

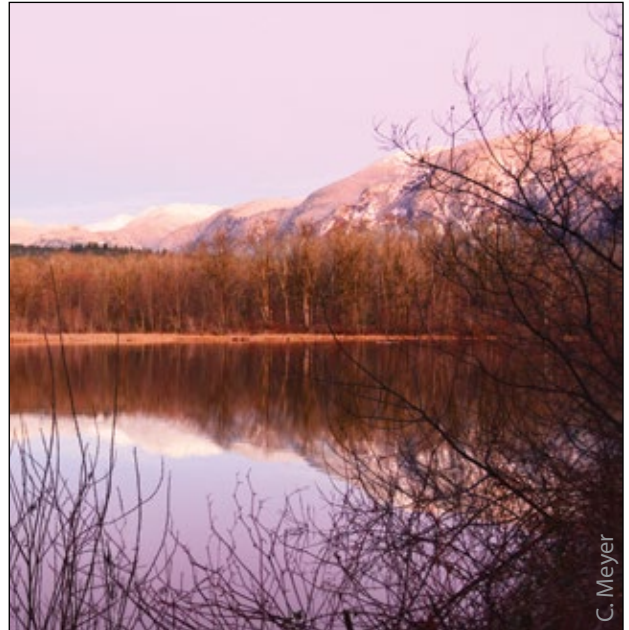
# SNOQUALMIE WATERSHED FORUM

## Federal 2026 Priorities for Watershed Health and Salmon Recovery

November 19, 2025



- **Maintain \$100 million for Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF) in Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies or the Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research.** The Trump Administration's 2026 budget proposes to eliminate the \$100 million PCSRF program, the primary federal funding for salmon recovery. It would also eliminate the Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (\$638 million budget for 2024).
- Maintain previously appropriated funds from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act for **NOAA's Transformational Habitat and Coastal Resilience grant program.**
- **\$57 million for the Puget Sound Geographic Program for the Environmental Protection Agency** in Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Act 2025.
- **Disburse previously appropriated \$1,285,000 in funding for Fiscal Year 2025 to Washington State's Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups** in Department of Interior, US Fish and Wildlife Service.
- **Do not rescind the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule** protecting national forests from road-building.
- **Streamline Permits for Habitat Restoration:** Direct FEMA to 1) revise the National Flood Insurance Program's definition of development to add specific definitions for restoration activities, 2) develop new policies that allow a safe level of flexibility for no-rise analyses, and 3) provide expedited review and map revision processes for restoration activities.  
See [Resilient Floodplains for People and Salmon](#) for details.



Funding for these priorities and streamlining habitat restoration permits will help maintain quality of life for the rural communities in the Snohomish Basin, including high quality infrastructure, abundant fish, and reduced flood risk.



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