

# SNOQUALMIE WATERSHED FORUM

## 2026 State Legislative Priorities for Watershed Health and Salmon Recovery

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### Salmon Recovery Funding

Consider allocating Climate Commitment Act revenue to salmon recovery programs and fully fund the following programs for the 2025-2027 biennium:

- **\$11.8 Million for Floodplains by Design** for Department of Ecology
  - Fund the top 10 projects on the ranked list, including full funding for King County's Snoqualmie project proposal (currently funded at \$5.8 Million)
- \$600 Million for Department of Natural Resources – Watershed Resilience Action Program (WRAP)
- **\$22 Million for Salmon Recovery Funding Board** in the Recreation and Conservation Office
- **Appropriate \$ for SR 203** to Washington Department of Transportation for a new Tolt River bridge and roundabout at SR 203/Tolt Hill Road



### Policy Legislation

- Reduce and address effects of climate change on salmon and salmon habitat. Create and support policies and programs that address temperature-impaired water bodies to improve salmon migration and survival and increase the pace of salmon habitat protection and restoration to improve ecosystem resilience.
- Permanently establish and fund a Habitat Recovery Program for permit streamlining (Department of Fish and Wildlife).
- Protect older forests from harvest: support a new Department of Natural Resources program to sell ecosystem service credits in lieu of harvest.

Providing \$11.8 million for Floodplains by Design would fully fund King County's project on the Tolt River, improving habitat in a priority area for salmon and improving flood protection at the City of Carnation along an important transportation corridor.