

## **January 2012**

### **Comments Sought on Administrative Changes to Salmon Recovery Grants Manual 18**

RCO is drafting administrative changes to “Manual 18 Salmon Recovery Grants” and would like your comments before the manual is finalized January 31. The Salmon Recovery Funding Board Review Panel identified several policy changes for the board to consider for grants accepted in 2013. See the [2011 Grant Round Funding Report](#) for details of the review panel’s suggestions.

Visit [www.rco.wa.gov/doc\\_pages/TempSalmonDocs.shtml](http://www.rco.wa.gov/doc_pages/TempSalmonDocs.shtml) to find

- Manual 18 draft with marked up changes
- Appendix D (Design and Restoration Project Deliverables)
- Evaluation proposals

You will notice throughout the manual that several areas are marked “under construction.” Staff will be finalizing the manual throughout December. Comments are due January 20.

For design and restoration projects, an extensive update to Appendix D (Design and Restoration Project Deliverables) has been drafted. At the link above, you will find a memo and Appendix D, which has been split into four sections covering conceptual design through providing as-built drawings.

A separate document on the link above is an updated document on evaluation proposals for your comments.

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### **Salmon Grants Totaling Nearly \$30 Million Awarded**

The Salmon Recovery Funding Board awarded nearly \$30 million in grants to organizations around the state to help bring salmon back from the brink of extinction. In its yearly grant award meeting, the board funded 136 projects. Read more:

- [News release](#)
- [Grants by region and lead entity](#)
- [Funding chart](#)

If you were successfully awarded a grant please work with your RCO grant manager to develop the project agreement. RCO staff would like to have these agreements out the door as soon as possible.

*Following field research on Capitol Lake, more than 100 invasive mud snails were found in the tread of the researcher's boots.*

### **Protocols Develop to Prevent the Spread of Invasive Species**

We may unknowingly move invasive species during many of our outdoor activities – from hiking and fishing to stream restoration and construction. In California, for example, the highly invasive New Zealand mud snail was spread throughout several watersheds on the boots of ecologists doing in-stream restoration work.

The Washington Invasive Species Council has developed [protocols](#) for preventing the spread of invasive species during field work. The protocols represent the most basic steps to take both before and after working outside to ensure that the good work you are doing doesn't have unforeseen and preventable consequences.

Two sets of protocols were developed – one for working on land and one for working in and around water. The major difference between them is the decontamination step in the water protocol. This step becomes necessary to completely remove immature stages of invasive animals as well as pathogens such as VHS fish disease that are spread much more readily in water. Considerations for construction projects also are provided.