

March Grant News

Stream Habitat Restoration Guidelines Training Filling Up Fast

RCO has partnered with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Coastal Training Program to offer a class to RCO grant recipients and restoration technicians called “Understanding Washington State’s Stream Habitat Restoration Guidelines.” The class is set for April 12-13 in Lacey and April 24-25 in Wenatchee. The classes are from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., and cost \$125, which includes materials, refreshments, and lunch on both days. Both classes nearly filled with 60 participants in less than two weeks. There are a few spots left. [Register](#).

Washington State’s Stream Habitat Restoration Guidelines was published in 2004 and developed through a multi-agency effort called the [Aquatic Habitat Guidelines Program](#). Primary agencies include the Departments of Fish and Wildlife, Ecology, Natural Resources, and Transportation; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and the Salmon Recovery Funding Board. The guidelines represent the latest technology in understanding stream processes and restoration design. It was prepared for a wide audience.

The update to design and restoration deliverables in *Manual 18, Salmon Recovery*, is based on the principles outlined in *Stream Habitat Restoration Guidelines*. This training will help build a better understanding of the design process and restoration techniques.

Class Details

In this practical, two-day class called “Understanding Washington State’s Stream Habitat Restoration Guidelines,” you will gain a working knowledge of the State’s Stream Habitat Restoration Guidelines and a basic understanding of stream-based processes and effective approaches to stream habitat restoration. Topics include stream processes and habitat, developing a restoration strategy, techniques, and case studies. There will be a variety of speakers from state and federal agencies, as well as consultants from Interfluve, with expertise in channel processes and restoration techniques. A copy of the [guidelines](#) will be given to each participant. (13 AICP CM Credits).

New Registrants

1. Please create a student profile and register yourself, rather than having someone else do it. The information in your student profile will appear in the class roster and will allow us to send you pre- and post- class announcements, consider your dietary restrictions, and properly reflect your interest in carpooling. Your profile also will keep track of your class history, which you can access at any time.
2. After you register, please print the class invoice and submit with payment (checks only).
3. Payment must be received at least TWO weeks in advance of the class to hold your spot. If payment is not received, your spot will be filled with someone from the waiting list. If you decide not to take the class, please let us know at your earliest convenience.
4. Refunds are only issued if you cancel at least two weeks before the class.

Manual 18 Now Online

The updated [Manual 18, Salmon Recovery Grants](#) for 2012 grants now is available on the RCO Web site. We have updated several sections of the manual and a summary of those changes should be online soon. Several of the appendices (important [forms and application materials](#)) can be downloaded easily. If you want a copy of the manual, contact your RCO grants manager or print one from the Web site.

Salmon Recovery Grants Workshop March 16

Are you interested in applying for a salmon recovery planning, restoration, or conservation acquisition project? If you are a new grant applicant or simply need a refresher on the Salmon Recovery Funding Board grant application process, policies, and procedures, we highly recommend that you attend an online training from the convenience of your office. You'll watch a live presentation on your computer and listen from your telephone, or use a speakerphone for multiple listeners.

Training Highlights

- RCO overview
- 2012 changes to salmon recovery manual
- Lead entity and regions
- Review panel
- 2012 grants and application updates
- General requirements
- Evaluation process
- Long-term obligations
- Resources and information for managing your grant
- PRISM/Habitat Work Schedule application
- Questions

Register by E-mailing: tauren.ibarra@rcو.wa.gov. Once registered, you will receive e-mail confirmation along with steps to join the online meeting.

Training Date : March 16th, 2012, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

New ADA Rules

The Department of Justice revised and updated the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) last year. Since March 15 2011, the 2010 Standards for Accessible Designs were available to use when renovating or constructing a new project. As of March 15, 2012, their use is mandatory for new construction and alteration of existing facilities. For further details on existing facilities, contact the Department of Justice hotline at 1-800-541-0301. Keep in mind that state and local government have an ongoing requirement to provide accessibility to programs and facilities and to perform barrier removal where applicable. [More details.](#)

- Informational supplement about [pool access](#).
- Information about the [2010 standards](#).

Rules for [outdoor developed areas](#), such as trails, beaches, camping, and picnicking are still in the rule-making process at the Access Board. They will apply only to federal facilities at first. It still is [RCO policy](#) and best practice to consult the proposed final rules for guidance when working with these types of facilities. If you have questions or need clarifications, please contact RCO's Recreation Accessibility Specialist [Rory Calhoun](#), 360-902-3022.