



# Legislative Priorities for Puget Sound Watershed Health and Salmon Habitat Recovery

*Water Resource Inventory Area 8 Partners*  
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## Federal Priorities

- Support the Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Fund request of \$90 million for Washington State projects in Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations.
- Support the Puget Sound Recovery Act of 2010 (S. 2739) sponsored by Senators Cantwell and Murray which will designate Puget Sound as a “Great Waterbody” making it a formal Clean Water Act program and eligible for up to \$90 million of federal funding annually.
- Support Senator Murray’s Energy and Water Appropriations funding request to include \$5.1 million over the budget request to repair the Stoney Gate Valves which will improve fish passage and benefit navigation at the Hiram H. Chittenden Locks.

## State Priorities

- \$55 million for Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration Fund in the Puget Sound Partnership budget request which includes the following salmon habitat projects from the Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed:

- Cedar River Acquisitions
- Issaquah Creek Fish Passage
- Mapes Creek Restoration (Lake Washington tributary)

6% of funding would also support watershed staffing and technical capacity to implement salmon recovery plans.

- Continue Lead Entity funding: \$1,451,676 for 2011-2013 biennium budget which supports local watershed staffing to manage the annual Salmon Recovery Funding Board grant process.
- Support the Secure Medicine Return Bill (2SHB 1165/2SSB 5279) which would require producers of medicines sold in Washington to create and fund a convenient and safe return program for unwanted medicines from residential sources.

## Watershed Partners

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The following partners are working together to protect and restore watershed health and salmon habitat recovery in the Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed (WRIA 8): Beaux Arts, Bellevue, Bothell, Clyde Hill, Edmonds, Hunts Point, Issaquah, Kenmore, Kent, King County, Kirkland, Lake Forest Park, Maple Valley, Medina, Mercer Island, Mill Creek, Mountlake Terrace, Mukilteo, Newcastle, Redmond, Renton, Sammamish, Seattle, Shoreline, Snohomish County, Woodinville, Yarrow Point; various state agencies; various non-profit groups; and many other organizations and individuals. Watershed web site: <http://www.govlink.org/watersheds/8/>