

# Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board



## FACT SHEET

### Types of Projects Funded

Correction of fish passage barriers in Washington's waterways. Barriers are removed and replaced with fish passable structures.

### Who May Apply?

- Local agencies
- Special purpose districts, such as port, park and recreation, conservation, and school districts
- State agencies
- Native American tribes
- Private landowners
- Nonprofit organizations
- Regional fisheries enhancement groups

### Funding

Funding comes from the Legislature through the sale of general obligation bonds.

### Partners

- Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Recreation and Conservation Office

### Recreation and Conservation Office

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### Purpose

The Legislature established the Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board (FBRB) and grant program in 2014 to help identify and remove blockages to fish migration.<sup>1</sup>

The FBRB Grant Program has the following two separate funding strategies:

**Watershed Pathway:** targets projects in select watersheds across the state that will have the largest benefit to salmon at a population scale.

**Coordinated Pathway:** targets projects where there are other barrier correction projects nearby effectively leveraging and supporting other efforts and resources.

### Role of the FBRB

The role of the board is to adopt governing policies that guide funding strategies, project eligibility, match requirements, and more. The board also sets project evaluation criteria, reviews project scores and recommendations from the FBRB Technical Review Team, approves a prioritized project list of projects, and submits those projects to the Governor's Office and the Legislature for funding consideration.

The board is managed by the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife and the grant program is administered jointly by department and the Recreation and Conservation Office.

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### Grant Recipients 2017-19 Biennium

- Asotin County Conservation District
- Clallam County
- Cowlitz Conservation District
- Kitsap County
- Kittitas County Conservation District
- Lewis County
- Mason County
- Nez Perce Tribe
- North Olympic Salmon Coalition
- Sound Salmon Solutions
- Trout Unlimited

<sup>1</sup>Chapters 77.95.160 and 77.95.170 of the Revised Codes of Washington