



Snoqualmie Watershed Forum 2019 Legislative Priorities

for Puget Sound Watershed Health and Salmon Habitat Recovery



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Snoqualmie Watershed Forum Partners (King County portion of WRIA 7)

- Provide support for Governor Jay Inslee's Southern Resident Killer Whale Executive Order and the Orca Task Force report, Recommendation 1: **Significantly increase investment in restoration and acquisition of Chinook salmon habitat.**
- Provide \$19 million in state grants and capital funds to King County Water and Land Resources Division for projects that reconnect the Snoqualmie River with its floodplain, create side channels, and remove levees to improve survival of juvenile Chinook salmon.
- Support \$79.6 million Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration program funding request in the Recreation and Conservation Office budget for salmon habitat projects.
- Support \$88.9 million Salmon Recovery Funding Board request in the Recreation and Conservation Office budget for salmon habitat projects.
- Support \$70 million Floodplains by Design funding request in the Department of Ecology budget for multi-benefit floodplain restoration projects.
 - Request includes \$4,336,070 for the City of North Bend to construct the South Fork Snoqualmie River Levee Setback Project
 - Request includes funding for Snohomish County to implement their Sustainable Lands Strategy in the Snohomish Basin
- Support \$50 million Fish Barrier Removal Board grant program funding request in the Recreation and Conservation Office budget for removing fish barriers.
- Support \$20 million Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program in the Recreation and Conservation Office budget for estuary projects that benefit salmon.
- Support \$60 million Stormwater Financial Assistance Program funding request in the Department of Ecology budget to provide support for local stormwater pollution prevention.

State Policy Legislation Priorities

- Support legislation seeking to improve regulatory protections for salmon habitat.
- Support legislation that promotes clean energy, reduces emissions, and reduces climate change and ocean acidification.

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