

September 15-16, 2016

Olympic East Room, Alderbrook Resort
10 East Alderbrook Drive, Union, WA, 98592

Time: Opening sessions will begin as shown; all other times are approximate.

Order of Presentation: In general, each agenda item will include a presentation, followed by board discussion and then public comment. The board makes decisions following the public comment portion of the agenda item.

Public Comment: If you wish to comment at the meeting, please fill out a comment card and provide it to staff. Please be sure to note on the card if you are speaking about a particular agenda topic. The chair will call you to the front at the appropriate time. Public comment will be limited to 3 minutes per person. You also may submit written comments to the board by mailing them to the RCO, attn: Wendy Loosle, Board Liaison, or at wendy.loosle@rco.wa.gov.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

OPENING AND WELCOME

8:30 a.m. Call to Order

- Roll Call and Determination of Quorum
- Welcome to Alderbrook and Hood Canal Region
- Review and Approval of Agenda (**Decision**)

*Chair
Scott Brewer*

8:40 a.m. 1. Consent Agenda

- Approval of August 11, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Chair

MANAGEMENT AND PARTNER REPORTS

8:45 a.m. 2. Director's Report

- Director's Report
 - 2017 Calendar Planning
- Legislative, Budget, and Policy Updates
- Performance Update (*written only*)
- Fiscal Report (*written only*)

Kaleen Cottingham

Wendy Brown

8:55 a.m. 3. Salmon Recovery Management Report

- Governor's Salmon Recovery Office Report
- Salmon Section Report

*Brian Abbott
Tara Galuska*

9:20 a.m. 4. Reports from Partners

- Council of Regions Report
- Washington Salmon Coalition Report
- Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group Coalition
- Board Roundtable: Other Agency Updates

*Jeff Breckel
Amy Hatch-Winecka
Colleen Thompson
SRFB Agency Representatives*

9:55 a.m. General Public Comment: *Please limit comments to 3 minutes.*

10:00 a.m. BREAK

BOARD BUSINESS: BRIEFINGS

10:15 a.m.	5. Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Budget Requests and Project Lists for the Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program (ESRP) and the Fish Barrier Removal Board	Jay Krienitz Tom Jameson
11:15 a.m.	6. Follow-up from Workgroup on Budget Efficiencies	Brian Abbott
11:45 a.m.	7. Introduction to the Allocation Special Committee	Brian Abbott
12:15 p.m.	LUNCH	

BOARD BUSINESS: DECISIONS & BRIEFINGS

1:15 p.m.	8. Monitoring	Brian Abbott Keith Dublanica Dr. Marnie Tyler Dr. Pete Bisson
	A. Monitoring Funding (<i>Decisions</i>):	
	• Project Effectiveness Monitoring	
	• Status and Trends (Fish in/ Fish out)	
	• Intensively Monitored Watersheds (IMWs)	
	B. Renew Monitoring Panel Contract (<i>Decision</i>)	
	C. Potential Date Change for 2017 Monitoring Decisions (<i>Briefing</i>)	
	D. Regional Monitoring Proposals and IMW Treatment Proposals (<i>Briefing</i>)	
2:30 p.m.	9. Tour Overview and Introduction to Hood Canal Region	Mike Ramsey Scott Brewer
3:00 p.m.	ADJOURN FOR AFTERNOON TOUR	
3:15 p.m.	Afternoon Tour: Union River Estuary	

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

PROJECT TOUR

9:00 a.m.	Meet in Hotel Lobby of Alderbrook Resort	
9:10 a.m.	Depart for Skokomish Dips	
9:30 a.m.	Skokomish Dips (Map Point 1)	
10:00 a.m.	Travel to Confluence Reach	
10:20 a.m.	Presentation on Skokomish River General Investigation (GI) at Confluence Reach (Map Point 2)	
11:05 a.m.	Depart for Mainstem Skokomish	
11:30 a.m.	Carbody Removal Project Site (Map Point 3)	
12:15 p.m.	Depart for Skokomish Tribal Center	
12:20 p.m.	LUNCH at the Skokomish Tribal Center	
	• Discussion with the Skokomish Tribe	
	• Box lunches provided to board members and staff	

1:20 p.m. Depart for Skokomish Estuary

1:40 p.m. Skokomish Estuary Restoration (Map Point 4)

3:10 p.m. Depart for Alderbrook

3:30 p.m. END TOUR (return home)

Next regular meeting: December 7-8, 2016, Natural Resources Building, Room 172, Olympia, WA

**Salmon Recovery Funding Board
September 15, 2016
Consent Agenda**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following September 15, 2016 Consent Agenda items are approved:

- Approval of August 11, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Adopted Date: _____

Salmon Recovery Funding Board Briefing Memo

Meeting Date: September 15-16, 2016

Title: Director's Report

Summary

This memo is the director's report on key agency activities.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Request for Decision
<input type="checkbox"/>	Request for Direction
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Briefing

In this Report:

- Agency update
- Legislative, budget, and policy updates
- Fiscal report
- Performance update

Agency Update

Budget Outlook

At the Governor's Cabinet retreat this summer, the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) learned that the budget for the coming biennium is likely to include further reductions. While revenue collections inch upward and the economy continues to grow slowly and steadily, it's not enough to keep pace with increased costs, more demand for services, and the obligation to fully fund public schools. Agencies were told to look for ways to manage their budgets without more money and to prepare for potential reductions. Budget requests for the next biennium (2017-19) are due in September.

To prepare for the next biennium, RCO senior managers held a day-long retreat to discuss the current state of the agency and talk about priorities and future budgets. Following the meetings of the two RCO funding boards, RCO staff began developing the final budget documents. These are all due to the Office of Financial Management on or before September 9th.

Employees on the Move

- Alexis Haifley will join RCO as the new Admin Assistant for the Salmon Section on September 16, 2016. Ms. Haifley has degree in Criminal Justice with a Minor in Environmental Science from Ashland University in Ohio. Her previous experience includes serving as a wilderness ranger for the National Park Service and with DNR supporting volunteers in education, enforcement, and writing reports.
- Elizabeth Butler is leaving the Salmon Section for a new position with The Nature Conservancy.

Update on Sister Boards

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (RCFB)

The RCFB made decisions to prepare for the biennial budget submittal and adopted several new grant policies at its July meeting in Bellevue. The annual travel meeting included a tour of five grant-funded sites in King County: Mercer Slough, Meydenbauer Beach, Cross Kirkland Corridor Trail, East Lake Sammamish Trail, and Lake Sammamish State Park. These sites have received a total of 19 RCO grants. Four project sponsors were highlighted: Bellevue, Kirkland, King County, and State Parks.

Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group

At its quarterly meeting in June, the lands group discussed expectations for the upcoming legislative session and heard a presentation from the Department of Natural Resources about a recent restoration effort at Dabob Bay. The lands group also discussed its role in developing a 6-year state agency strategy for land acquisition.

Washington Invasive Species Council

The council met in June and welcomed new members: representatives from the Kalispel Tribe of Indians, Washington State University, and King County. At the end of the school year, the council focused on its "Don't Let It Loose campaign," educating schools, parents, and children not to release plants and animals into the wild. This summer, the council focused on its "Clean Drain Dry" campaign to educate people about cleaning their boats to remove invasive wildlife.

The upcoming September 22 meeting will be notable because representatives from the Oregon Invasive Species Council will be sharing their strategic initiatives and discussing collaboration and the WISC will review the newly released economic analysis of the impact of invasive species in Washington.

Legislative Update

At the August 2016 meeting, the board approved a \$56 million Salmon-State capital budget request that includes funding for a study to identify and implement efficiencies in the project development process. In addition, RCO will request the following salmon-related budget appropriations for the 2017-19 biennium:

Program	2017-19 Agency Request
Salmon-State (SRFB)	\$56 million
Estuary and Salmon Restoration	\$20 million
Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration	\$80 million
Family Forest Fish Passage Program	\$10 million
Coastal Restoration Grants	\$12.5 million
Salmon Barrier Removal Board	\$58 million

Fiscal Report

This financial report reflects Salmon Recovery Funding Board activities as of June 2016.

Balance Summary

Fund	Balance
Current State Balance	\$5,122,078
Current Federal Balance – Projects, Hatchery Reform, Monitoring	\$383,647
Current Federal Balance – Activities	\$1,806,096
Lead Entities	\$0
Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR) and Puget Sound Restoration	\$3,179,589

Salmon Recovery Funding Board

For July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2017, actuals through June 30, 2016 (FM 12). 50.0% of biennium reported.

Programs	BUDGET	COMMITTED		TO BE COMMITTED		EXPENDITURES	
	New and Re-appropriation 2015-2017	Dollars	% of Budget	Dollars	% of Budget	Dollars	% of Completed
State Funded							
2011-13	\$4,890,891	\$3,894,533	80%	\$996,358	20%	\$1,035,155	27%
2013-15	\$11,872,091	\$11,494,842	97%	\$377,249	3%	\$3,652,674	32%
2015-17	\$14,820,200	\$11,071,728	75%	\$3,748,472	25%	\$1,031,239	9%
Total	31,583,182	26,461,103	84%	\$5,122,079	16%	5,719,068	22%
Federal Funded							
2011	\$4,577,913	\$4,577,913	100%	\$0	0%	\$4,577,913	100%
2012	\$8,493,420	\$8,493,420	100%	\$0	0%	\$2,918,173	34%
2013	\$8,564,766	\$8,564,766	100%	\$0	0%	\$3,729,189	44%
2014	\$15,724,199	\$15,724,199	100%	\$0	0%	\$5,939,568	38%
2015	\$18,173,121	\$15,983,378	88%	\$2,189,743	12%	\$1,955,161	12%
Total	55,533,419	53,343,676	96%	\$2,189,743	4%	19,120,004	36%
Grant Programs							
Lead Entities	7,643,306	7,643,306	100%	0	0%	2,625,573	34%
PSAR	83,169,048	79,989,459	96%	3,179,589	4%	20,573,381	26%
Subtotal	177,928,955	167,437,544	94%	10,491,411	6%	48,038,026	29%
Administration							
Admin/ Staff	5,954,591	5,954,591	100%	-	0%	2,003,265	34%
Subtotal	5,954,591	5,954,591	100%	-	0%	2,003,265	34%
GRAND TOTAL	\$183,883,546	\$173,392,135	92%	\$10,491,411	8%	\$50,041,291	24%

Note: Activities such as smolt monitoring, effectiveness monitoring, and regional funding are combined with projects in the state and federal funding lines above.

Performance Update

The following data are for grant management and project impact performance measures for fiscal year 2017. Data included are specific to projects funded by the board and current as of August 8, 2016.

Project Impact Performance Measures

The following tables provide an overview of the fish passage accomplishments funded by the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (board) in fiscal year 2017.

Grant sponsors submit these performance measure data for blockages removed, fish passages installed, and stream miles made accessible when a project is completed and in the process of closing. The Forest Family Fish Passage Program and Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program are not included in these totals.

Two salmon blockages were removed so far this fiscal year (July 1, 2016 to August 8, 2016), with two passageways installed (Table 1). These projects have cumulatively opened 10.37 miles of stream (Table 2).

Table 1. SRFB-Funded Fish Passage Metrics

Measure	FY 2016 Performance
Blockages Removed	2
Bridges Installed	0
Culverts Installed	2
Fish Ladders Installed	0
Fishway Chutes Installed	0







Table 2. Stream Miles Made Accessible by SRFB-Funded Projects

Project Number	Project Name	Primary Sponsor	Stream Miles
10-1767	Donkey Creek Culvert – 2010	Pacific Coast Salmon Coalition	1.4
13-1398	Rattlesnake Creek SR 129 Culvert Replacement	Asotin Co Conservation District	8.97
Total Miles			10.37

Grant Management Performance Measures

Table 3 summarizes fiscal year 2017 operational performance measures as of August 8, 2016.

Table 3. SRFB-Funded Grants: Management Performance Measures

Measure	FY Target	FY 2016 Performance	Indicator	Notes
Percent of Salmon Projects Issued Agreement within 120 Days of Board Funding	85-95%	83%		Six agreements for SRFB-funded projects were due to be mailed this fiscal year to date. Staff mail agreements on average 19 days after a project is approved.
Percent of Salmon Progress Reports Responded to On Time (15 days or less)	65-75%	94%		A total of 89 progress reports were due this fiscal year to date for SRFB-funded projects. Staff responded to 84 in 15 days or less. On average, staff responded in 3 days.
Percent of Salmon Bills Paid within 30 days	100%	100%		During this fiscal year to date, 49 bills were due for SRFB-funded projects. All were paid on time.
Percent of Projects Closed on Time	60-70%	N/A		There have been no SRFB-funded projects scheduled to close so far this fiscal year.
Number of Projects in Project Backlog	0	5		Five SRFB-funded projects are in the backlog. This is a decrease from the last board meeting.
Number of Compliance Inspections Completed	75	11		Staff have inspected 11 worksites this fiscal year to date. They have until June 30, 2017 to reach the target.

September 15-16, 2016

Agenda Item 2 will be updated on or after September 6.

Item 2: Director's Report

- Director's Report
 - 2017 Calendar Planning
- Legislative, Budget, and Policy Updates
- Performance Update (*written only*)
- Fiscal Report (*written only*)

Kaleen Cottingham

Wendy Brown

Salmon Recovery Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: September 15-16, 2016

Title: Salmon Recovery Management Report

Prepared By: Brian Abbott, Governor's Salmon Recovery Office Executive Coordinator
Tara Galuska, Salmon Section Manager

Summary

The following are some highlights of work recently completed by the staff in the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office and the Recreation and Conservation Office.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

- ☐ Request for Decision
- ☐ Request for Direction
- ☒ Briefing

Governor's Salmon Recovery Office

Budget Reduction Regional Organization and Lead Entity Capacity for Fiscal Year 2017

The Salmon Recovery Funding Board (board) directed Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) staff to conduct an analysis of return funds from lead entity and regional fiscal year (FY) 2016 contracts to ascertain funds available to backfill the \$801,685 in contract reductions for FY 2017. The board also instructed Governor's Salmon Recovery Office (GSRO) staff to lead a budget workgroup to develop recommendations on return funds, which were presented at the August 11, 2016 board meeting. Following confirmation on three tentative numbers within the Puget Sound region, staff will begin preparing contract amendments to carry out the board's decision allocating the unspent capacity funds.

Salmon Recovery Network

For the past year and a half, the Salmon Recovery Network (SRNet) has met regularly in workgroups facilitated by Triangle Associates and through conference calls focused on refining capacity and capital project funding needs. Currently, SRNet members are crafting an outreach strategy for decision-makers.

At the May 2016 meeting, SRNet members formed a subcommittee tasked with developing funding priorities for the next biennial budget. SRNet discussed these recommendations on a conference call in early June and provided budget recommendations to the board at the June meeting. SRNet held a meeting June 22, 2016 in Olympia and in light of the budget reduction to capacity funds for 2017, members developed a revised set of recommendations for board consideration at their August meeting. The board agreed to include \$2.472 million for lead entities and \$641,410 for Regional Fisheries Enhancement groups, to support project development work, within the RCO's capital budget request. The next SRNet meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2016.

Board Work Plan Update

Communications Plan Contracting

RCO contracted with Pyramid Communications to develop a communications plan for the SRFB and associated outreach materials. The plan will provide detailed recommendations and focus on the synergies between the board, GSRO and SRNet, building on the close affiliations that the three entities share.

The objectives of this contract are to:

- Build off of the Communications Framework to write a specific and actionable communications plan for the board and GSRO.
- Develop communication materials to support the plan; these may include handouts, fact sheets, website development, or video shorts.
- Align the plan with SRNet outreach efforts, to promote collaborative communications that send consistent messaging on salmon recovery to decision-makers.
- Assist GSRO with a State of Salmon website and report outreach strategy, which should be an integrated part of the overall communications plan.

Board members Nancy Biery and Bob Bugert represent the board's interests on the Communication Plan Advisory Group. In the near future, Pyramid Communications will interview board members and selected staff as part of the information gathering process. The first meeting for the Communications work group is scheduled for August 17, 2016.

State of Salmon 2016

GSRO continues to collaborate with the Departments of Fish and Wildlife, Natural Resources, and Ecology, Tribes, recovery organizations, and consultants to prepare the 2016 State of Salmon in Watersheds website update and Executive Summary. The planned launch date for the updated and re-designed website is December 12, 2016. Most of the indicators reported in past reports will remain and some may be expanded. Automation of live, dynamic data will be expanded where possible. Use of state-owned and open source technologies (such as data.wa.gov, Esri, and WordPress) will help display the data. Some improvements to the website include a tighter content focus for the target audience, alignment of messages with the Salmon Recovery Communications Plan and SRNet, a simpler way to navigate data, and making the website compatible with many different devices. GSRO has contracted with Pyramid Communications to improve the website design and messaging content. Additional partners will support expansion of the included data flows and inclusion of story maps.

Salmon Recovery Conference 2017 – Planning

After a competitive process, RCO selected and reserved the Wenatchee Conference Center for the next Salmon Recovery Conference to be held April 25-27, 2017. The 2017 conference will highlight what has worked in salmon recovery, what has not, and how to improve the quality and cost effectiveness of projects. Conference tracks will likely include: habitat restoration, nearshore restoration, acquisition, assessments, monitoring, hatchery reform, and recovery plan progress. As conference planning progresses, staff will provide periodic updates to the board.

RCO continues the partnership with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and Long Live the Kings, who served as conference co-hosts for the 2015 conference. An advisory subcommittee to support conference planning and agenda development is being assembled and will potentially include representatives of the following organizations:

- RCO and GSRO

- Washington Salmon Coalition
- Council of Regions
- Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
- Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Long Live the Kings
- Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board

Fish Barrier Removal Board

GSRO serves on the Fish Barrier Removal Board (FBR Board), created by the Legislature in 2014. One of the FBR Board's goals is to broadly communicate the importance of opening existing habitat for salmon and steelhead blocked by man-made structures. Pyramid Communications, currently under contract with GSRO to support the FBR Board, recently completed a communications plan. A sub-committee created by the FBR Board will assist with implementing the plan and provide support by reaching out to regional organizations and lead entities, helping them select focus areas in their region comprised of sub-watersheds where significant progress can be made in fish passage through coordination and potential future funds to remove barriers. WDFW staff worked with the FBR Board to develop and prioritize a project list. The FBR Board developed a list of 53 projects and asked RCO to request \$58 million in the 2017-19 biennium.

Allocation Committee

In December of 2015 the board approved its biennial work plan, which included the creation of an allocation committee. The committee is charged with reviewing the regional area allocation and developing a capacity allocation process for Lead Entities and Regions; recommendations will be brought to the board in the spring of 2017. Board members Troutt, Duffy, and Bugert have agreed to be part of the allocation committee, along with regional and lead entity representatives. RCO is in the process of obtaining facilitation services for the committee, whose first meeting is expected to occur at the end of October. More information will be provided at the September board meeting.

Recreation and Conservation Office - Salmon Section Report

Salmon Recovery Funding Board Grant Management

2015-17 Budget Update

The 2015-17 budget supported a \$18 million grant round in 2015. Staff briefed the board in March 2016 on the status of available SRFB funds for this grant round. Approximately \$13.09 million is available for the 2016 grant round. The Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR) account was funded at \$37 million for the biennium; the remaining 2015-17 PSAR funding in the amount of \$3.2 million, was nearly all obligated at the August board meeting.

2016 Grant Cycle Update

RCO announced the 2016 grant round in early February 2016 and PRISM opened for applications February 12. The grant cycle includes Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF) funding, salmon state funding, unobligated 2015-17 PSAR state funding, and developing lists of new projects for the 2017-19 PSAR budget request. All of these funding sources and projects will go through the same review process to increase efficiency.

Using the regional allocation formula approved by the board, projects will be ranked and submitted through the lead entity process. In order to provide the Puget Sound Partnership with a project list in advance of the legislative session, sponsors were asked to submit PSAR and PSAR Large Capital projects seeking funding in the 2017-19 biennium. As with other board-funded projects, PSAR projects are submitted through the lead entity process. Once funding is made available by the legislature next session, the 2017-19 PSAR projects will be funded in ranked order using the region's allocation formula. The deadline for applications was August 12, 2016. The board will be asked to approve all other projects in December 2016..

The 2016 grant round progress includes the following:

- The Review Panel met in July 2016 to start reviewing projects.
- Final applications were due August 12, 2016.
- At the time of this memo, a total of 228 salmon applications were submitted in PRISM for review. This includes:
 - 10 PSAR 2015-17 project proposals
 - 19 PSAR 2017-19 Large Capital projects
 - 7 regional monitoring projects
 - 5 IMW restoration treatment projects
- The Review Panel will meet in September 2016 to provide final review comments to project sponsors.
- The board will be asked to approve projects at their December 2016 meeting.

Other Programs

Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program (ESRP)

ESRP received \$8 million in the capital budget for the 2015-17 biennium, funding fourteen projects on the 2015 Investment Plan. The ESRP program was recently awarded two NOAA Coastal Resiliency grants, which will further fund projects on the list, as well as provide support to a nearshore scientist and an outreach specialist at WDFW. WDFW put out a Request for Proposals in April 2016 for the 2017-19 list of ESRP projects. To date, 25 applications have been submitted and will be reviewed by an ESRP review group. The ESRP project list will be submitted with the 2017-19 budget request. Jay Krienitz of WDFW will provide more information on ESRP and the projects lists at the September 2016 meeting.

Family Forest Fish Passage Program (FFPPP)

FFPPP received \$5 million in the capital budget for the 2015-17 biennium. In September 2015, the FFFPP Steering Committee approved the 2015 project list, which includes 16 projects with 19 barrier crossings. Those projects are completed or underway. The FFFPP Steering Committee recently approved the 2016 project list for implementation. The approved project list includes 13 sites with 15 barriers. There are currently 477 eligible landowners with 830 crossings remaining on the waiting list. At this point, DNR intends to ask for \$10 million for FFFPP in the 2017-19 biennium.

Salmon Recovery Funding Board Grant Administration

Viewing Closed Projects

Attachment A lists projects that closed between May 18, 2016 and August 8, 2016. Select the project number link to view information about a project (e.g., designs, photos, maps, reports, etc.)

Amendments Approved by the RCO Director

The table below shows the major amendments approved between May 18, 2016 and August 8, 2016. Staff processed 67 project-related amendments during this period; most amendments were minor revisions related to administrative changes or time extensions.

Table 1. Project Amendments Approved by the RCO Director

Number	Name	Sponsor	Program	Type	Amount/Notes
<u>13-1143</u>	West Sound Water typing III	Wild Fish Conservancy	Salmon Recovery Funds	Project Cost Change	Increased funds by \$3,480 of 2013-15 PSAR funds returned from Whiteman Cove Feasibility project 13-1142 to afford a project cost overrun associated with final deliverables.
<u>11-1523</u>	Blakely Island Forage Fish Habitat Restoration	Friends of the San Juans	Salmon Recovery Funds	Project Cost Change	Increased funds by \$4,674.09 and the sponsor's match by \$10,000, to cover the final expenditures on the project.
<u>14-1586</u>	Allyn Shoreline Enhancement Project	Mason Conservation District	PSAR Large Capital Projects	Project Cost Change	Mason CD requested a scope increase to develop final designs (the original project deliverable), and to conduct shoreline landowner outreach and design.
<u>14-1432</u>	Oakland Bay Restoration – Riparian Stewardship	Capitol Land Trust	Salmon Recovery Funds	Project Cost Change	Increased funds by \$9,225 of additional SRFB and \$775 of match for a total cost increase of \$10,000.
<u>14-1257</u>	Kukutali Restoration Feasibility and Prelim Design	Swinomish Tribe	Salmon Recovery Funds	Project Cost Change	The grant was amended to take the preferred alternative, full restoration, to final design and permitting. The grant was a "design-only, no match" project and now 15% match is provided on the grant balance and to receive a one-year time extension.
<u>14-1306</u>	North Meander Reconnection, Ph III Design	Snohomish County Public Works	Salmon Recovery Funds	Project Cost Change	Add a matching share of \$26,470 to enable extending this design-only project 6 months to complete additional site investigation.

Number	Name	Sponsor	Program	Type	Amount/Notes
15-1315	Asotin Intensively Monitored Watershed Monitoring	Department of Fish & Wildlife	Salmon Recovery Funds	Project Cost Change	Increased funds by \$1769 from 15-1443, to accommodate timely salmon snorkel surveys in the Asotin IMW.
14-1895	McCaw Reach Fish Restoration (Design) Phase B	Walla Walla Co Cons District	Salmon Recovery Funds	Project Cost Change	Increased funds by \$6,000 to cover additional engineering and project management time necessary to address comments on the preliminary and final designs.
13-1115	WF Grays River Chum Channel Restoration	Lower Columbia River FEG	Salmon Recovery Funds	Project Scope Change	The project sponsor reconfigured the project within the same watershed to deliver approximately the same deliverables (2 preliminary designs and 1 final design taken through construction. This scope change had extensive review and approval from the local TAC, local recovery board and DNR Aquatics staff.

The following table shows projects funded by the board and administered by staff since 1999. The information is current as of August 8, 2016. This table does not include projects funded through FFFPP or ESRP. Although RCO staff support these programs through grant administration, the board does not review and approve projects under these programs.

Table 2. Board-Funded Projects

	Pending Projects	Active Projects	Completed Projects	Total Funded Projects
Salmon Projects to Date	130	452	1,978	2,560
Percentage of Total	5.1%	17.7%	77.3%	

Attachments

A. Salmon Projects Completed and Closed from May 18, 2016 – August 8, 2016

Salmon Projects Completed and Closed from May 18, 2016 – August 8, 2016

Project Number	Project Name	Sponsor	Program	Closed On
10-1767	Donkey Creek Culvert - 2010	Pacific Coast Salmon Coalition	Salmon Federal Projects	7/19/2016
10-1813	Upper Methow Riparian Protection IV	Methow Conservancy	Salmon State Projects	6/21/2016
11-1315	Eagle Island Sites B and C	Cowlitz Indian Tribe	Salmon Federal Projects	6/27/2016
11-1380	Grays River Reach 2D Restoration	Lower Columbia River FEG	Salmon Federal Projects	5/25/2016
11-1557	Riparian Assessment and Restoration in WRIA 14	Mason Conservation Dist	Salmon Federal Projects	7/1/2016
11-1646	George Cr Wildlife Area Habitat Restoration	Tri-State Steelheaders Inc	Salmon Federal Projects	6/21/2016
11-1672	Alternative Gear Testing and Mortality Study 2013	Fish & Wildlife Dept of	Salmon Federal Activities	6/2/2016
12-1333	Abernathy Creek 5A Side Channel Project	Cowlitz Indian Tribe	Salmon Federal Projects	7/21/2016
12-1358	Yakima River Assessment Hansen Pits to Ringer Loop	Kittitas County Public Works	Salmon Federal Projects	6/15/2016
12-1637	Charley Cr and N Fk Asotin Cr Channel Restoration	Fish & Wildlife Dept of	Salmon Federal Projects	6/21/2016
12-1930	Kalama River Broodstock Management	Fish & Wildlife Dept of	Salmon Federal Activities	7/12/2016
12-1934	2012 Implement Tribal Agreements	Fish & Wildlife Dept of	Salmon Federal Activities	7/12/2016
13-1037	Tributary to Bunker Creek Barrier Removal	Lewis County Public Works	Salmon Federal Projects	6/10/2016
13-1398	Rattlesnake Creek SR 129 Culvert Replacement	Asotin Co Conservation Dist	Salmon Federal Projects	7/28/2016
13-1461	Intensively Monitored Watersheds SFY 2014	Ecology Dept of	Salmon Federal Activities	5/27/2016
14-1029	Elwha Conservation Protection Assessment	North Olympic Land Trust	Puget Sound Acq. & Restoration	7/20/2016
14-1053	McSorley Cr Pocket Estuary Restoration Design	King Co Water & Land Res	Puget Sound Acq. & Restoration	8/2/2016
14-1055	PERS SRV - Outreach and Communications Plan	Pyramid Communications	Salmon Federal Activities	6/2/2016

Project Number	Project Name	Sponsor	Program	Closed On
<u>14-1063</u>	Pott Habitat Restoration	Mid-Columbia RFEG	Salmon Federal Projects	6/3/2016
<u>14-1159</u>	Delezenne Creek Fish Passage Restoration Project	Grays Harbor Conservation District	Salmon State Projects	6/21/2016
<u>14-1214</u>	Upper Yakima River Restoration Design	Kittitas Conservation Trust	Salmon Federal Projects	7/5/2016
<u>14-1217</u>	Naches River Side Channel Preliminary Design	North Yakima Conserv District	Salmon Federal Projects	8/5/2016
<u>14-1348</u>	Badger Mtn ID River station screens	Badger Mtn Irrigation District	Salmon Federal Projects	8/5/2016
<u>14-1404</u>	Moga Back-Channel Design	Snohomish Conservation District	Salmon State Projects	5/26/2016
<u>14-1429</u>	Harmony Farms Restoration Design	Capitol Land Trust	Salmon Federal Projects	7/22/2016
<u>14-1459</u>	Abernathy Headwaters Design	Cowlitz Indian Tribe	Salmon State Projects	7/26/2016
<u>14-1601</u>	Lower Quinault Floodplain Phase 2 Invasive Control	Quinault Indian Nation	Salmon State Projects	7/20/2016
<u>14-1892</u>	Titus Creek Diversion Fish Passage and Screening	Walla Walla Co Cons District	Salmon Federal Projects	6/17/2016
<u>14-2256</u>	IMW Lower Columbia FFY 2015 (WDOE)	Ecology Dept of	Salmon Federal Activities	5/26/2016
<u>14-2282</u>	Busy Wild Creek Protection Planning	Nisqually Land Trust	Puget Sound Acq. & Restoration	6/3/2016
<u>15-1338</u>	PRISM Maintenance FY 2016	Rudeen & Associates, LLC	Salmon Federal Activities	7/6/2016

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September 1, 2016

David Troutt, Chairman
Salmon Recovery Funding Board
WA Recreation and Conservation Office
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Dear Chairman Troutt and Board Members,

The Washington Salmon Coalition is pleased to provide you with an update on our work and activities over the last several months:

LE Process Update

The statewide grant process has Lead Entity Coordinators working with their citizen and technical committees to complete the final review and ranking of the proposed projects. These final meetings represent the culmination of numerous tours and community gatherings, hundreds of hours spent aligning project activities with geographies, engaging sponsors and reviewers as the project moves from idea to design and implementation.

Final ranked lists have been submitted and State Technical Review Panel is reviewing the projects. They will determine which projects are "Clear," "Conditioned," "Need More Information" (NMI), or "Project of Concern" (POC). Once we know the status of each project, Lead Entities can work with our sponsors to develop a response to review panel comments through revisions to the project proposal attached in PRISM and prepare for the Regional Area Meetings taking place later in October in Olympia.

Washington Salmon Coalition Adjustments

In response to the recent budget reductions, the Washington Salmon Coalition has made some changes to our yearly meeting schedule to ease the burden on LE Coordinators for travel. We have eliminated two of our four in-person meetings: our autumn outreach and communications meeting, and our winter retreat. Instead our December meeting will focus both on funding and Legislative outreach, to ready us for the upcoming session. After much discussion, we have decided to continue to hold our Annual Meeting in Chelan in June. We believe that gathering Coordinators separately to discuss issues and hold trainings will lend much needed support to our members.

We are grateful for the continued collaboration and support and look forward to continuing to partner to ensure this is the only year we experience such reductions.



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HWS: Proposed Project List Development

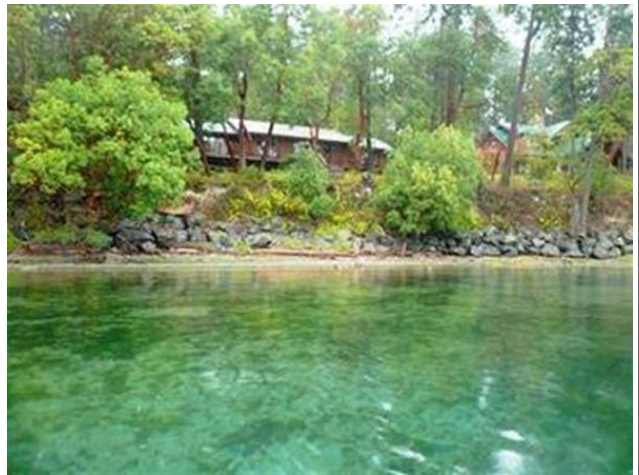
Lead Entities have been working to update proposed project data in Habitat Work Schedule (HWS) as we prepare to develop the RCO salmon capital funding request. This is an ongoing effort as projects are constantly in a state of flux from project identification to the conceptual phase to a proposed project. In some cases with larger, complex, or phased projects, different project elements can be in a concept, funded, and ongoing stage at the same time making it difficult to communicate although important. We believe that utilizing the HWS to develop a defensible budget request and to communicate the unmet need for project dollars to the Governor, the Office of Financial Management, legislators, and other agencies is a good idea.

Statewide LE News and Updates

San Juan Lead Entity

A PLACE AT THE TABLE

When young salmon leave their watersheds, they must search for food in seawater. That can be difficult if shorelines are wrapped in bulkheads. Bulkheads often are devoid of bushes and trees, which shade the water for salmon and drop leaves and branches in the water, creating areas for the insects and fish that salmon eat. Salmon from all over Puget Sound visit the San Juan Islands' more than 400 miles of shoreline (more than any other county in the



United States!), but sometimes they can't find a place at the table to eat. The islands have more than 700 bulkheads, some of which are not necessary to protect property. The Friends of the San Juans wanted to restore the shoreline to make it more fish friendly. They removed large rock or riprap from the beach at Brown Island, increasing spawning space for the fish that salmon eat and room for shoreline plants. See the YouTube video of this project at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sP0zUwKUBEs&feature=youtu.be> You can see details of the project on the Habitat Work Schedule at <http://hws.paladinpanoramic.com/Search.aspx...>



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WRIA 9: Green/Duwamish Lead Entity

WRIA 9 and the King Conservation District hosted a Nearshore Boat Tour on August 11th. Over 100 citizens, elected officials, business executives, non-profit board and staff members, and local, state and federal agency staff attended. The tour launched in the Argosy Sightseer from Elliott Bay's Pier 55 and wended its way along the coast of the Bay and southwest King County, terminating at the nearshore restoration project partially funded by the SRFB at Seahurst Park in Burien where turned and headed back to Seattle. The tour featured 10 subject matter experts involved with Puget Sound and salmon recovery from throughout the region,





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including a shoreline resident of Maury Island who told the story behind her voluntarily removing a portion of the bulkhead on her property and restoring its beach. Lynda Mapes, Seattle Times reporter, moderated a 5-member panel of tribal, science and business representatives and leaders in restoring Puget Sound. The panel topic was, “What We’ve Done Together to Restore the Nearshore and Taking a Look Ahead”. Keynote speakers were Jay Manning, Vice-Chair of the Puget Sound Partnership (PSP) Leadership Council, and Ron Sims, former King County Executive. Martha Kongsgaard, Chair of the PSP Leadership Council and member of the panel, said this following the Nearshore Boat Tour, “I have to say, since I am ‘in government’, we don’t usually manage to communicate our work very well either due to time constraints or because the merits of these kinds of events are hard to quantify, making investing in them with taxpayer dollars worrisome. I am writing to say that...this time was brilliantly well spent. We got informed, were inspired, and made great connections that I know will pay off for King County, for salmon, for the future.”

Thanks again for your support!

Amy Hatch-Winecka
WSC Chair
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September 15-16, 2016

For Agenda Item 4, no formal memo is included as part of the board materials.

Item 4: Reports from Partners

- Council of Regions Report
- Washington Salmon Coalition Report
- Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups
 - Pioneer Park Restoration Preliminary Designs (RCO Project #14-1405)
- Board Roundtable: Other Agency Updates

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SRFB Agency Representatives

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Item 5: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Budget Requests and Project Lists for the Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program (ESRP) and the Fish Barrier Removal Board

*Jay Krienitz
Tom Jameson*

September 15-16, 2016

For Agenda Item 6, no formal memo is included as part of the board materials.

Item 6: Follow-up from Workgroup on Budget Efficiencies

Brian Abbott

September 15-16, 2016

For Agenda Item 7, no formal memo is included as part of the board materials.

Item 7: Introduction to the Allocation Special Committee

Brian Abbott

Salmon Recovery Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: September 15-16, 2016

Title: Monitoring Funding Decisions

Prepared By: Keith Dublanica, Governor's Salmon Recovery Office Science Coordinator

Summary

This memo outlines the monitoring panel's process for developing project recommendations and recommends a new process in 2017. The purpose in establishing a new process and schedule in 2017 is to facilitate timely initiation of contracts with monitoring practitioners. The schedule leading up to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board's funding decisions in December 2016 is also included here.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

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Background

Establishment of the Monitoring Panel

At the March 2014 meeting, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (board) approved the creation of a five-member monitoring panel (expanded in 2015 to include two subject matter experts), supported by funding from the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF). The decision was made in response to the recommendations published in Stillwater Sciences' report: *Monitoring Investment Strategy for the Salmon Recovery Funding Board* (2013).

The purpose of the monitoring panel is to update the board's overarching monitoring strategy, develop an adaptive management framework, and provide guidance and funding recommendations to the board on the monitoring program.

Recent Actions

At the August 2016 meeting, staff provided a summary of funding decisions for the board to make at the following September meeting. At that time, the board approved a motion to delegate authority to the RCO Director to enter monitoring contracts, in consultation with the chair of the board and the co-chairs of the monitoring panel, if there is no quorum and thus no ability to make funding decisions at the September board meeting.

Following the August briefing and September funding decision, the contract process between RCO and the monitoring practitioners will begin. All contracts must be in place by October 1, 2016, leaving a short window after funding decisions are made in September. Historically, the annual October deadline has proved challenging for the western Washington Intensively Monitored Watersheds (IMWs), given the administrative structure that includes several subcontracting government agencies. As a result, the

western Washington IMW coordinating agency, Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology), requested an earlier decision-making process so that contracts can be in place by the October 1 deadline. The Governor's Salmon Recovery Office (GSRO), in coordination with Ecology and the monitoring panel, proposed a revised 2017 schedule. Nothing will change for the 2016 schedule, which will retain a September funding decision. Below you will see the schedule for the remainder of 2016 and 2017.

Monitoring Panel Progress and Work Schedules

The monitoring panel held their first kick-off meeting in January 2016. At their monthly meetings, they discussed the evaluation process, met with principle investigators to review their annual reports, and began the process of developing monitoring program recommendations for the board to consider.

2016 Schedule

1/26/2016	WebEx: Monitoring panel kick-off
2/11/2016	WebEx: Prepare for meeting with Project Effectiveness Principal Investigators
3/10/2016	WebEx: Meet with Project Effectiveness Principal Investigators to discuss fish sampling, data interpretation, project types, and sampling frequency
4/20/2016	WebEx: Overview of annual evaluation process
6/21/2016	Work Session: Formulate SRFB recommendations
6/23/2016	Board Meeting: Present Panel updates
7/26/2016	WebEx: Resolve any outstanding issues
8/26/2016	Final monitoring panel annual report due to GSRO
9/7/2016	Salmon recovery regions funding recommendations due to GSRO
9/15/2016	Board Meeting: Present monitoring panel recommendations
11/4/2016	Final regional monitoring forms posted
12/8/2016	Board Meeting: Board makes final decisions on Intensively Monitored Watersheds restoration and regional monitoring projects

Proposed 2017 Schedule

The 2017 schedule revisions intend to accommodate the principle investigators' field season and to better align with contract timing. Reporting is moved up in the schedule, as is the preview of recommendations to be presented to the board in June 2017 for decisions in September 2017.

12/30/2016	Project Effectiveness and Fish In/Fish Out (Snow Creek and overview) and Intensively Monitored Watershed (IMW) annual reports due to monitoring panel
3/14/2017	WebEx: Meet with principal investigators if needed/requested
3/21/2017	WebEx: Formulate SRFB recommendations for funding Project Effectiveness, Intensively Monitored Watersheds, Fish In/Fish Out
4/18/2017	WebEx: Finalize recommendations for the board
5/30/2017	Final monitoring panel annual report due to GSRO

6/22-23/2017*	Board Meeting: Present monitoring panel preview of recommendations for Project Effectiveness, Intensively Monitored Watersheds, Fish In/Fish Out and Monitoring Panel. Board makes tentative decisions on Monitoring Panel recommendations and delegates authority to the RCO director to enter into contracts once the PCSRF award is known.
9/15-16/2017*	Board Meeting
12/7-8/2017*	Board Meeting: Board makes funding decisions on any IMW restoration treatment and regional monitoring projects.

**The board meeting dates for 2017 have not been established at this time. These dates are estimated based on the 2016 meeting calendar.*

September 2016 Monitoring Decisions

1) Intensively Monitored Watersheds (IMWs)

- Managed by the Washington Department of Ecology and Ecological Research
- Current allocation: \$1,602,941 (Department of Ecology) / \$28,000 (Ecological Research)
- **2016 allocation: \$1,456,000**
- The board supports five IMWs in Washington state, including Skagit, Straits, and Hood Canal IMWs in the Puget Sound salmon recovery region; the Abernathy IMW complex in the Lower Columbia; and the Asotin IMW in the Snake River region. Each of these IMW contracts is processed as a separate agreement. The four western Washington IMWs are managed through the Department of Ecology, and the fifth (Asotin) is managed by Ecological Research, Inc. All of the IMW principal investigators presented their annual reports to the monitoring panel earlier this year, and attended a full-day interactive meeting in May 2016.

2) Project Effectiveness Monitoring

- Currently managed by consultant, TetraTech, Inc. and sub-contractor Natural Systems Design.
- Current allocation: \$243,047, PRISM #15-1570
- **2016 allocation: \$245,000 (estimate) for the 2017 field season.**
- The project effectiveness program is entering its final phase. The 2017-2018 scope of work was anticipated to be completed under a sole source contract with the current contractor. However, this approach to contracting was not approved by the Department of Enterprise Services (DES). DES recommended using a competitive process to select the contractor. RCO initiated a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process in early summer 2016, with the expected responses due on September 9. The successful vendor must be under contract by November 1, 2016.

3) Status and Trends Monitoring (Fish In/Fish Out)

- Managed by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
- Current allocation: \$275,000, PRISM# 15-1569
- **2016 allocation: \$208,000**
- WDFW's Fish In/Fish Out monitoring program focuses on specific index streams that represent a fraction of the total Fish In/Fish Out monitoring performed throughout the state. The 2015 WDFW monitoring contract totaled \$208,000 and covered sampling in specific index streams, with staggered reporting to the monitoring panel.

- The 2016 allocation is for those same index streams (Duckabush, Hamma Hamma, Snow and Salmon Creeks, Wind and Grays Rivers, Touchet River)

4) **Monitoring Panel contract extensions**

- GSRO intends to continue relying on the monitoring panel to advise the SRFB on monitoring.
- Current allocation: \$100,000, varied PRISM contracts with 7 vendors
 - Pete Bisson, panel co-chair
 - Ken Currens
 - Dennis Dauble
 - Jody Lando
 - Phil Roni
 - Marnie Tyler, panel co-chair
 - Micah Wait
- **2016 allocation: \$100,000;** current contracts to be extended to 9/30/17

Next Steps

In late August, the monitoring panel prepared and finalized their annual recommendations for board-funded monitoring efforts to be supported by the most recent PCSRF award. The panel distributed their final comment forms regarding the IMWs, status and trends, and project effectiveness monitoring to the principal investigators. These comments included the panel's overall assessments of specific and respective monitoring efforts, as well as any conditions and deliverables that may be included in the next set of monitoring agreements with the project sponsors. Staff recommends approval of the monitoring decisions, available on RCO's [website](#).

At the August meeting, the board approved delegation of authority to the RCO Director, in consultation with the chair of the board and the co-chairs of the monitoring panel, to make decisions at the September meeting in the event that a quorum does not exist.

Salmon Recovery Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: September 15, 2016
Title: Introduction to Lower Hood Canal Restoration Projects and Tour Overview
Prepared By: Mike Ramsey, Outdoor Grants Managers

Summary

This memo notes the projects that the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (board) will tour on September 15-16, 2016. More information about each site will be presented at the board's September 15, 2015 regular business meeting and by the individual project sponsors at each site.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

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Tour Overview

The Salmon Recovery Funding Board (board), Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) staff, and interested parties will convene in the lobby of the Alderbrook Resort after the business portion of the board meeting concludes on Thursday, September 15. Beginning at 3:15 p.m. and ending by 5:30 p.m., the afternoon tour will include a visit to the completed Union River estuary restoration project.

The second day's tour will begin on the morning of Friday, September 16 at 9:00 a.m. in the hotel lobby. This part of the tour will consist of visiting four board-funded project sites within the lower floodplain of the Skokomish River as well as a presentation about future ecosystem restoration projects related to the US Army Corps of Engineers' recently authorized General Investigation. We will also have lunch and a discussion with the Skokomish Tribe at the Tribal Center. The tour will conclude at 3:30 p.m. when the vans return to Alderbrook. We will provide vans for board members and staff for both days of the tour.

Fish Information: The Skokomish River is used by Fall Chinook (and soon to be reintroduced Spring Chinook), Hood Canal Summer Chum salmon, steelhead, and Bull Trout, all of which are listed as threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act, as well as by Rainbow and Cutthroat trout and Coho, Pink, and Sockeye salmon.

Project Site Descriptions

Under each corresponding map point projects are listed with the grant funding source(s), a description of the projects, and the project numbers, with links to PRISM Project Snapshot for more information. A map for each tour day is included in Attachments A and B. Driving directions will be provided at the meeting, although we would prefer participants carpool to minimize vehicles. The times shown on the tour agenda are approximate.

Thursday, September 15

Union Estuary Johnson Farm Dike Design (Completed)

Puget Sound Acquisition & Restoration (\$130,080) – Design-only; no match grant

The project's goal included developing a plan to breach the existing dike and return the wetlands (31 acres) to prime salmonid habitat, while maintaining trail access for the community. Specifically, conceptual-level information was used to develop final design and permitting. This effort resulted in several dike-breaching alternatives to maximize the restoration opportunity while maintaining trail access.

The project involved public and stakeholder outreach efforts in the form of public notices and meetings, using presentation and workshop formats in order to seek input from all interested parties. The resulting environmental and community driven design makes the best use of this critical piece of land.

(RCO Project #[09-1639](#))

Union River Estuary Restoration (Completed)

Puget Sound Acquisition & Restoration (\$300,000); Match Funds (NCWG \$1,500,000)

The Union River Estuary Restoration project, located at the mouth of the Union River in Mason County adjacent to Belfair, represents over 23% of the original Union/Lynch Cove Estuary. The project's purpose included restoring estuary and tidal function to 31 acres by breaching the existing dike in two locations, re-grading to a variety of elevations, accommodating storm water drainage, and replicating native estuarine habitat. These steps intend to establish primarily vegetated estuarine saltmarsh habitat necessary for juvenile endangered Hood Canal Summer Chum and Puget Sound Chinook as well as Coho, Cutthroat trout. The project design also involved measures to prevent flooding of surrounding property owners while accommodating continued recreational use of the existing trail system (IAC 1994) with pile-supported walkways over the dike breaches. One 300-foot breach and another 100-foot breach were developed in order to permit both salt and fresh water inundation, creating maximum value for the scale of the project. (RCO Project #[11-1348](#))

Friday, September 16

The Dips Road Realignment (Map Point 1)

Skokomish Confluence Reach Acquisition (Completed)

Puget Sound Acquisition & Restoration (\$371,750); Match Funds (\$65,600)

This project purchased 160.91 acres of critical salmon habitat and uplands near the "Dips" in order to relocate this section of Skokomish Valley Flats Road out of the Channel Migration Zone (CMZ), because the area is frequently flooded and the road impinges on the river's floodway. The project area is widely regarded as the most important and urgent salmon restoration project within the Hood Canal Basin. Restoration in this area would allow for creation of significant off-channel and floodplain habitat beneficial for all salmonid species as well as for flood retention. (RCO Project #[06-2343](#))

Skokomish Valley Road Conceptual Design (Active)

Puget Sound Acquisition & Restoration (\$362,990); Match Funds (Federal Grant \$64,175)

The Mason Conservation District is using this grant to develop conceptual designs for a project that will move the Skokomish Valley Road off the South Fork Skokomish River bank and into the property purchased with grant #06-2343. This would reconnect the South Fork Skokomish River to as much as 60 acres of floodplain. The end project would include restoring the right bank of the Skokomish South Fork, removing 800 feet of rock bank armor, placing large tree root wads and logs along the river bank, and possibly adding engineered logjams in the river to increase habitat complexity and improved channel flow. The project also will investigate adding a meander to the river channel to create channel complexity

and improve sediment movement and moving or removing the constricting bridge across Vance Creek to improve the movement of sediment and large logs. (RCO Project #15-1195)

Skokomish Valley Road Relocation Final Design (Proposed)

Proposed Request (\$946,399); Match Funds (\$141,950)

This goal of this project is to complete the final design project for the project described above (#15-1195). (RCO Project #16-1487)

Confluence Reach – North and South Fork (Map Point 2)

Skokomish Confluence Levee Design and Acquisition (Active)

Puget Sound Acquisition & Restoration (\$438,755), Match Funds (\$110,957)

This project is for engineering design and land acquisition for a project to restore the Skokomish North Fork and South Fork between their historic and present confluences by removing at least 3500' of river dike (estimated 42,000 cubic yards), placing 50 engineered log jams, and restoring 150 acres of floodplain to properly functioning conditions. (RCO Project #13-1220)

Skokomish River General Investigation (GI) Presentation

The Skokomish River channel has been filling with sediment for several decades, resulting in frequent flooding and decreasing natural ecosystem structures, functions, and processes necessary to support critical fish and wildlife habitat throughout the Basin. Increased sediment load, reduced flows, and encroachment of the floodplain by man-made structures are leading to continued degradation of natural ecosystem functions and habitat. The degraded riverine and estuarine aquatic habitat has caused a decline in the population of critical fish and wildlife species, including multiple Endangered Species Act (ESA) listed species. Additionally, the channel capacity of the Skokomish River varies significantly. Limited channel capacity causes floodwater to leave the banks at various locations, ultimately causing frequent flooding of local roads, two state highways, agricultural fields, residences, and other structures.

To improve the Skokomish River environment for fish and people, the Skokomish Indian Tribe and Mason County reached out to the US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to complete a General Investigation (GI) for flood damage reduction and ecosystem restoration. In 2006 the Corps agreed to complete the GI. The Skokomish River GI is a basin-wide study that examined the problems, opportunities, and objectives within the context of the entire watershed. The project goals were to:

- Identify impairments to the aquatic ecosystem of the Skokomish River Basin
- Identify flood risk
- Identify and evaluate potential solutions
- Determine federal interest in implementing solutions
- Recommend actions to resolve aquatic ecosystem and flood risk management impairments

Six SRFB projects were used as the local cost share (50%) to the Corps for completing the feasibility phase of the project:

RCO #07-1644	Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration	\$596,150
RCO #07-1925	Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration	\$445,126
RCO #08-1996	Salmon Federal	\$300,000
RCO #09-1668	Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration.....	\$413,067
RCO #10-1567	Salmon State.....	\$175,000
RCO #14-1328	Salmon State.....	\$360,500
Total SRFB/PSAR Support to GI.....		\$2,289,843

Skokomish River GI – 2016 Proposed Projects (Proposed)

PSAR Large Capital (\$6,441,322) and Early PSAR (\$2,403,627)

The GI investigation concluded in April 2015 and determined that the Skokomish ecosystem will continue to degrade unless restoration actions are taken. The determination also advised that it is of national interest for the Corps to develop and implement five federal ecosystem restoration projects. These projects, recommended by the Corps to Congress for federal funding, will directly address excess sedimentation in the Skokomish River, reconnect floodplain, flood refuge and high-quality fish rearing habitat, restore riparian areas, maintain year-around fish passage, and add large wood structures to restore critical fish habitat. These projects were selected for execution by the Corps due to the size, scale, and complexity of the projects, and because they are all considered to be essential restoration actions required for the recovery of endangered salmon populations in the Skokomish Watershed.

(RCO Projects #[16-1496](#) and #[16-1497](#))

Carbody Removal and Riparian Planting (Map Point 3)

Skokomish Car Removal and Riparian Restoration (Completed)

State Salmon (\$127,754), Match Funds (\$63,035)

This project removed car bodies along approximately 1600 feet of streambank on the mainstem Skokomish and implemented comprehensive riparian planting. The latter was primarily paid for through other funding sources and used as match; however, this grant helped fund planting maintenance responsibilities. Through car body removal and riparian vegetation restoration: 1) normative channel function was restored, and 2) riparian function was restored allowing for natural deposition in the floodplain, shade, and large woody debris recruitment. (RCO Project #[12-1368](#))

Skokomish Estuary Restoration (Map Point 4)

Skokomish River Tide Gate/Culvert (Completed)

Salmon Federal (\$130,439), Match Funds (\$28,293)

The project goal was to return tidal flows to an area lost when diking and draining took place in the middle of the 20th century. The project removed tidegates, replaced culverts, and breached dikes in the former agricultural area, reversing the historic loss of important estuarine habitat. Other restoration activities included removal of invasive scotch broom and planting of sweetgrass, used in tribal basket weaving. (RCO Project #[01-1302](#))

Skokomish River Nalley Island Levee Removal (Completed)

Salmon State (\$193,650), Match Funds (\$115,620)

This project completed Phase One construction and assists Phase Two planning and engineering of the Skokomish River Estuary restoration, which restores natural estuarine functions by removal of agricultural dikes and ditches. The project, focused on the Skokomish River's lower estuary, will act on the recommendations of a 1995 Army Corps of Engineers study that identified removal of agricultural modifications as a priority action to rehabilitate estuarine habitat. (RCO Project #[02-1560](#))

Skokomish Estuary Island Restoration (Completed)

Puget Sound Acquisition & Restoration (\$1,160,000), Puget Sound Critical Stock (\$291,000), State Salmon (\$812,400), Match Funds (\$2,462,000)

The Skokomish Indian Tribe, Tacoma Power, and Mason Conservation District (MCD), along with the Puget Sound Nearshore Partnership, and National Coastal Wetlands Conservation, restored tidal/river hydrology to the Skokomish Estuary in Hood Canal. This project obliterated island dikes and levees, roads, and borrow ditches to improve salmonid refugia, water quality, and river functions. Phase 2, the Nalley island restoration was a great example of collaboration between the State, Hood Canal Coordinating Council,

Mason Conservation District and the Skokomish Tribe. The lead engineer and the Tribes project manager used a team approach in the development of the design elements and implementation. (RCO Project #07-1631)

Skokomish Estuary Island Adaptive Management Elements (Completed)

Salmon State (\$135,605)

The majority of the restoration work was completed under RCO project #07-1631 (above) during the summer of 2010. This project applied site specific treatments to augment habitat functions at select locations. The work focused on restoring historic channel connections, removing creosote poles and hardware, installing Large Woody Debris, planting the upland areas with native and culturally significant species, and documenting the as-built conditions through bathymetric surveying in the project vicinity. (RCO Project #11-1666)

Skokomish Estuary Restoration Phase III (Completed)

Estuary & Salmon Restoration (\$539,950), Puget Sound Acquisition & Restoration (\$301,090), NOAA Community Based Restoration (\$100,000), EPA National Estuary Program (\$85,255), Salmon State (\$54,945), Match Funds (\$324,427)

This project addressed hydrologic continuity from a forested wetland complex by opening barriers to stream flow and anadromous salmonids for juvenile rearing and feeding. Grant funds supported design, engineering, and construction of ten culverts to replace undersized pipes under access roads and one bridge along an access road, opening fish access to 2.72 miles of habitat, 6600 yards of channel modification and improvement. (RCO Project #11-1361)

Skokomish Estuary Restoration Phase 3C (Active)

Estuary & Salmon Restoration (\$1,231,930), Puget Sound Acquisition & Restoration (\$463,600)

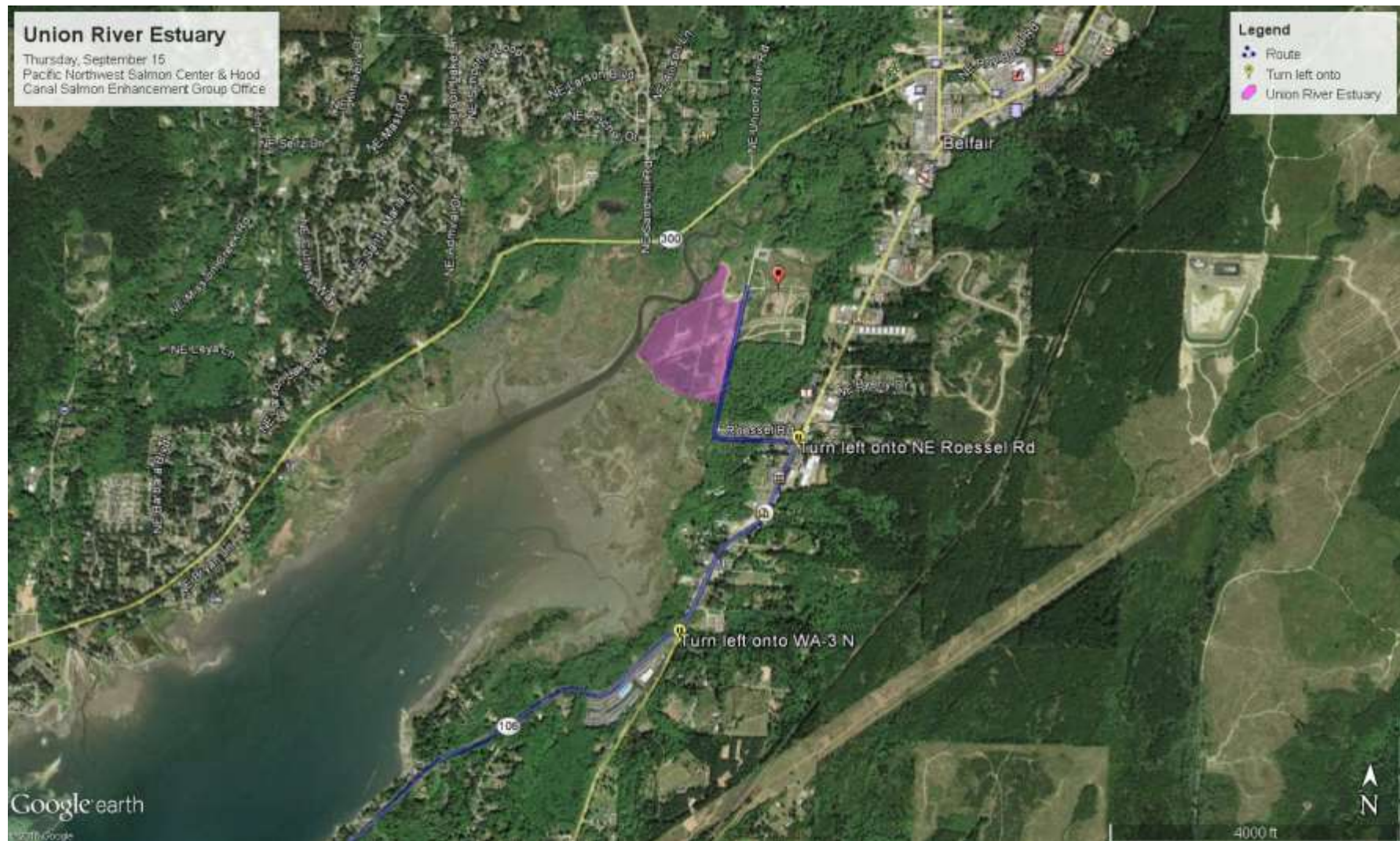
This phase of Skokomish Estuary restoration will address hydrologic continuity from a forested wetland complex by opening barriers to stream flow and anadromous salmonids. This project includes: 10 additional stream crossings on a power line access road connected to US 101: seven new stream crossings on Skokomish Flats Road; and channel modifications and restoration of 0.5 miles of existing stream habitat on the old Nalley Farm property. This project will also place fill in the borrow ditches created during this historic period of dike building. The overall goal of the Skokomish Estuary Restoration is restoring historic conditions, create and maintain high quality and complex habitat, reconnect side channels, tributaries and backwater habitats, and restore connection between intertidal estuary and forested wetland habitat. This project will significantly increase the area of brackish habitat, critical for growth of out-migrating juvenile salmon before entering marine waters. (RCO Project #14-1369)

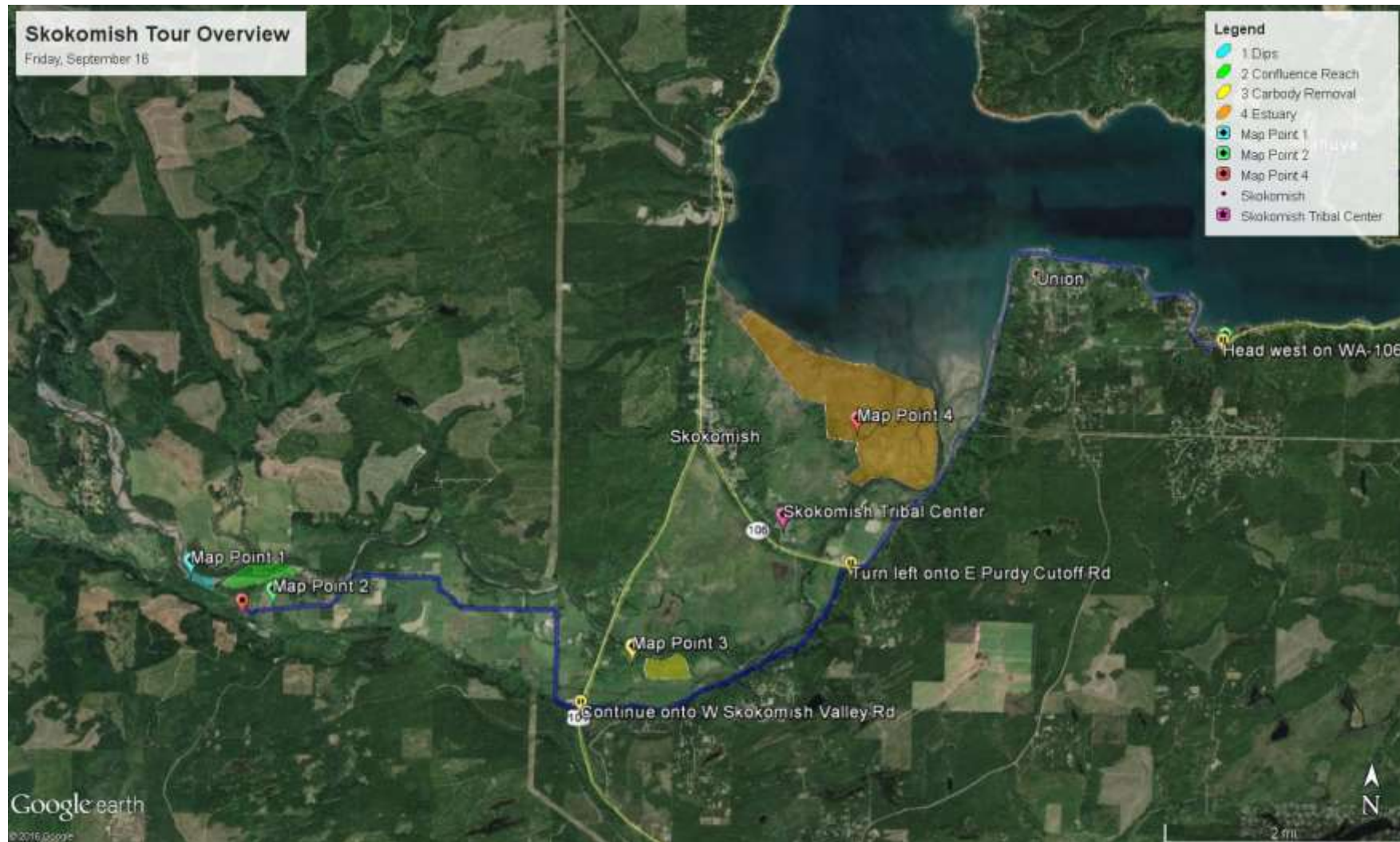
Attachments

- A. Project Tour Map – September 15, 2016
- B. Project Tour Map – September 16, 2016

Attachment A

3:15 – 5:30 p.m. **Union River Estuary Restoration**
Pacific Northwest Salmon Center
600 Roessel Road, Belfair, WA





Salmon Recovery Funding Board Project Tour Maps
September 16, 2016

Attachment B

9:10 – 9:30 a.m.

Map Point 1

The Dips

W. Skokomish Valley Road – Park at pullout on shoulder



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10:20 – 10:50 a.m. **Map Point 2**
Confluence Reach
W. Skokomish Valley Road
Park at old 76 Gas Station along road

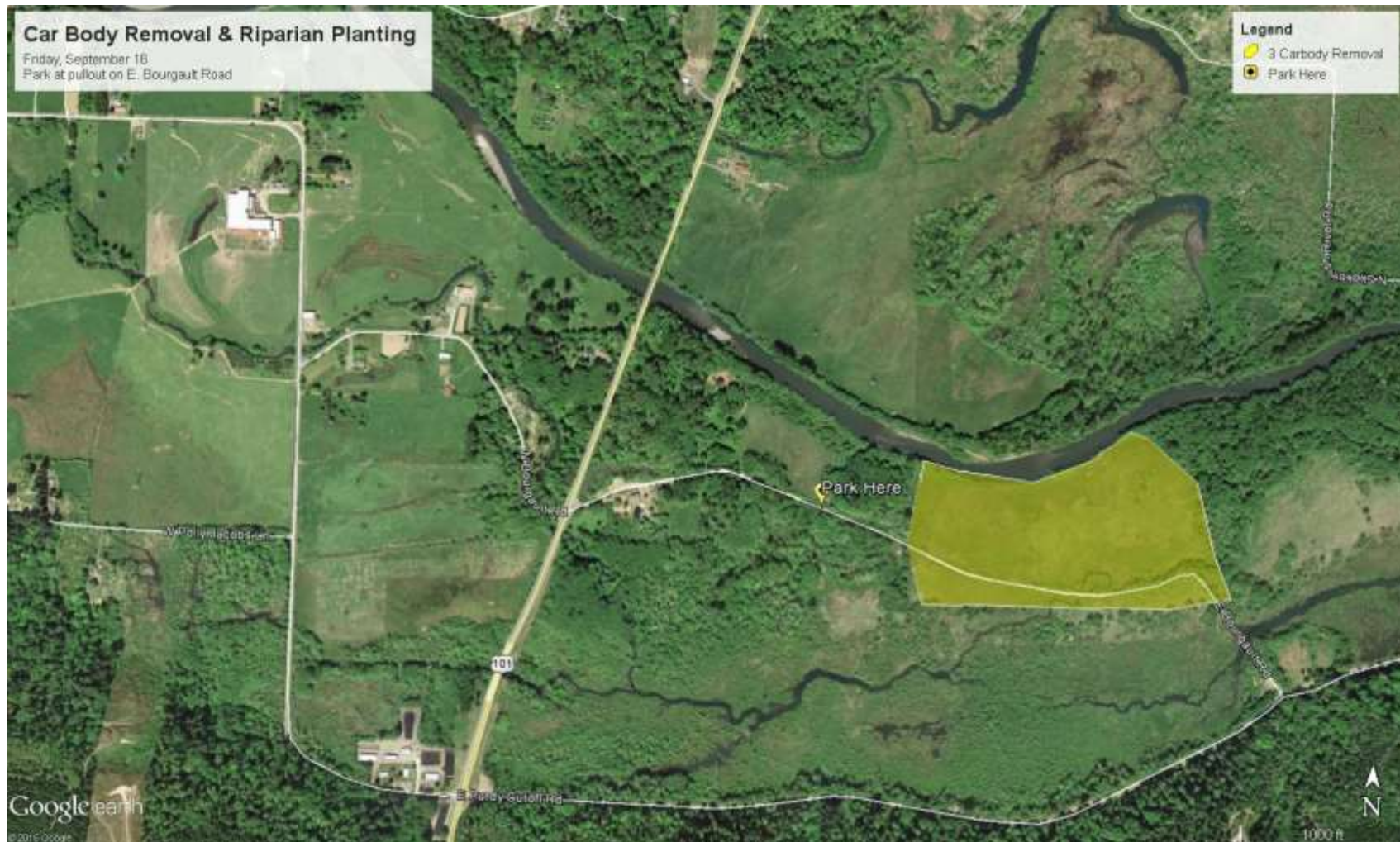


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Attachment B

11:30 – 12:00 a.m. **Map Point 3**

Car body Levee Removal & Riparian Planting
Park at Pullout on E. Bourgault Road



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12:20 – 1:20 p.m. **Lunch at Tribal Center**
Skokomish Tribal Center - Senior Room
80 N Tribal Center Road, Skokomish, WA 98584



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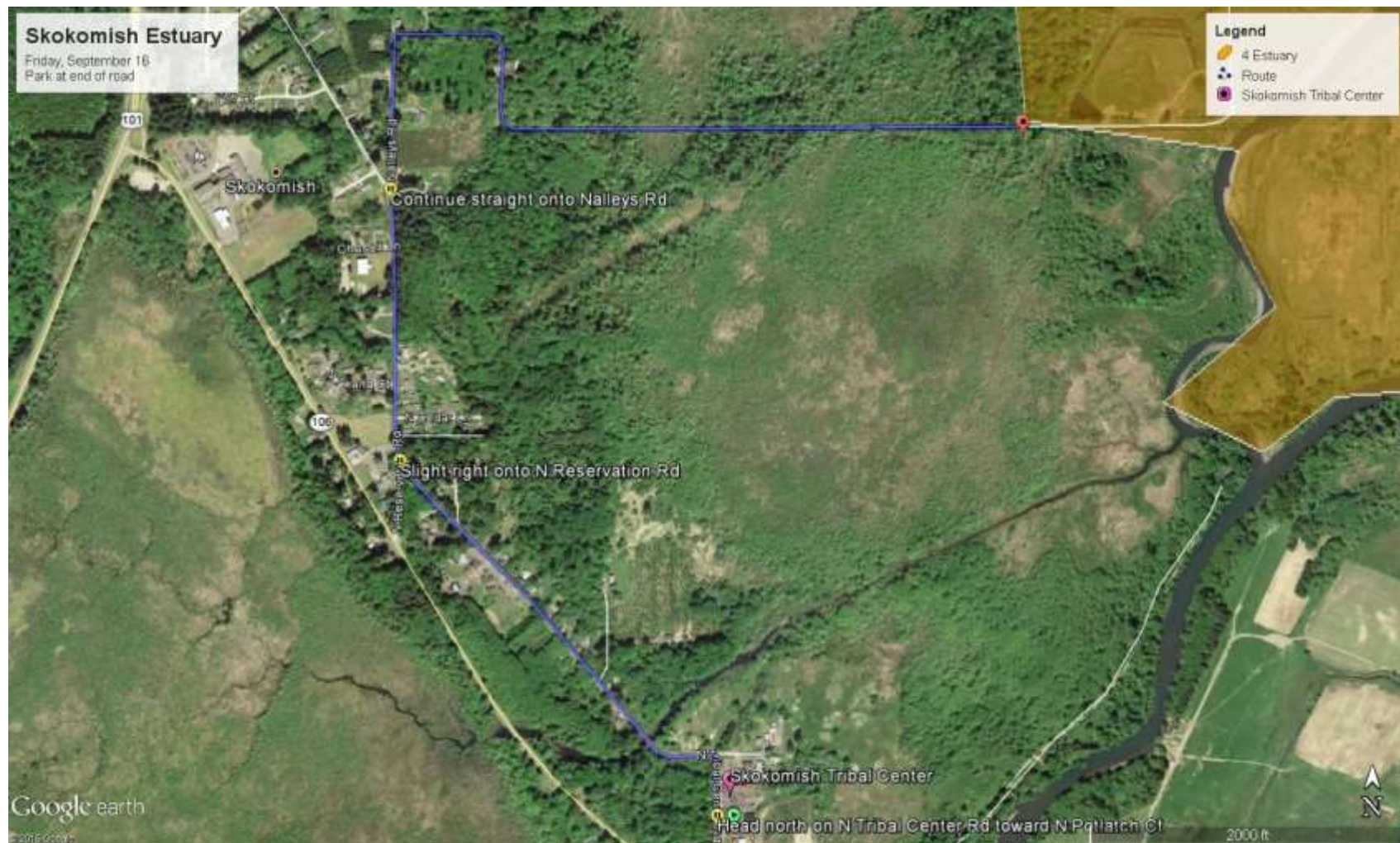
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1:40 – 3:10 p.m.

Map Point 4

Skokomish Estuary

Nalleys Road, Skokomish



SALMON RECOVERY FUNDING BOARD SUMMARIZED MEETING AGENDA AND ACTIONS

September 15-16, 2016

Item	Formal Action	Follow-up Action
1. Consent Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of August 11, 2016 Meeting Minutes 	Decision Motion: Approved	No follow-up action requested.
2. Director's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director's Report Legislative, Budget, and Policy Updates Performance Update Financial Report 	Briefings	No follow-up action requested.
3. Salmon Recovery Management Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governor's Salmon Recovery Office Report Salmon Section Report 	Briefings	No follow-up action requested.
4. Reports from Partners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council of Regions Report Washington Salmon Coalition Report Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group Coalition Board Roundtable: Other Agency Updates 	Briefings	No follow-up action requested.
5. Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Budget Requests and Project Lists for the Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program (ESRP) on the Fish Barrier Removal Board	Briefing	No follow-up action requested.
6. Follow-up from the Workgroup on Budget Efficiencies	Briefing	No follow-up action requested.
7. Introduction to the Allocation Special Committee	Briefing	
8. Monitoring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intensively Monitored Watersheds Project Effectiveness Monitoring Status and Trends Monitoring (Fish In/Fish Out) Renew Monitoring Panel Contract 	Decisions Motion: Approved	The board consented to approve all monitoring decisions in one motion. The board moved to approve \$1,456,000 in allocated funding from 2016 PCSRF for Intensively Monitored Watersheds for the 2017 field season; to approve \$245,000 (estimate) in allocated funding from 2016 PCSRF for Reach-Scale Project Effectiveness Monitoring during the 2017 field season with the final amount determined through the RCO Request for Proposal process; to approve \$208,000 in allocated funding

		from 2016 PCSRF for Status and Trends Monitoring during the 2017 field season; and to approve \$100,000 in allocated funding from 2016 PCSRF to support the monitoring panel through September 30, 2017.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential Date change for 2017 Monitoring Decisions • Regional Monitoring Proposals and IMW Treatment Proposals 	Briefings	No follow-up action requested.

SALMON RECOVERY FUNDING BOARD SUMMARY MINUTES

Date: September 15, 2016

Place: Olympic East Room, Alderbrook Resort, 10 East Alderbrook Drive, Union, WA, 98592

Salmon Recovery Funding Board Members Present:

David Troutt, Chair	Olympia	Carol Smith	Department of Ecology
Nancy Biery	Quilcene	Susan Cierebiej	Department of Transportation
Bob Bugert	Wenatchee	Erik Neatherlin	Department of Fish and Wildlife
		Megan Duffy	Department of Natural Resources
		Brian Cochrane	Washington State Conservation Commission

It is intended that this summary be used with the materials provided in advance of the meeting. The Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) retains a recording as the formal record of the meeting.

Opening and Welcome

Chair David Troutt called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. and welcomed the board, staff, and audience. Staff called roll and a quorum was determined. Member Rockefeller was excused. Member Sam Mace resigned prior to the September meeting.

Chair Troutt welcomed Alexis Haifley, the new administrative assistant for the Salmon Section.

Scott Brewer provided brief remarks welcoming the board to the Hood Canal region.

Motion: Agenda adoption
Moved by: Member Bob Bugert
Seconded by: Member Nancy Biery
Decision: Approved

Item 1: Consent Agenda

The board reviewed the consent agenda, which included approval of the August 11, 2016 meeting minutes.

Motion: Consent Agenda
Moved by: Member Bob Bugert
Seconded by: Member Nancy Biery
Decision: Approved

Management and Partner Reports

Item 2: Management Report

Director's Report: Director Cottingham requested review of the proposed 2017 meeting dates, provided information about staff transitions, and updated the board on the next biennial budget outlook.

Legislative and Policy Updates: Wendy Brown, RCO Policy Director, briefed the board on the salmon-related budget appropriations for the 2017-19 biennium that RCO submitted with their budget request,

totaling just under \$230 million. RCO will submit a request for the annual board member confirmations in the upcoming session, although no agency request bills. A bill that may affect the board will come from the Department of Veteran's Affairs, focused on securing work for veterans in salmon recovery projects.

Item 3: Salmon Recovery Management Report

Governor's Salmon Recovery Office (GSRO): RCO Director Cottingham provided an update on behalf of GSRO regarding Salmon Recovery Network (SRNet) activities and their intended legislative priorities.

Director Cottingham provided an update on the 2016 State of Salmon report, which will have a largely online component supported by a brief printable version. She also briefed the board on Salmon Recovery Conference 2017 planning, scheduled for April 24-26, 2017 in Wenatchee.

Director Cottingham shared that the communications plan through Pyramid will provide detailed recommendations and focus on the synergies between the board, GSRO and SRNet, building on the close affiliations that the three entities share. The Communications work group held their first meeting on August 17, 2016.

Director Cottingham provided an update on the budget reduction for regional organizations and lead entity capacity for fiscal year 2017. Following confirmation on three tentative numbers within the Puget Sound region, staff will begin preparing contract amendments to carry out the board's decision allocating the unspent capacity funds.

Salmon Grant Management Report: Tara Galuska, Salmon Section Manager, provided an update on the 2016 grant cycle. The technical review panel will meet next week from September 19-21, 2016 to provide final review comments to project sponsors. In October, the review panel will provide the comment forms to sponsors and hear the regional presentations. The board will approve these project lists and \$13 million in grant round funding at the December 2016 meeting.

Ms. Galuska provided updated information on the 2016 grant round application numbers and total funding requests. Next, Ms. Galuska provided a list of closed projects and amendments from May 18 – August 8, 2016, and shared details on progress in the Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program (ESRP) and the Family Forest and Fish Passage Program (FFFP).

Item 4: Reports from Partners

Council of Regions Report (council): Jeff Breckel provided an update on behalf of the council. Recently, the council invited Long Live the Kings to join SRNet. Mr. Breckel commented on the SRNet legislative priorities and requests to the Governor to consider salmon recovery funding. He addressed broadening the communications plan, now under contract with Pyramid, to include challenges experienced by lead entities struggling to fund their messaging efforts. Mr. Breckel delivered brief remarks on support for the State of Salmon report, incorporating climate change impacts in project designs, and collaboration with the Columbia Basin Partnership.

Washington Salmon Coalition (WSC): Amy Hatch-Winecka, WSC Chair, and John Foltz, WSC Vice-Chair, summarized the information provided in the board materials regarding WSC work. Their updates covered the Lead Entity Process, budget reductions, the Habitat Work Schedule (HWS) project list development, and other statewide news regarding lead entities' project accomplishments.

Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT): Member Cierebiej provided updates regarding fish passage barrier removal and the agency's collaboration with NOAA to address stormwater treatment through a toxicology study. Member Cierebiej shared that several WSDOT completed projects

are located in the Hood Canal and encouraged the board and audience to view these sites. More information about the fish passage work can be found on their [website](#).

Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR): Member Duffy provided information on DNR's budget requests, largely focused on fire suppression efforts.

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW): Member Neatherlin provided an update regarding WDFW's upcoming legislative initiatives, focused on fee increases, commercial fishing, landowner liability issues, Washington's Wild Future, and a habitat protection account (HPA) bill. WDFW priorities also include funding for the RFEs, steelhead salmon research and management options, fish hatchery issues, and HPA actions around climate change and monitoring. He added that WDFW is gearing up for treaty negotiations with both Oregon and Washington tribes.

Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology): Member Smith shared a handout with board members focused on marine water quality and recent actions that Ecology is taking with regards to the Clean Air Act and reducing greenhouse gases. Ecology's further studies will research climate change impacts to sediment profiles, nutrient cycling, and the benthic communities of the Puget Sound.

Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC): Member Cochrane provided an update on WSCC's budget priorities for next session, including increased funding in capacity that will support long-term relationship building with landowners.

Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC): Representatives from JLARC shared information about their study currently underway, which is focused on measuring the outcomes of habitat and recreation acquisitions and regulations, a comparison of six east and west counties, and assessment of agencies' land stewardship programs.

General Public Comment

No public comment was provided at this time.

Break 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Board Business: Briefings

Item 5: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Budget Requests and Project Lists for Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program (ESRP) and the Fish Barrier Removal Board (FBRB)

Jay Krienitz and Tom Jameson, WDFW, presented information about WDFW's budget requests for the 2017-19 biennium and project lists for ESRP and the FBRB.

Mr. Jameson presented first, sharing the 2017-19 project list, funding requests totaling \$51.4 million, and the current activities of the FBRB. He summarized the efforts to work with city, county, and tribal governments to make resources available for those considering or already moving forward with infrastructure projects that will improve fish passage. For the 2017-19 project list, the FBRB selected and ranked 79 projects, comprised of about 154 miles of habitat and totaling \$51.4 million in funding requests.

The FBRB uses two methods for nominating projects – coordinated and watershed pathways – leaving questions about how local review is conducted and aligned with local lead entity salmon recovery plans. Chair Troutt and Member Bugert expressed concerns that these linkages be transparent, temporally align for maximum fish benefit, and ensure coordination between state agencies and the FBRB. Director

Cottingham added that alignment with fish passage barrier removal projects conducted through WSDOT would be of legislative interest as well. Member Cierebiej provided additional information about WSDOT's project selection process and restoration priorities. Chair Troutt encouraged further coordination to promote salmon recovery priorities across entities working on fish benefit issues, including utilizing the board's technical review panel (if funding and timing permit) to assist with reviewing FBRB projects.

Mr. Jameson concluded by sharing that the FBRB is working with Pyramid Communications to develop a communication framework.

Grant manager Mike Ramsey, ESRP Science Manager Tish Conway-Cranos, and ESRP Program Manager Jay Krienitz briefed the board on the ESRP program model, 2017-19 budget priorities, projects lists, adaptive management strategies, and future work.

Mr. Krienitz provided background information and context for the ESRP program, as well as a conceptual model and details about program funding. Mr. Ramsey shared information about several projects, using examples to highlight program objectives and to demonstrate how ESRP tracks and monitors restoration targets.

Ms. Conway-Cranos presented the ESRP learning program, which actively solicits and guides scientific investigations to best inform restoration implementation, goals, and priorities. She described the learning program process and criterion which guides project selection and alignment with ESRP actions. Ms. Conway-Cranos concluded by sharing examples from the 2017-19 project list.

Mr. Krienitz concluded by discussing future funding priorities. ESRP is the steward of the existing large Puget Sound Nearshore and Estuary Restoration Program (PSNERP) geodatabase and maintains the goal of improving and enhancing the geodatabase and the shoreline data and restoration strategies within it. Fostering place-based cooperation and understanding to develop unique local solutions continues to be a goal within the ESRP program, driving the information flow and policy coordination between local and state entities to foster multi-benefit innovation.

The board discussed potential learning proposals, program enhancement, and coordination with railroad entities to promote project success.

Item 6: Follow-up from Workgroup on Budget Efficiencies

Director Cottingham summarized the outcomes from the workgroup tasked at the June meeting with conducting an analysis of return funds from lead entity and regional FY 2016 contracts to ascertain funds available to backfill the \$801,685 in contract reductions for FY 2017, and to develop recommendations on return funds. She recommended postponing action on the recommendations until after completion of the LEAN study and a facilitator hired to lead the effort, if funded by the legislature.

Item 7: Introduction to the Allocation Special Committee

Director Cottingham introduced the members of the new allocation committee established via the board's 2015 biennial workplan. The committee is charged with reviewing the regional area allocation and developing a capacity allocation process for Lead Entities and Regions; recommendations will be brought to the board in the spring of 2017. Board members Troutt and Duffy have agreed to be part of the allocation committee, along with regional and lead entity representatives. RCO contracted with Elizabeth McManus to facilitate the special committee.

The board discussed potential topics that the special committee will address, including integration of scientific perspectives using updated data from NOAA, a statewide allocation program, assessing salmon

recovery resources for gaps, and encouraging the regions to consider allocation formulas that may lead to species de-listing with NOAA.

Lunch 12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Board Business: Decisions & Briefings

Item 8: Monitoring

Keith Dublanica, Science Coordinator GSRO, and Monitoring Panel Chair Dr. Marnie Tyler provided an update on the 2016 activities of the monitoring panel, including meetings with project leads and board members, project site visits, and the annual evaluation of each monitoring component. Dr. Tyler summarized the monitoring panel's general recommendations for making funding decisions, moving reporting deadlines, funding needs for Intensively Monitored Watershed (IMW) restoration treatments, and enhanced Project Effectiveness study designs.

Dr. Tyler reviewed several conditioned 2016 IMW projects from the Asotin, Hood Canal, Lower Columbia, and Strait of Juan de Fuca regions. Dr. Tyler responded to board questions regarding the \$2 million in dedicated funding for IMWs, explaining that there has been significant progress in some regions, however it remains unclear how the funding has impacted IMW treatment areas as a whole. She also described conditions in the Project Effectiveness category and resulting changes to streamline reporting, tighten fish sampling windows, defer monitoring of three project categories, and make study data publicly accessible. The Skagit region and Status and Trends (Fish In/Fish Out) category remain unconditioned and with clear status.

Dr. Tyler explained the potential impacts should the monitoring budget be reduced, specifically the deferment of monitoring for three project effectiveness categories and deferment of two tasks in western Washington IMWs: sampling in the Strait of Juan de Fuca and surveys in the Hood Canal. Dr. Tyler reviewed the remaining 2016 tasks to evaluate regional monitoring project proposals, update Manual 18 to reflect the review process changes, and to continue development of an adaptive management framework in collaboration with the board.

Staff asked the board to consider several monitoring decisions, which the board consolidated into one motion.

Motion: Move to approve \$1,456,000 in allocated funding from the 2016 PCSRF for Intensively Monitored Watersheds for the 2017 field season; to approve \$245,000 (estimate) in allocated funding from 2016 PCSRF for Reach-Scale Project Effectiveness Monitoring during the 2017 field season with the final amount determined through the RCO Request for Proposal process; to approve \$208,000 in allocated funding from the 2016 PCSRF for Status and Trends Monitoring during the 2017 field season; and to approve \$100,000 in allocated funding from the 2016 PCSRF to support the monitoring panel through September 30, 2017.

Moved by: Member Bob Bugert

Seconded by: Member Nancy Biery

Decision: Approved

Item 9: Tour Overview and Introduction to the Hood Canal Region

Mike Ramsey, Salmon Grant Manager, Scott Brewer, Hood Canal Coordinating Council Executive Director, and Alicia Olivas provided an overview of the Hood Canal Region and funded projects that the board will visit on tomorrow's tour.

Closing – Day One

Chair Troutt adjourned the meeting for the day at 2:30 p.m.

Afternoon Tour: Union River Estuary

Doris Small, WDFW, guided the board on a brief walking tour of the Union River Estuary beginning at 3:30 p.m. and ending at 5:00 p.m. No board business was conducted during the tour.

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Date: September 16, 2016

Place: Hood Canal, WA


Salmon Recovery Funding Board Members Present:

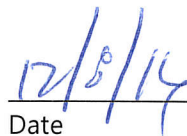
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		Megan Duffy	Department of Natural Resources

Tour of Projects

The board began a tour of projects at 9:00 a.m. and proceeded as indicated on the agenda. The tour concluded at 3:30 p.m. No board business was conducted during the tour.

Approved by:



David Troutt, Chair

Date