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Subject: Proposal to Continue the SRFB/NFWF Community Salmon Fund

Dear Laura,

At your and SRFB's request, I am attaching a detailed proposal to continue our SRFB/NFWF Community Salmon Fund Small Grants Program for 2006-2007. The NFWF Board has already set aside up to \$1.5 million in November 2005 to partner with SRFB, if the funding is available from Washington State by spring 2006. Given the success of our 2005-2006 program, and our mutual desire to provide opportunities for funding small grants to all the lead entity areas, we are requesting up to \$1.5 million from SRFB to match and equal amount of our NFWF funds. This would allow about \$100,000 for small grants per lead entity area.

I would be happy to meet you in person or attend an upcoming SRFB meeting if it would be helpful to answer any of your questions or give you an additional updates regarding our current small grants programs. I can best be reached on my cell phone 503-702-0245, or by email wolniakowski@nfwf.org.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Krystyna U. Wolniakowski".

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**Proposed Partnership with SRFB
to Continue a Statewide Small Grants Program in 2006**

Krystyna Wolniakowski, Pacific Northwest Regional Director, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

A. Introduction and Background

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) proposes to continue our 2005 partnership with the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) on the successful Community Salmon Fund small grants program. A grant of \$1,430,000 from SRFB to NFWF would enable us to offer the Community Salmon Fund program again in 2006, and broaden the scope to include all lead entities across the state.

In February 2005, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board provided \$1,072,000 in state funds to match an equal amount of NFWF federal funds. This investment capitalized Community Salmon Fund partnership programs in 17 lead entity regions across Washington State. The 2005 CSF program has funded 63 salmon habitat restoration projects to date, engaging over 140 organizations and community groups, and generating \$3.15 in match funds for every SRFB dollar. The results suggest that there is a niche for these community-based habitat grants that complements the main round of SRFB grants. They are also very much in demand. We are now in the process of reviewing the final round of grants, and have received over \$1,100,000 in requests for the \$390,000 in remaining funds. We anticipate that by March, the 2005 program will have awarded over 80 grants. (See appendices A and B for further discussion of results of the 2005 program.)

The 17 lead entity partners from 2005 have indicated that they are interested in participating in the program again. Additionally, lead entities that were not able to participate in 2005 have expressed a keen interest in being considered for the program this year. Given the success of the past SRFB/NFWF Community Salmon Fund Grant Programs in 2005, and the continued strong interest from the lead entities, we think that it would be an effective use of our funds to continue the CSF program in 2006. We would like to build on the momentum of this first year and on the community outreach and technical foundations established with our lead entity partners. We would also like to give lead entities who were not able to participate in 2005 the opportunity to participate in 2006.

The NFWF Board of Directors has already committed up to \$1,500,000 in federal funds to the program in 2006, but Congress requires that our investments have significant nonfederal match. Our hope is that the SRFB will continue to match NFWF investment

with state funds in this successful program, dollar for dollar, effectively doubling the number of projects receiving funds and reducing match required of applicants.

The following sections outline our proposal for a statewide partnership between NFWF and the SRFB, including program scope, selection of subprograms, project and applicant eligibility, the review process, and roles of NFWF, SRFB, and the lead entities.

B. Summary of Proposed Program Scope and Focus

The overall program should have a statewide focus and include all interested lead entities: The funding mandate for both the SRFB and NFWF encompasses the entire state of Washington; both organizations have a strong interest in addressing the need for small grant programs at a statewide level. Our goal is to fund a program in every lead entity that is interested. Based on feedback we have received from the lead entities recently, we estimate that all of them will want to participate.

NFWF is prepared to match SRFB funds dollar for dollar: NFWF will match SRFB's contribution to the program one to one. As with 2005 partnership, NFWF would be fully responsible for administration of the program, working with locals on technical review, outreach, and project selection, and providing all fiscal administration once awards were made.

Subprograms should be administered at a lead entity level: Engaging the lead entities is a critical consideration for SRFB; their involvement in the 2005 Community Salmon Fund programs added greatly to outreach efforts, technical accountability, and local buy-in for the program. Since lead entities have taken the lead in local salmon recovery planning and developing priority project lists, their involvement ensures that CSF projects are consistent with watershed strategies.

The SRFB and NFWF should commit \$100,000 per lead entity: In the 2005 program, each participating subprogram had up to \$120,000 available for high quality projects. In the interest of making the program available in every lead entity in 2006, we recommend a level of \$100,000 per subprogram in 2005. Any funds unexpended from lead entity programs at the end of the year will be allocated across the subprograms, based on demonstrated demand and evidence of high quality proposals. We recognize that differences in geography and population among the lead entities will likely result in varying levels of demand for small grants. In areas where there is likely to be particularly high demand, we will work with program cosponsors to find additional funds to increase the local pool of funds available for projects. (For example, program partners in the Lower Columbia's 2005 Community Salmon Fund program were able to leverage an additional \$112,000 for local projects through a creative partnership with WDFW.)

Lead entities and/or project applicants should provide matching funds: Applicants will be expected to provide a minimum percentage of cash or in-kind match of 50% of the award (if lead entities or other program partners are able to provide additional match at the programmatic level, this match requirement for applicants may be reduced). So for example, for an application requesting \$40,000 of CSF funds, the applicant would be expected to document at least \$20,000 of matching funds for a total project cost of \$60,000. (This could also be described as a 33% cost share of total project cost.)

C. Program Details

Although the scope of the program would be expanded statewide in 2006, we propose retaining the key characteristics of last year's successful partnership with respect to project and applicant eligibility, the review process, and the roles of NFWF, SRFB, and the lead entities. We would like to see the lead entities continue to be strongly involved in outreach, technical review, and final selection. Meanwhile, NFWF will remain responsible for administration of the program, working with locals on technical review, outreach, and project selection, and will provide all fiscal administration and reporting to SRFB/IAC once awards are made.

Selecting Programs and Cosponsors, Project and Applicant Eligibility

Identifying programs for 2006: NFWF will notify all lead entities of the availability of the new program and invite letters of interest from all to cosponsor programs in their areas. The notice will include details about program criteria, specification, and lead entity roles and commitments. All lead entities that are interested and able to commit a basic level of time and effort to the partnership will be eligible to participate.

Selecting local cosponsors: Each local program will be administered jointly by NFWF and a local program cosponsor, either the local lead entity or a group designated by the lead entity to serve in that capacity. The local cosponsors will be involved in outreach, review, and final selection. Local cosponsors may provide matching funds to help reduce matching responsibilities of individual project applicants.

Applicant and project eligibility: Eligibility requirements for the grants will emphasize the dual goals of restoring important salmon habitat and involving local communities in salmon recovery efforts (see further discussion below). It is expected that each of the lead entity programs will solicit proposals from non-profit organizations, community groups, conservation districts, tribes, and local and state governments. The maximum grant award per project (of joint SRFB/NFWF funds) will be \$50,000, and the recommended maximum eligible project size should be \$100,000, not including volunteer time. However, program cosponsors may opt to set a lower maximum grant size based on local priorities and the anticipated pool of applicants. Applicants will be expected to provide a minimum percentage of cash or in-kind match (up to 50% depending on lead entity cost-sharing), which will increase the leverage of SRFB and NFWF funds, but more importantly encourage applicants to forge partnerships with other groups, involve volunteers, and solicit donations – all critical elements of successful community involvement. In our experience, grant support for smaller habitat restoration projects provides an excellent and highly cost-effective means to build community support for salmon recovery: these are precisely the types of projects which encourage participation from private property owners, volunteer involvement, and local partnerships with community groups.

The final determination on project eligibility will be made with each local program cosponsor. It is expected that habitat restoration projects and project design leading to the completion of projects within 18 months will be eligible. Examples of eligible project types include riparian restoration, fish passage barrier removal, and instream restoration (for a list of projects funded by the 2005 Community Salmon Fund program, see Appendix B). All projects must include excellent community involvement, but projects that are strictly for education and outreach, studies, or assessments are likely to be ineligible.

Project Solicitation, Review, and Selection

All CSF programs will follow a basic three-step process to select projects: (1) solicitation of proposals; (2) independent technical team review; and (3) final selection. We intend to maintain some flexibility among the programs, so that the involved parties can fine-tune the review process to suit the needs of each lead entity.

Solicitation of proposals: Outreach to potential applicants will be conducted by the local program cosponsors with help from NFWF where necessary. Local conservation districts will also be consulted and encouraged to solicit projects from their community contacts and work with landowners to identify and collaborate on restoration projects. NFWF has templates of outreach materials from 2005 that may easily be modified by local cosponsors to distribute to potential applicants. NFWF and the lead entity will work to distribute the RFP broadly, and applicants will be invited to submit a relatively simple proposal.

NFWF will strongly encourage the participation of local conservation districts in each subprogram: In many of lead entities, conservation districts play a critical role providing outreach to landowners and engaging communities in salmon recovery. NFWF proposes to involve conservation districts wherever possible as key partners for outreach to landowners and also as potential project sponsors. In each subprogram, conservation districts will be consulted and encouraged to contact landowners and also to serve as project sponsors in partnership local landowners. When submitting projects on behalf of landowners, conservation districts will be able to build in necessary administrative costs for coordination and outreach.

Technical review: Once the proposals are in, an independent local technical team will be convened to score the projects based on their habitat and community benefits. The team will be selected in cooperation with the local program cosponsor, and each of the programs will include members of the lead entity technical advisory group to ensure consistency with lead entity priorities, as well as other local government, state, federal, nonprofit, and tribal scientists and restoration specialists. In some cases, the program cosponsor may decide to use the lead entity technical advisory committee for the technical review instead of an ad-hoc team.

Reviewers will score proposals on salmon benefits, scientific merits, community involvement, partnerships, and budget/match. The scores for technical merit will include an assessment of how well the proposal addresses priorities identified in lead entity strategies. If necessary, reviewers will submit follow-up questions for applicants, which NFWF or the local cosponsor can resolve over the phone or with a site visit. A representative from NFWF will be present during the technical review as an observer and facilitator. Following the technical review, all top-ranked proposals will go through a 30-day congressional notification period (a requirement for all NFWF-funded projects).

Final selection: Finally, representatives from NFWF and the local program cosponsor will convene to make the final decision on awards. Their consensus decision will be based on the technical team's scores and any other information that has become available after the review through site visits or follow-up questions to applicants.

Review timeline: The Community Salmon Fund 2005 took an average of three months from proposal submittal to final selection. We anticipate a similar grant cycle for any new

programs. One administrative consideration for NFWF is timing the review processes for 26 programs across the year. For administrative purposes, we propose to stagger the programs through the year. This system worked well in 2005; we were able to run grant rounds in 17 lead entities over a period of 10 months (March through December 2005), while being responsive to their preferences of which time of year to run their grant round. We anticipate that 26 lead entities would require a slightly longer timeline, approximately 12-15 months.

A note on simplicity of the application process: Applications for the Community Salmon Fund are tailored to provide enough detail for NFWF and SRFB's high standards for technical and fiscal accountability, while remaining simple enough for nonprofit and community applicants. Typically, applications are 8-10 pages long: 4-5 pages of narrative and 4-5 pages of applicant info, budget, financial statements, and maps. A sample application from 2005 is available upon request.

D. Fiscal Administration

NFWF will provide the fiscal administration of all grants awarded under the 26 programs. NFWF currently administers more than 200 governmental and private funding sources and manages funds to the highest standards of fiscal accountability. NFWF's responsibilities include sending awards letters, contracting with grantees, disbursing funds, reviewing progress and final reports, and providing ongoing support to applicants and grantees with questions about the process.

NFWF's long-standing experience with grant program administration allows the organization to provide these services at highly competitive rates. For this agreement, NFWF proposes an administrative fee from the SRFB portion of funds to cover the basic costs of managing and administering funds through the life of the projects. This fee will be ten percent of the total NFWF/SRFB grants awarded.

Awarding \$100,000 in each of 26 lead entities will require a total of \$2,600,000 for grant awards. We propose that SRFB and NFWF each commit \$1,430,000, half of the total \$2,860,000 program cost (\$2,600,000 for grants plus the \$260,000 ten percent administrative fee).

Number of grants: The average grant award in the 2005 Community Salmon Fund program was \$27,000. If we award \$2,600,000, we assume that NFWF will end up administering approximately 95 to 100 grants.

E. Accountability and Reporting

Scientific and fiscal standards: The technical review by an independent panel of scientists and restoration experts guarantees that projects will meet high scientific standards for salmon benefits. The involvement of the lead entities in the review panel will ensure that small grants complement the larger awards from the formal lead entity/SRFB process. NFWF involvement in the technical review and final decision-making provides a final quality control on projects funded through this partnership. Taken together, these three levels of checks and balances will ensure that projects are of a high scientific caliber.

NFWF's experience and capacity: NFWF is a nonprofit organization established by Congress in 1984 and dedicated to the conservation of fish, wildlife, and plants, and the habitat on which they depend. NFWF creates partnerships between the public and

private sectors to strategically invest in conservation and the sustainable use of natural resources. Regarding fiscal accountability, NFWF is highly accomplished at managing funding, having successfully administered more than \$700 million in federal, state, local, and private funds – over 5,000 grants – in the organization’s 20-year history. In FY 2003, NFWF received a clean federal audit. The Pacific Northwest office currently oversees nearly 300 grant contracts and has been working closely with over 140 grantees across Washington State for the past five years. The office has received positive feedback from grantees and agency partners about its service-oriented and friendly grant administration. Continued funding through Congressional appropriations is a testament to the Foundation’s high standards of accountability and effectiveness in leveraging and managing funds.

Monitoring project performance and evaluating success: In all its programs, NFWF monitors compliance with contract provisions through the close-out of the project contract by requiring regular reporting from grantees. For the proposed CSF programs, NFWF will work with SRFB staff to ensure that criteria for monitoring, evaluation, and reporting on small projects are also consistent with the new statewide monitoring protocols being developed by the IAC.

Reporting: NFWF will provide an interim report to the SRFB in September and December, 2006 and a final report by December, 2007. The final report to SRFB will include the following details:

- o An overview of each subprogram, explaining roles of program partners, grant eligibility, and the method for incorporating the local lead entity strategy into the program;
- o A list of funded projects and preliminary results including metrics such as stream miles and acres restored;
- o Copies of all applications, maps, attachments, and other documents that are part of each project contract; and
- o An assessment of program success and recommendations about improvements to the process, potential areas of expansion, and ideas for seeking match funds from other sources.

Contact info

For further information about this proposal, please contact me at anytime.

Best regards,



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Appendix A:

Community Salmon Fund: A SRFB-NFWF Partnership Status Report, December 2005

Submitted by Krystyna Wolniakowski, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Overview

In January, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) awarded the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) \$1,072,000 to administer the Community Salmon Fund small grant program in collaboration with lead entities across the state. NFWF contributed an equal amount to the program and was given the responsibility of selecting lead entities for participation in 2005, establishing programs in each area, and working with local coordinators to administer outreach, technical review, and final selection. NFWF is also responsible for all fiscal administration of awards made under the program.

To date, NFWF has selected and set up programs in 17 lead entity areas across the state; worked with all lead entity coordinators to tailor program materials, select review teams, and develop efficient timelines for review and selection; assisted with outreach to applicants; and completed review and grant selection activities in 15 of 17 lead entity areas. By the end of December, awards will be finalized in all lead entities. Construction for most projects will occur in 2006, with contracts completed by October.

The following section outlines NFWF's activities to date.

Activities To Date

Initial request: In February, NFWF staff and consultants contacted each of the 26 lead entity coordinators in the state to announce the availability of the program and discuss the benefits and responsibilities of participation. After these initial meetings, lead entity coordinators were given time to discuss the opportunity with their citizens committees, technical teams, and prospective applicants in the watersheds.

Response from lead entities: In late February, NFWF distributed a simple response form to each lead entity to gauge interest in the program, willingness to participate and help with outreach and review, likely local demand, and preferences for program timing, award amount, and review process. In March, NFWF received a very strong response with 21 of the 26 lead entities formally requesting participation in 2005. The remaining 5 (Pend Oreille, Quinault, Pacific County, Snake, and the San Juans) indicated that they would be interested in participating in the program in the future.

Selecting 2005 programs: As proposed, NFWF selected as many programs as possible with available funding. With the help of SRFB staff, NFWF conducted a double-blind drawing in late March, selecting 14 of the interested lead entities out of a hat (in addition to the three Upper Columbia lead entities engaged from the beginning). The lead entities selected for participation in 2005 were:

Nooksack
Grays Harbor
Island County
Klickitat
Yakima
Snohomish

Lower Columbia
WRIA 10/12
WRIA 13
WRIA 14
East Kitsap
Hood Canal

Chelan
Okanogan
Foster Creek
Skagit
North Olympic

The lead entities that were not selected were told that if the opportunity arose for a second round of the program next year (although there were no guarantees that this would happen), they would be given top consideration.

Tailoring and setting up programs: In April, NFWF contacted each of the 17 participating lead entities to establish a timeline and process for their programs, and discuss options for tailoring the process to local needs. In discussions and follow-up meetings with lead entity coordinators, NFWF provided template program materials and guidelines and lead entities were given the option to define their roles, select a technical review process, and determine a maximum grant size (up to \$50,000). These program materials were based on last year's programs, with improvements suggested by SRFB staff (such as lat/long information and a table for outlining measurable outcomes), and some level of customization according to each lead entity's preferences.

Establishing an overall timeline for the year: Lead entities were offered a range of options for the timing of their individual grant rounds, which enabled NFWF to stagger the rounds through the summer and fall.

Outreach: In each program, lead entity coordinators and NFWF broadcast the RFP by email to an extensive list of contacts, then followed up with calls to prospective applicants. NFWF has posted RFPs and forms on its Community Salmon Fund website, www.nfwf.org/programs/csf/index.cfm, and most of the lead entities also posted RFPs on their own websites. NFWF has worked with many of the lead entities to provide press releases to local newspapers. Applicants are typically given two months to prepare proposals, although several of the lead entities have opted to post the RFP up to the three months before the deadline. During the submission period, NFWF staff and lead entities respond to inquiries from applicants about eligibility criteria and preparing proposals. NFWF staff contact lead entities periodically to check in on outreach efforts and answer additional questions that have arisen.

Local match funding: Most lead entities do not have sources of funding to match SRFB and NFWF funds and are passing the basic match requirement to applicants. The lead entities did not feel that this would be an impediment to applicants, and our experience in all the grant rounds was that most applicants had little trouble surpassing the basic match requirement.

In two programs, lead entities were able to secure programmatic funds to match SRFB and NFWF investment. The Lower Columbia program was able to double the available funding for their program with \$112,000 matching funds from a settlement administered by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). NFWF staff met with the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board director and WDFW regional director and determined that there was enough overlap in goals and criteria for the two programs that the settlement funds could be allocated through the Community Salmon Fund review process. Bainbridge Island is also providing an additional \$15,000 in match for local projects in the East Kitsap program.

Local Technical Review: During the outreach phase, NFWF staff work with the lead entities to select an independent technical review team to review the proposals for salmon benefit, consistency with lead entity strategies, and community involvement. In most cases, lead entities have selected either their existing technical or citizens committee, or some combination of the two.

On the application deadline, proposals arrive at NFWF offices and staff copy and distribute them to technical reviewers, along with scoresheets and detailed reviewer instructions.

The technical review process is complete for all 17 lead entity areas. Proposals were reviewed for technical merits, community involvement, and fit with the lead entity recovery strategy. Applicants were contacted by NFWF staff with follow-up questions and/or site visits to obtain additional information/clarification based on reviewer feedback.

Final Selection: Scores and comments from the technical review team and applicants were passed on to NFWF and the lead entity coordinator for review in awarding grants. Final selection is complete for 15 of the 17 lead entity areas. Grant selection for all 17 lead entity areas will be complete by the end of December.

To date 57 projects have been funded, with an average award size of approximately \$24,000. Overall, \$1,369,000 in combined NFWF/SRFB funds have been awarded, and have leveraged \$1,479,000 in applicant match.

Appendix B: List of Projects Funded in 2005 Programs
(see attached Excel spreadsheet)

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2005 SRFB/NFWF Funded Proposals

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Organization	Project	Community Salmon Fund Request	Matching Funds	INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE Project Description
Hood Canal				
Jefferson County Conservation District	Yarr/Huntingford Habitat Improvement	\$30,000	\$49,300	The applicant will remove Reed Canary Grass, place LWD, and install fencing along more than 6,000 ft of Chimacum Creek as part of a larger effort to restore riparian buffers along the creek.
Kitsap Conservation District	Lower Gamble Creek LWD Enrichment Project	\$21,800	\$26,050	The applicant will remove invasive species, add LWD, and plant native vegetation to restore 1,800 feet of Gamble Creek.
Hood Canal Coordinating Council	Marine Riparian Initiative	\$12,000	\$6,000	The applicant will work with community stewards to enhance riparian habitat along at least one mile of degraded shoreline by removing noxious weeds and revegetating with native plants.
North Olympic Salmon Coalition	Riparian Habitat Restoration Project	\$26,200	\$15,500	The applicant will remove invasive species and restore native vegetation along 7,500 feet of Chimacum Creek with students from Chimacum School.
Northwest Watershed Institute	Lower Tarboo Creek Restoration	\$30,000	\$15,000	The applicant will complete survey and engineering plans for the restoration of 1.3 miles of the Lower Tarboo floodplain.
Snohomish				
Stewardship Partners	O Creek Fish Passage Project	\$15,000	\$35,000	The applicant will open up and enhance 3/4 mile of spawning and rearing habitat along O Creek by removing a fish barrier, installing rock weirs, resloping the stream banks, and planting native vegetation.
Snohomish County Surface Water Management	Middle Fork Quilceda Creek Riparian Restoration	\$45,800	\$50,596	The County will enhance 1,800 feet of riparian and instream habitat along the Middle Fork Quilceda Creek by removing invasives, installing LWD along the bank and in the stream, and vegetating a four acre area with over 16,000 native plants.
Snohomish Conservation District	Glover Creek Culvert Replacement Project	\$22,200	\$14,815	The District will enhance riparian habitat and open up 2,300 feet of stream for fish access along Glover Creek by replacing two undersized culverts with slab bridges, planting native vegetation, and installing LWD.
Snohomish Conservation District	Aalto, Woods Creek Riparian Enhancement Project	\$12,000	\$13,250	The District will restore riparian habitat along Woods Creek by removing up to five acres of invasive species, planting native vegetation, placing LWD, and installing a livestock exclusion fence.
Washington Trout	NF Cherry Creek Restoration Project	\$25,000	\$12,500	The applicant will restore and enhance natural processes and habitat along North Fork Cherry Creek by creating a 1,300 foot naturalized channel, placing LWD, and planting native vegetation.
Chehalis Basin (Grays Harbor)				
Chehalis Basin Fisheries Task Force	Vance Creek Fish Barrier Culvert Correction	\$21,200	\$15,700	The applicant will replace an undersized culvert on Vance Creek with a bridge to open up nearly 5 miles of stream habitat. This effort complements an existing SRFB grant to restore riparian habitat along the Creek with various volunteer groups.
Chehalis Basin Fisheries Task Force	Satsop Nutrient Enhancement	\$22,917	\$15,254	The applicant will purchase a forklift to assist with fish carcass dispersal as part of a larger project to enhance nutrient levels of the West Fork and Middle Fork Satsop Rivers, and a number of their primary tributaries.
Grays Harbor College - Coastal Resources Learning Center	Culvert Removal in Upper Alder Creeks	\$49,800	\$25,000	The applicant will remove a mid-channel culvert in Nice Creek to open up approximately 4,000 feet of potential spawning and rearing habitat, revegetate the surrounding riparian habitat, and engage the community via planting events and a watershed day camp program.
Island				
Whidbey Island Conservation District	Improving Fish Passage Through Maxwellton Tidegates	\$30,320	\$15,175	The applicant will improve fish passage and enhance agricultural drainage infrastructure in the Maxwellton estuary and creek system by replacing three aging tide gates with new tide gates.
Maxwelton Salmon Adventure	Quade Creek Restoration Project	\$40,000	\$22,072	The applicant will enhance riparian, rearing, and spawning habitat in Quade Creek by replacing a culvert and planting over 12,000 square feet of native riparian vegetation with multiple project partners.

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East Kitsap

Mid Puget Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group	Olalla Creek Watershed Restoration Project	\$20,000	\$14,450	The applicant will enhance riparian habitat along Olalla Creek by planting native vegetation, and to re-establish fish passage to 1.5 miles of stream habitat and 2 acres of wetland complex and Mace Lake by creating 400 feet of stream channel.
City of Poulsbo Parks and Recreation	Poulsbo's Fish Park Restoration	\$19,560	\$17,050	The applicant will enhance approximately 1000 lineal feet of riparian and upland habitat along Dogfish Creek by removing invasives, replanting with native vegetation, and adding LWD. Informational signage will also be installed at the project site.
Stillwaters Environmental Center	Carpenter Creek Estuarine & Stream Restoration	\$16,300	\$9,580	The applicant will work with local volunteers to enhance instream and riparian habitat along Carpenter Creek and the associated estuarine salt marsh by adding LWD, removing invasives, and planting native vegetation.
Puget Sound Restoration Fund	Nearshore Habitat Restoration in Liberty Bay	\$19,740	\$10,010	The applicant will plant approximately 425,000 native oysters at 4 sites in Liberty Bay to restore nearshore and estuarine habitat on private tidelands, engage the community in native oyster restoration, and improve juvenile salmonid habitat and water quality.
Illahee Forest Preserve	Illahee Creek Salmon Restoration & Rearing Project	\$20,000	\$26,800	The applicant will develop plans for the restoration of the reservoir on Illahee Creek for use as a rearing pond and future educational incubation projects, enhance riparian habitat by removing invasives and replanting with native vegetation, and identify sources of water pollution.
EcoSolutions	Oysters for Salmon	\$19,790	\$11,625	The applicant proposes a pilot project to improve water quality and restore eelgrass habitat for forage fish and salmon in Eagle Harbor by installing 100 nutrient filtering "oyster garden" nets, and performing education & outreach to the shoreline community.

Lower Columbia

Lower Columbia Regional Fish Enhancement Group	Little Washougal Riparian Restoration	\$35,500	\$23,475	The applicant will restore 5,000 linear feet of stream bank along the Little Washougal River by removing invasives and planting 5,000 native trees.
Lower Columbia Regional Fish Enhancement Group	Grays River - Alder Creek Fish Passage and Off Channel Rearing	\$14,900	\$10,000	The applicant will restore access to a six acre rearing pond, along with one mile of spawning habitat, by replacing culverts with a roughened channel.
Lower Columbia Regional Fish Enhancement Group	Wildhorse/ Gobar Creek Gravel Retention	\$9,900	\$8,600	The applicant will improve spawning and rearing habitat along 200 feet of both Wildhorse and Gobar Creeks by installing gravel retention structures (boulder and log weirs).
Lower Columbia Regional Fish Enhancement Group	Lower Goble Creek Gravel Retention	\$9,900	\$8,600	The applicant will increase habitat complexity along 1000 feet of Lower Goble Creek by installing gravel retention structures (boulder and log weirs).
Lower Columbia Regional Fish Enhancement Group	WRIA 27/28 Nutrient Enhancement	\$49,800	\$43,600	The applicant will enhance instream nutrient levels by placing carcasses in various streams, and purchasing equipment to effectively store, transport, and place carcasses now and in the future.
Fish First	Swanson Side Channel - East Fork Lewis River	Funded with WDFW Funds	\$64,070	The applicant will enhance rearing habitat and reconnect a side channel of the Lower East Fork Lewis River by widening and deepening the channel installing LWD, and planting native vegetation.
Fish First	Dave Barta East Fork L. R.	Funded with WDFW Funds	\$20,384	The applicant will enhance spawning and rearing habitat in a tributary of the East Fork Lewis River by restoring a pool, planting native vegetation, and placing LWD.
Lower Columbia Regional Fish Enhancement Group	Lockwood Creek LWD Placement	Funded with WDFW Funds	\$64,280	The applicant will place at least 50 pieces of LWD in Lockwood Creek to enhance instream habitat and channel complexity, and elevate the stream to re-connect to adjacent wetlands.

Klickitat

Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group	Klickitat Riparian Restoration- Model Project	\$12,500	\$6,250	The applicant will restore native vegetation along 1,480 feet of the Klickitat River. This project will serve as a demonstration site in an effort to engage other landowners in similar restoration projects.
Central Klickitat Conservation District	Little Klickitat Enhancement	\$36,225	\$21,463	The applicant will reduce water temperature and enhance instream habitat in the Little Klickitat River by placing root wads, toe logs, and log weirs, and planting riparian vegetation along 6000 square feet of streambank with assistance from local students.

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Mason

South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group	Schneider Creek Restoration	\$18,600	\$9,300	The applicant will restore a segment of the Schneider Creek Channel by adding LWD, re-grading the stream bank, removing several tons of concrete, and replanting native vegetation with the help of local volunteers.
Squaxin Island Tribe	Drip Irrigation System for Restoration Project on Tribal Trust Land	\$7,857	\$51,902	The applicant will install a drip irrigation system to benefit previous riparian plantings on 10 acres of stream habitat. This effort is part of a larger restoration project to restore riparian habitat along Skookum Creek, and will be complemented by future interpretive trails along the creek.
Mason County Public Works Department	Wival Road Culvert Replacement	\$35,000	\$17,500	The applicant will improve fish passage and instream habitat in a tributary to Gosnell Creek by replacing an undersized culvert, installing artificial streambed gravel, and planting native vegetation with the help of local volunteers.
South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group	Sherwood Creek Estuary Restoration	\$18,000	\$9,202	The applicant will restore natural estuary function and decrease predation in Sherwood Creek by breaching a berm in four locations, and distributing posters to local residents that highlight estuary conditions.
Squaxin Island Tribe	Skookum Creek Large Woody Debris	\$40,475	\$34,424	The applicant will enhance instream habitat by placing LWD and an engineered log jam in Skookum Creek. This project will complement adjacent riparian plantings.

Nooksack

Nooksack Indian Tribe	Hardscrabble Creek Fish Passage Project	\$10,000	\$5,000	The applicant will restore access to 1/2 a kilometer of Hardscrabble Creek by removing concrete material, installing LWD, and fastening steel baffles to the bottom of a low water crossing to facilitate upstream fish passage.
Lummi Indian Business Council	Schell Creek Hunter Farm Restoration	\$11,224	\$5,570	The applicant will restore instream fish habitat along 750 feet of Schell Creek by installing LWD and creating a 6.3-acre buffer with native trees and shrubs.
Port of Bellingham	Squalicum Creek Fish Passage Project	\$25,000	\$20,000	The Port will complete engineering plans and permitting for construction of rock arch rapids and baffles as the first phase of the Squalicum Creek Estuary Restoration Project.
Whatcom County Noxious Weed Control Board	Nooksack River Knotweed Management	\$16,476	\$8,418	The County will work with landowners to inventory, eradicate, and monitor satellite knotweed populations along the upper reaches of the South and Middle Forks of the Nooksack River.
Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association	Landingstrip Creek Fish Passage Project	\$15,100	\$9,610	The applicant will improve fish passage and open up 3 miles of spawning and rearing habitat along Landingstrip Creek by replacing a failed stream crossing with a bridge.
Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association	Bertrand Creek Fish Passage Project	\$10,000	\$14,380	The applicant will open up and improve 2 miles of spawning and rearing habitat along Bertrand Creek by replacing three culverts and planting native vegetation.
Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association	Maple Ridge Off Channel/Wetlands Enhancement	\$24,900	\$27,000	The applicant will create 3000 feet of complex channels and improve riparian and off channel rearing habitat in an 11 acre wetland/stream complex along Scott Ditch by using sod stripping and excavation, placing LWD, and planting native vegetation.

Pierce LE (WRIA 10/12)

Pierce Conservation District	Commencement Bay Eelgrass Restoration Project	\$50,000	\$82,600	The applicant plans to restore Commencement Bay eelgrass beds by removing sawdust-contaminated sediments, installing clean sandy sediments, and doing eelgrass seeding with the help of a citizen-based restoration group, Divers Ecological.
Puget Creek Restoration Society	Puget Creek Beach Eelgrass Restoration Project	\$4,600	\$24,885	The applicant will study and restore eelgrass beds located off of Puget Creek Beach in Tacoma in order to enhance habitat in Commencement Bay.

Skagit

Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group	Day Creek Community Restoration	\$30,000	\$26,050	The applicant will improve fish passage and enhance 11.25 acres of riparian habitat along Day Creek via projects with seven landowners. A series of educational workshops will also be held to highlight restoration techniques and projects and solicit additional activities by landowners.
The Nature Conservancy	Knotweed Control in the Upper Skagit Basin	\$30,000	\$15,000	The applicant will survey 250 miles of stream reaches and treat approximately 1.5 acres of Knotweed as part of a large, long-term effort to control invasive species in the upper Skagit River basin.

Organization	Project	Community Salmon Fund Request	Matching Funds	Project Description
Thurston				
Washington Trout	Percival Creek Habitat Improvement Project	\$50,000	\$12,000	The applicant will plant native vegetation and remove debris from one mile of Percival Creek, and perform community outreach to local residents.
Upper Columbia				
Colville Confederated Tribes	Omak Creek Fish Passage Improvement at Mission Falls	\$50,000	\$57,299	The applicant will improve fish passage conditions and open up 17 miles of spawning habitat along Omak Creek through invasive species removal and increasing pool depth at the base of Mission Falls.
Chelan County Natural Resource Program	Wenatchee River Riparian Restoration Initiative: White River	\$40,000	\$25,284	The applicant will work with local high school students to restore riparian habitat at three sites along 1,500 linear feet of the White River watershed by increasing stream shading, reducing erosion, and increasing LWD recruitment.
Chelan County Natural Resource Program	Wenatchee River Riparian Restoration Initiative: Chumstick	\$40,000	\$25,284	The County will work with local high school students to restore approximately 2,000 linear feet of riparian habitat at four sites along Chumstick and Eagle Creek.
Chelan County Natural Resource Program	Wenatchee River Riparian Restoration Initiative: Lower Wenatchee	\$40,000	\$25,284	The applicant will work with local high school students to restore approximately 3,100 linear feet of riparian habitat at three sites along the lower Wenatchee River.
Foster Creek Conservation District	Foster Creek Erosion Control Project	\$50,000	\$78,000	The District will install an in-stream erosion control structure to reduce erosion and restore natural riparian floodplain structure and function along 3000 linear feet of stream bank in Foster Creek.
Douglas County Transportation & Land Services	Sand Canyon Reconstruction Engineering & Design	\$6,500	\$4,000	The County will engineer and design a 1,000 foot geomorphic stream channel along Sand Canyon Creek.
Methow Salmon Recovery Foundation	Methow Watershed-Respect the River Project	\$9,600	\$10,000	The Foundation will create 10 interpretive signs, install fencing along 1,200 feet of an existing riparian restoration site along a public access trail, and revegetate as needed to prevent further degradation of the site.
Methow Salmon Recovery Foundation	Libby- Hansler Ditch-to- Wells Conversion	\$40,000	\$20,000	The applicant will work with five landowners to convert the current surface water diversion irrigation system with four wells, and remove a fish screen and partial barrier to restore proper function and improve fish passage along the Libby-Hansler ditch.
North Olympic Peninsula				
10,000 Years Institute	Hoh River Knotweed Control Project	\$39,966	\$27,610	The applicant will restore riparian function in the Hoh River watershed by working with local landowners and tribal members to identify and remove Japanese knotweed over a 15 mile area.
Clallam County Noxious Weed Control Board	Knotweed Control in Big River Riparian Area	\$40,000	\$20,779	The applicant will improve water quality and instream and riparian habitat in the lower Big River area by controlling and eradicating knotweed over 700,000 square feet.
Yakima				
Benton Conservation District	Horn Rapids County Park Riparian Restoration	\$22,100	\$51,074	The applicant proposes a pilot project to enhance riparian habitat by planting native species along 1.5 miles of the Yakima River. Informational signage will also be installed at the project site.
Yakima Nation-YNFP	Holmes Property-Riparian and Side Channel Restoration Project	\$22,900	\$20,121	The applicant will restore and enhance side channel habitat by planting native vegetation along a 3,000 foot side channel, decommissioning and re-vegetating old farm roads located adjacent to the side channel, and involving the public in riparian restoration activities.
Kittitas County Conservation District	Lyle Creek Barrier Removal and Restoration Project	\$29,000	\$52,695	The applicant will remove a surface water diversion and plant 3,680 feet of riparian vegetation along Lyle Creek. This project complements other restoration efforts in the area and will be used as an example to showcase CWA and ESA activities to local hay farmers.
Kittitas County Conservation District	Lmuma Creek Restoration Phase II	\$16,000	\$33,000	The applicant will install livestock fencing, create one hardened stream crossing for livestock, improve water flow by moving an irrigation withdrawal point to the Yakima River pump station, install 10 LWD structures, and plant native riparian trees along 950 feet of Lmuma Creek. This project will be used as an example to Livestock owners that BMPs can be compatible with successful livestock operations.
TOTAL:		\$1,531,650	\$1,514,720	