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RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE

November 21, 2007

TO: SRFB Members and Designees
FROM: Kaleen Cottingham, Director *KC*
PREPARED BY: Mark Jarasitis, Chief Financial Officer *mj*
SUBJECT: Financial Management Services Report

The attached financial reports reflect SRFB activities as of November 20, 2007. The available balance for salmon grants or programmatic funds is \$28,785,233. The federal balance is at \$12,815,656 and the state balance is at \$15,969,577.

This represents the entire amount currently estimated as available including the 2007 PCSRF award. This includes any funds previously held for board decision for possible contingent use, and recent "closed short" (unused) grant funds.

\$25,000,000 will be awarded for funding at this meeting, leaving \$3,785,233 available for future obligations. This does not include future federal funding.

The amount available for future Puget Sound Restoration and Acquisition projects is \$36,739,544.

If you have any questions on the materials, please call Mark Jarasitis at (360) 902-3006 or inquire at the meeting.

Attachments



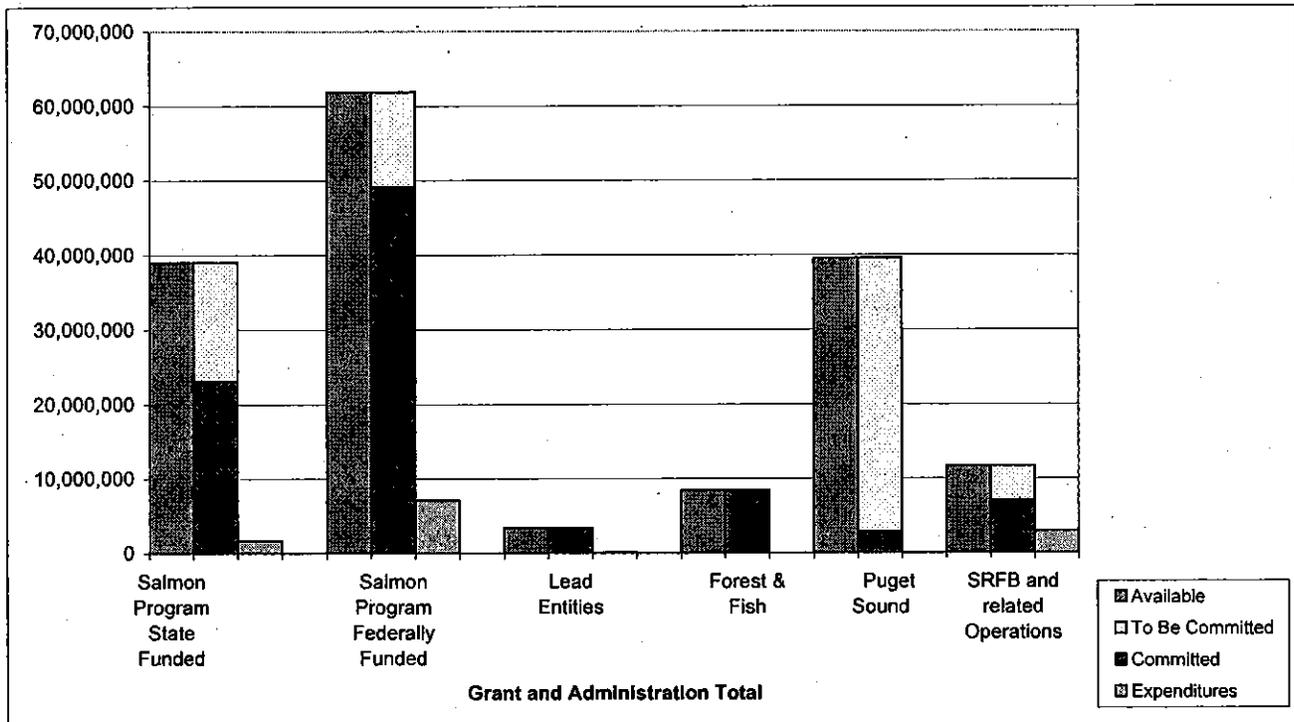
Salmon Recovery Funding Board

For the Period of July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2009, actuals through 11/20/2007 (11/20/07) (fm05)

Percentage of biennium reported: 20.8%

	BUDGET	COMMITTED		TO BE COMMITTED		EXPENDITURES	
	new and reapp 2007-2009	Dollars	% of budget	Dollars	% of budget	Dollars	% of comm
Grant Programs							
State Funded Activities	\$7,905,808	\$7,400,675	94%			\$858,075	12%
State Funded Projects	31,126,835	15,662,392	50%			845,465	5%
State Funded Total	39,032,644	23,063,067	59%	15,969,577	40.9%	1,703,540	7%
Federal Funded Activities	5,566,574	5,541,780	100%			258,778	5%
Federal Funded Projects	56,286,802	43,495,940	77%			6,836,990	16%
Federal Funded Total	61,853,376	49,037,720	79%	12,815,656	20.7%	7,095,768	14%
Lead Entities	3,412,598	3,412,598	100%	-	0%	95,870	3%
Forest & Fish	8,403,387	8,403,387	100%	-	0%	0	0%
Puget Sound	39,527,500	2,787,956	7%	36,739,544	93%	0	0%
Sub Total Grant Programs	152,229,504	86,704,728	57%	65,524,776	43%	8,895,177	10%
Administration							
SRFB General	2,535,175	2,535,175	100%	-	0%	460,518	18%
Monitoring Strategy	590,000	590,000	100%	-	0%	57,405	10%
Technical Panel	400,000	353,581	88%	46,420	12%	166,546	47%
Family Forest Fish Pass Prog	8,121,738	3,514,769	43%	4,606,968	57%	2,298,608	65.4%
Sub Total Administration	11,646,913	6,993,525	60%	4,653,388	40%	2,983,077	43%
Grant and Administration Total	\$163,876,417	\$93,698,253	57%	\$70,178,164	43%	\$11,878,254	13%

note: Includes federal awards thru FFY 2007



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November 30, 2007

TOPIC # 2 Project Management Report

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Approved by the Director:



Proposed Action: Update

Summary:

Project Management Activities

We currently have 302 active projects representing \$81.2 million in SRFB funds. We have closed out 95 projects since the beginning of the year. Staff continue to work with sponsors on closing out older projects.

Family Forest Fish Passage Program

This is a program managed jointly by the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife, Washington Department of Natural Resources, and Recreation and Conservation Office. This program was started in May of 2003 and has been very successful in linking local sponsors with private forestland owners and supplying the technical resources to fix fish barriers. During the 2007 construction season 25 projects were built. Thirty-three more projects have been approved for funding and are expected to be on track for construction in 2008 & 2009. Program staff would like to brief the board at the February meeting and showcase a successful program.

2007 Grant Round Update

223 projects were submitted by lead entities and regions on September 17, 2007. The SRFB Review Panel spent three days, October 24-26, 2007 reviewing and finalizing project comment forms. These forms were sent out to the regions and lead entities prior to their November 5-9, 2007 regional area presentations. The results of the November 5-9 presentations significantly lowered the number of Draft Projects of Concern (DPOC) and clarified many of the "Need More Information" (NMI) designations. The final results from the November meetings included 18 DPOC and 30 conditioned projects.

PSAR Design Only Projects

This new category, designed to accelerate projects funded under PSAR, had no match requirement. Eleven design only projects were presented to the SRFB during its September 27 meeting and were pre-approved, pending evaluation by the Review Panel. On October 26, the Review Panel concluded that five of the projects met the minimum criteria and needed no further refinement. The remaining six projects were routed through the standard process for funding consideration in December.



2008 Grant Round Preparation

In preparation for the 2008 grant cycle, RCO staff is initiating a review of the application and evaluation process. Staff is proposing various modifications in an effort to streamline the process to improve the quality of applications, improve communication about application requirements, and reduce inefficiencies. Most changes are procedural, and do not require action by the Salmon Recovery Funding Board.

RCO staff is developing a list of possible improvements that will be available for public review in early December. Changes that would require SRFB approval will be included in draft Manual #18: *Salmon Recovery Grants Manual* which will be presented to the SRFB at its February 2008 meeting for consideration. Any procedural changes to the application process will be communicated to project sponsors, lead entities, and regional organizations in late February at the start of the application cycle.

New Grant Manager joins the Salmon Section

Kay Caromile joined the salmon team on November 1, 2007. Kay is a Professional Engineer with a Master of Environmental Horticulture degree and Master of Science degree in environmental engineering. In addition, Kay has over nine years of research, design, and consulting experience on stream and riparian restoration projects to improve aquatic habitat, fish passage, bank and shoreline stability, and water quality. During her time at WDFW, Kay was the project manager, editor, and contributing author of the Stream Habitat Restoration Guidelines (SHRG). SHRG is a multi-federal and state agency endeavor to provide consistent guidance for planning, prioritizing, and designing stream habitat restoration projects. Kay is a welcome addition to the salmon team staff at RCO.

Summary of the 2008 EPA Challenge Grant Submittal for the Puget Sound Partnership

On November 16, 2007 the Recreation and Conservation Office, on behalf of the Puget Sound Partnership and six other organizations (Washington Departments of Ecology, Fish & Wildlife, Conservation Office, Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission and the National Marine Fisheries Service) submitted to EPA grant application for \$499,456.

The primary goal of this grant proposal is to create a *Puget Sound Collaborative Environmental Data Exchange Network*.

Puget Sound Partnership will identify existing and new data that needs to be brought together from the various federal, state, tribal, and local database systems over time.

The primary outcomes of this grant will be to:

- Build a freely-available, data discovery tool that has the ability to display and download information to support the implementation of the Puget Sound Action Agenda.
- Standardize the way young salmon data is reported by the different organizations and connect this information to the data discovery tool.
- Standardize the way project information is reported and connect this information to the data discovery tool.

The business justification for tackling the development of the Exchange Network and the Data Discovery tool is because these projects can be completed in a timely manner and will help the pull together information for Puget Sound recovery.

