**Date:** Click here to enter a date. **RCO Project Number:** Click here to enter text.

**Sponsor Name:** Click here to enter text. **WDFW Site ID (FPDSI):** Click here to enter text.

**Project Name:** Click here to enter text. **Total Project Cost:** Click here to enter text.

**Background:** The requirement of the Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board (FBRB) is for the project sponsor to provide a minimum 15 percent match of the grant. The FBRB recognizes that sometimes providing grant match may prevent some organizations from being able to apply for or accept a grant. The FBRB intends to help alleviate this problem through match credit or reduction, which can be applied for by filling out this form. This match certification credit allows the FBRB to meet the spirit of providing matching resources, helps increase coordination in a watershed (at a hydrologic unit code 10 scale), and addresses priority fish passage barriers.

**Instructions:** Attach this completed form to your application in PRISM. The FBRB will review match eligibility for all requests and may approve or deny match eligibility on a case-by-case basis.

1. Select which Match Certification Credit you are applying for:
2. **Priority Barrier**–Some barriers have been identified as greater concerns for fish using model-based prioritizations. Credit is available where the barrier is identified in the top one-fifth (20percent) of a [salmon recovery region](https://rco.wa.gov/salmon-recovery/managing-organizations/regions/) or [lead entity](https://rco.wa.gov/salmon-recovery/managing-organizations/lead-entities/) (watershed) barrier prioritization list, or other watershed-scale prioritization developed with similar criteria as the WDFW Statewide Barrier Strategy ([Draft, September 16, 2024](https://wdfw.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2024-09/wdfw-statewide-barrier-strategy-draft-september-16.pdf)). Barrier prioritization lists must be published and publicly available by October 1, 2025. Please contact the salmon recovery region staff member or lead entity coordinator for the area where the barrier is located for the current barrier prioritization list. In watersheds where a barrier prioritization has not been developed, this match certification credit option is not available at this time.
3. **Coordinated Fish Passage Barrier Correction**–Greater fish benefits occur when multiple barriers are corrected in the same system. For this match credit, the sponsor must demonstrate that another fish passage correction project has been funded for correction in the same watershed [(hydrologic unit code-10)](https://geo.wa.gov/datasets/waecy::national-watershed-boundary-dataset-wbd-hydrologic-unit-code-10-digit-basins-of-washington-state/about) and meets the criteria below. Eligible matching projects include all phases of design, feasibility studies, and other activities that are specific to a particular barrier removal. The matching project must meet the following criteria:
   * 1. Was not fully or partially funded by the FBRB or previously used as match for a FBRB funded project.
     2. Has a grant agreement in place or has completed construction in the past four years at the time the grant is awarded (July of odd years).
     3. Must be 100 percent passable per WDFW barrier assessment guidelines (either as constructed or designed).

Watershed inventory, assessment, and prioritization efforts are not eligible to use as match.

1. **Project Sponsor Hardship**–The project sponsor does not have the fiscal or administrative resources to provide the required 15 percent matching funds (eligibility determined using state distressed or overburdened databases), and the barrier is not a priority barrier as identified above and there are no other nearby fish passage barrier removal projects that satisfy the Coordinated Fish Passage Barrier Correction credit criteria.
2. Provide the following materials based on the type of Match Certification Credit selected above as attachments in PRISM:
3. **Priority Barrier**–Provide the hyperlink to the online web map or file with the barrier prioritization list in which the project is identified as being in the top one-fifth (20 percent) of the barriers, and provide the barrier’s percentile rank:

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1. **Coordinated Fish Passage Barrier Correction** (include all attachments in PRISM):
   * + 1. A letter from the sponsor or owner (e.g., state, county, city, forest landowner, nonprofit) removing the barrier being used as match certifying that the project is either completed or funded to construct correction of the barrier. The letter must be signed by someone with signature authority in the organization.
       2. A map that depicts the location of the project used to meet this criteria, the project proposed for the grant, streamlines, and the [ten-digit hydrologic unit code](https://geo.wa.gov/datasets/waecy::national-watershed-boundary-dataset-wbd-hydrologic-unit-code-10-digit-basins-of-washington-state/about).
       3. Photographs of the project, if completed.
       4. The barrier assessment form, which should include information on who conducted the survey and when.
       5. A final design or as-built drawings, whichever is the most-advanced design available for the matching project.
       6. Estimated or final cost of the project and completion date with the supporting documentation.
       7. A statement here that geographically close barrier will not be used for this credit in any other FBRB project that you are aware of.

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1. **Project Sponsor Hardship**

Provide evidence that your organization has a hardship by identifying the distressed area or overburdened community where the project is located by using the [Employment Security Department map](https://esd.wa.gov/jobs-and-training/labor-market-information/labor-force-and-unemployment/distressed-areas-list) or [Office of Financial Management mapping tool](https://geo.wa.gov/datasets/e0074300efda47efa6b01e6236bcfe48_0/explore?location=46.941802%2C-120.897341%2C7.00).

(Click here to list the county for distressed area or GEOID number for overburdened community)

Provide the match amount (or percentage) your organization can commit, if any. Please detail the type of match and dollar or in-kind value.

1. Amount:
2. Match Source:

Explain the resources that have been investigated to find potential match (e.g., hours of staff time spent looking for or applying for funding from other grant sources).

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