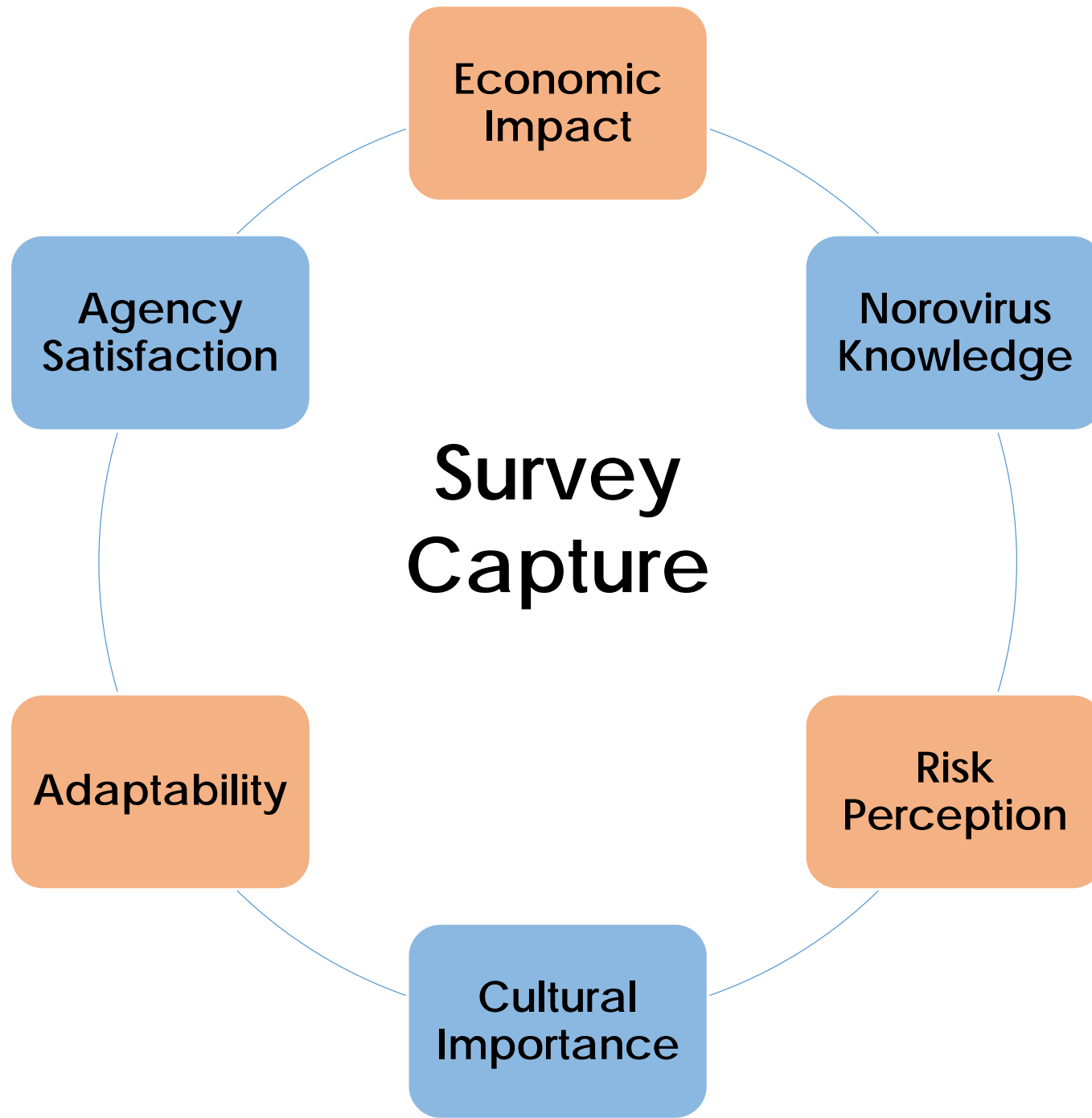
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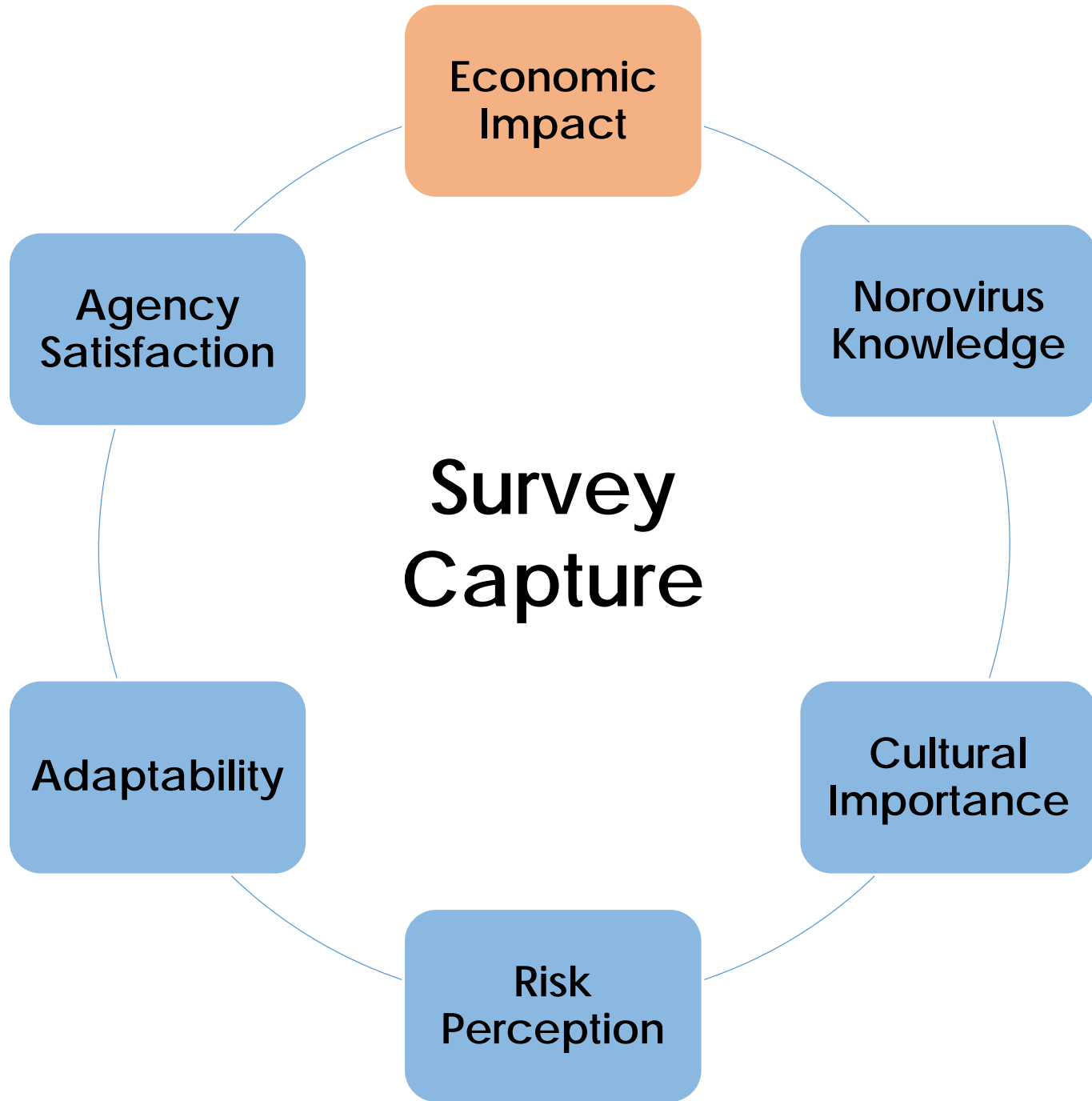
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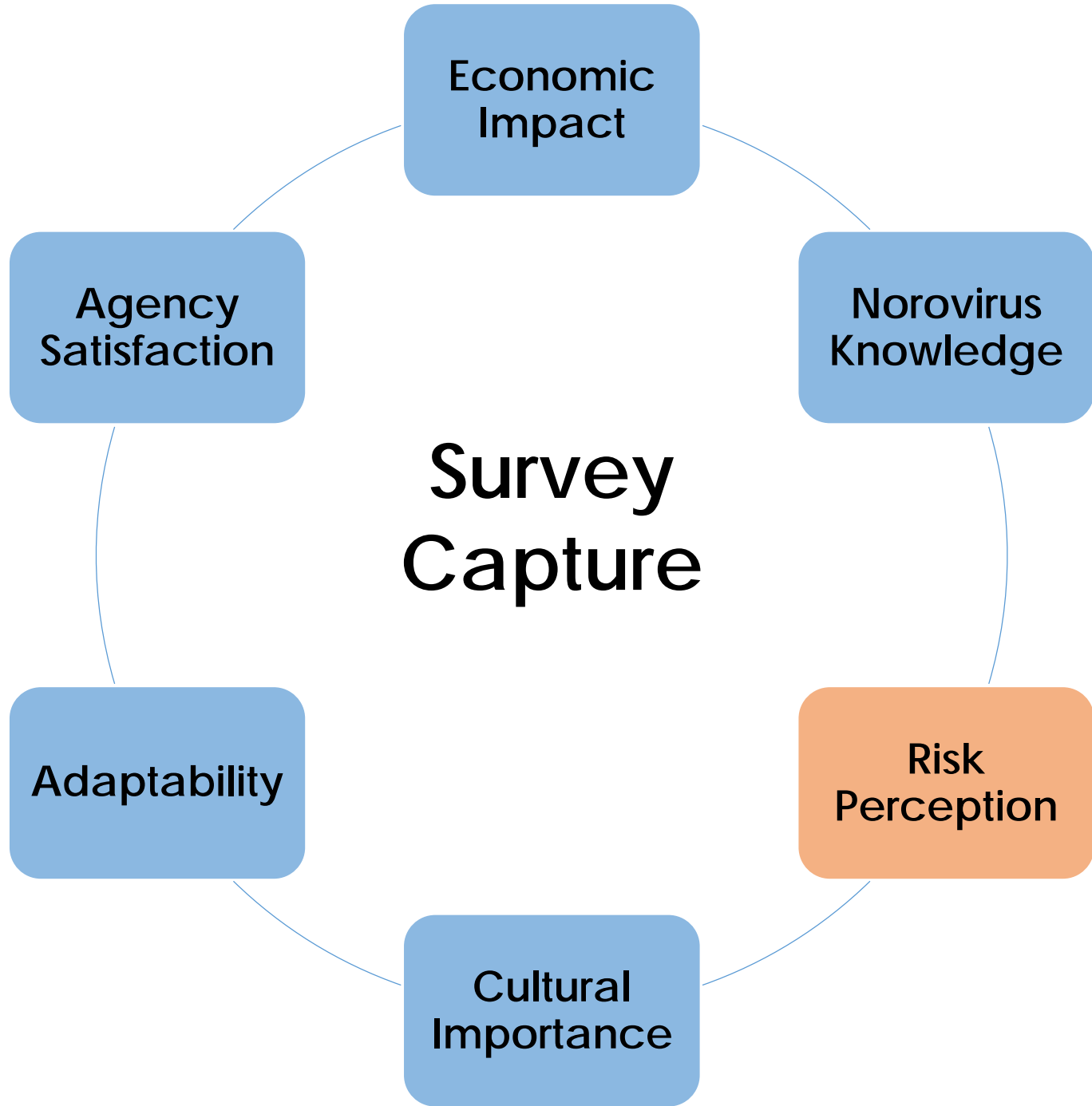




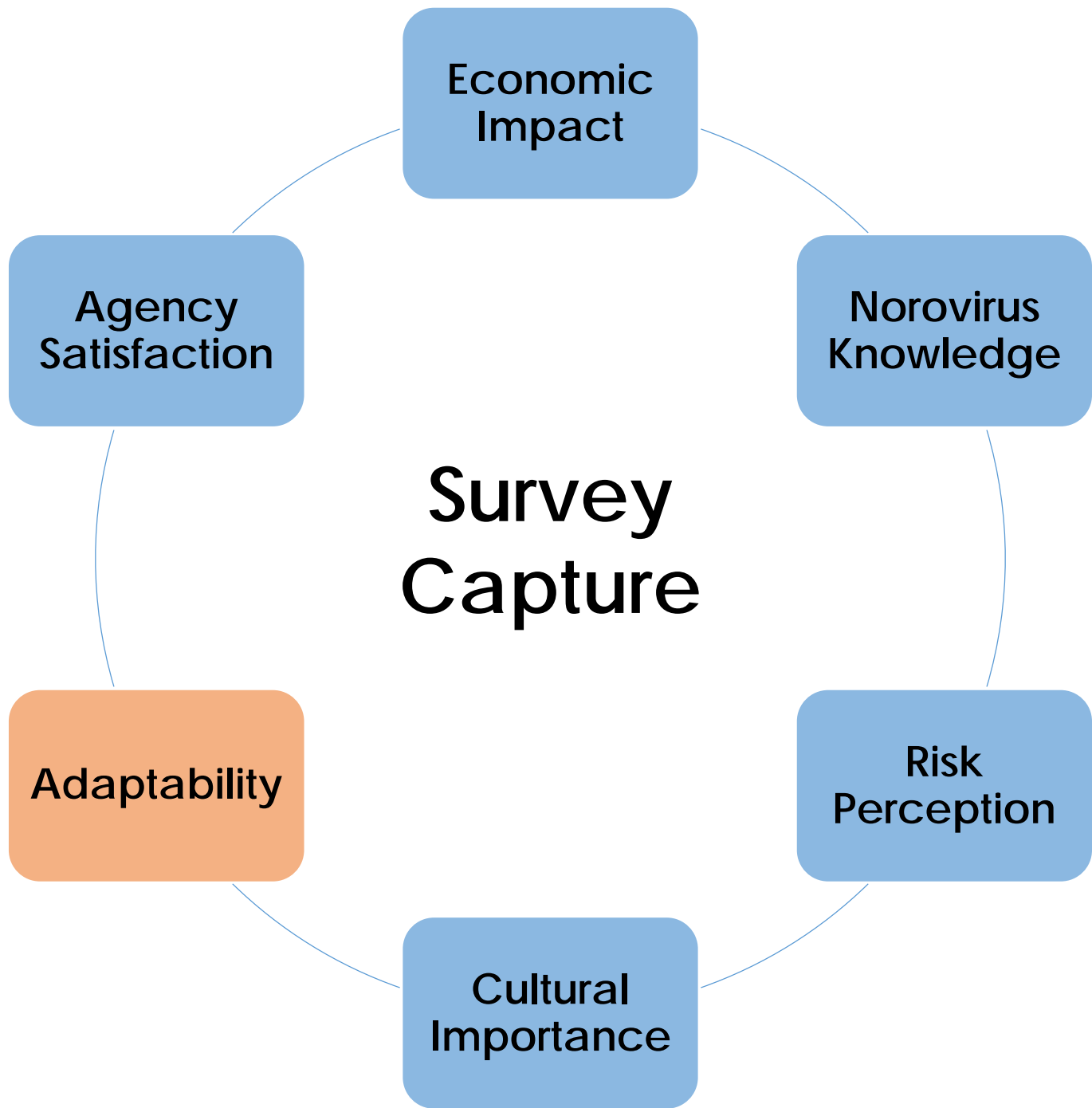




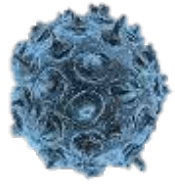
“Everyone in here was losing \$2,000 – 5,000 per week... the biggest problem you have is ‘Hammersley Inlet’... that is the most damaging problem of the whole thing. If we get another one, that’s catastrophic. Because of the name.”



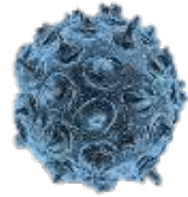
“I mean it [Hammersley] is more developed but we’re more vigilant, so you know we’re probably going to detect it more and there is more going in... you guys haven’t really found the solution yet have you? So, I imagine it could happen again...”



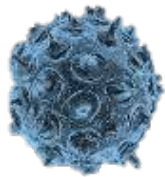
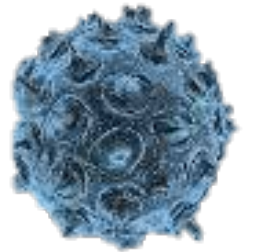
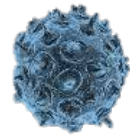
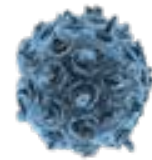
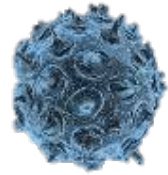
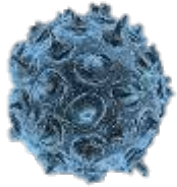
“If there is norovirus anywhere in the bay I don’t sell anything... I got one lease in Hammersley, one somewhere else and another one somewhere else... Why? Because I don’t like to get into trouble. If Hammersley is closed, I have another one... so I can keep making my payments...”



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