

March 2013 News You Can Use

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RCO Year End Billing

Most projects have a milestone requiring you to submit a billing at least once per year. Generally, this milestone is set at 07/31 of each year. If you have not met this milestone for this year, please submit a billing prior to your annual project billing target date as shown in your project milestones. If there have been no expenditures paid during the year, an invoice is not required, but you must fill out a progress report in PRISM. As always, if you have any questions, just contact your RCO grants manager.

Changes Coming to Rules about Making Projects Accessible to People of all Abilities

There are changes coming to federal rules about how to build trails so they are accessible to the most people.

The federal Access Board is developing accessibility guidelines for shared use paths. Shared use paths provide off-road transportation and recreation for various users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, skaters, and others, including people with disabilities.

The board is taking comments on its [Web site](#) about the proposed changes, and it is worth reading because this is the direction the board is heading for rules about shared use paths. Do not confuse the "Draft Final Rule" for trails in the "Outdoor Developed Areas," which is used for more remote and backcountry trails, as the design guidelines for your shared use, hard surface, or paved linear trail.

One more important note is the state building code will change to a newer version on July 1, 2013. The new state code will be the 2012 International Building Code, along with accompanying 2009 American National Standard ANSI A117.1 "Accessible and Useable Buildings and Facilities." This will replace the 2009 International Building Code and the 2003 ANSI A117.1. The 2009 ANSI will have a new Chapter 11 for recreational facilities including pools, playgrounds, and boating and fishing facilities, which will be very closely aligned with Chapter 10 in the 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act Standards for Accessible Designs.

Are Conservation or Recreation Grants in Your Future?

RCO accepts grant applications in even-numbered years. Organizations may apply next in 2014. Possible applications could be for parks and athletic fields, trails, boating facilities, farmland preservation, or habitat conservation and restoration. To ensure your organization is ready to apply, you might need to prepare a parks and recreation or conservation plan.

Four of the grant programs have a planning requirement: Boating Facilities Program, Land and Water Conservation Fund, Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (except education/enforcement and maintenance/operation), and the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (except farmland preservation). [Learn more about grants.](#)

Completed planning materials are due to RCO by March 3, 2014. [Learn more.](#) The RCO staff contact is [Lorinda Anderson.](#)

Recently Funded Salmon Project?

Check out the on-line resources to help you manage your grant funded project.

Successful Applicant Workshop for Salmon Recovery Grant Recipients:

This year the SRFB Successful Application Workshop will be in the form of a Powerpoint presentation posted to the RCO website. The powerpoint will include audio, so you can view and listen to the powerpoint at your leisure from your own office. The powerpoint is currently under construction and will be posted at the end of March 2013. Look for an announcement from RCO with a link to the information.

Training Highlights

- The fundamentals of the project agreement;
- Terms and Conditions;
- Resources and information for managing your grant.
- Changes to the salmon recovery grants manual;
- Permitting and Cultural Resources information;
- Billing documentation requirements: How it affects you;
- Overview of PRISM
- **Getting Paid-Reimbursement Information**
http://www.rco.wa.gov/doc_pages/reimbursement.shtml
- **Grant Manuals by Number**
http://www.rco.wa.gov/doc_pages/manuals_by_number.shtml
- **Grant Requirements** http://www.rco.wa.gov/grants/grant_requirements.shtml

Applying for a 2013 Salmon Recovery Grant?

Here are some resources to assist you in the application process:

- **Salmon Recovery Grants Application Workshop. March 25, 2013. See announcement below.**
- **Manual 18, Salmon Recovery Grants 2013, is now available on-line http://www.rco.wa.gov/documents/manuals&forms/Manual_18.pdf**
- **All of the application materials are available from the RCO website http://www.rco.wa.gov/doc_pages/app_materials.shtml**
- **Applications must be submitted through PRISM, the RCO project database. New this year is PRISM on-line. http://www.rco.wa.gov/prism_app/about_prism.shtml**

Salmon Recovery Grants Application Workshop 2013 Announcement

The Application Workshop will be held on Monday March 25th via a webinar from the RCO offices. This will be a live presentation of a powerpoint with opportunities to ask questions.

This year, RCO is pleased to roll out the new PRISM on-line application. The workshop will cover this new application system that is linked to the PRISM database.

Salmon Recovery Funding Board Application Workshop Registration - Now Open!

Application Workshop Online Webinar

Monday, March 25th, 10am-12pm

For those of you who want to learn more about applying for a Salmon Recovery Funding Board grant, we highly recommend that you attend this online workshop on Monday, March 25th, 2013, 10:00 – 12:00. The Workshop is tailored to the application process for submitting a Salmon Recovery Funding Board grant. **To register for the workshop follow the Registration link below.**

Application Workshop Highlights

- Project eligibility;
- Grant and application requirements;
- Application process;
- Project expectations and deliverables;
- Technical Assistance;
- ****NEW**** PRISM on-line (web-based application)
- Resources and information

You'll be able to watch & listen to a live presentation on your computer.



2013 Application Workshop

Join us for a Webinar on March 25

REGISTER NOW

Space is limited.

Reserve your Webinar seat now at:

<https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/843228191>

After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar.

Application Workshop Highlights

- Overview of PRISM application (**NEW** on-line)
 - Project eligibility;
 - Grant and application requirements;
 - Application process;
 - Project expectations and deliverables;
- Opportunity for questions and answers with a SRFB grant manager

Title:2013 Application Workshop

Date:Monday, March 25, 2013

Time:10:00 AM - 12:00 PM PDT

System Requirements

PC-based attendees

Required: Windows® 7, Vista, XP or 2003 Server

Mac®-based attendees

Required: Mac OS® X 10.6 or newer

Mobile attendees

Required: iPhone®, iPad®, Android™ phone or Android tablet



Private forest landowners receive help on salmon recovery. Program helps small landowners pay costs of removing salmon barriers from streams on forestland

OLYMPIA – Hundreds of private owners of forestland who want to do their part for salmon recovery may be eligible for more help than they imagined was available.

A [new video](#) shows small forest landowners how they and their communities can benefit from a culvert removal program that will help defray costs of improving salmon habitat. The recently revitalized Family Forest Fish Passage Program (FFFPP) helps private forest landowners replace culverts and other stream-crossing structures that keep trout, salmon, and other fish from reaching upstream habitat.

Thanks to a new round of funding from the legislature, the program will complete about 100 projects during the next two years. Replacement projects create construction jobs in rural communities, help revive salmon and trout populations, and are a great asset to the landowner's property. The video aims to increase the pool of applicants seeking funding so the most significant of the remaining stream barriers can be corrected.

See how local communities, fish and small forest landowners benefit from the Family Forest Fish Passage Program. Watch the video at: www.dnr.wa.gov/fffpp

The video was produced by three state agencies: The Washington Department of Natural Resources, Recreation and Conservation Office, and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Culvert Removal

To help protect salmon and maintain the economic benefits of forestlands, state Forest Practices Rules require forest landowners to remove fish barriers by 2016. The 2003 Legislature

established the Family Forest Fish Passage Program because eliminating fish barriers, such as culverts, where roads cross streams can be costly for the small woodland owner. The program provides 75 to 100 percent of the cost of correcting a barrier by installing a new, fish-passable culvert or bridge. Since 2003, nearly 200 landowners have used the program to replace 244 barriers and open more than 530 miles of stream habitat. And, as the video shows, the program is poised to do a lot more.

You can learn more about the Family Forest Fish Passage Program at this RCO website:

<http://www.rco.wa.gov/grants/fffpp.shtml>