

WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council: Four-Year Work Plan Update

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Background

Each year, Puget Sound watersheds are asked by the Puget Sound Partnership (PSP) to submit a work plan of high priority projects and programs needed to implement local salmon recovery plans. The **WRIA 8 Four-Year Work Plan** is comprised of a subset of the projects and programs in the *WRIA 8 Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan*, and it represents the near-term activities needed to advance salmon recovery in the watershed.

The PSP uses watershed four-year work plans to aid regional policy and technical decision-making, inform legislative funding requests, and support updates to the Puget Sound Action Agenda and State of the Sound reporting. The Four-Year Work Plan also demonstrates the link between projects put forward for grant funding and local recovery strategies, and projects submitted for WRIA 8 grant funds must be represented on the *WRIA 8 Four-Year Work Plan*.

Four-Year Work Plan Update

Updating the Four-Year Work Plan involves discussing potential changes with the WRIA 8 Technical or Implementation Committees, and committee recommendations are brought to the WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council for decision. The work plan can be updated at any point during the year, and we reach out to our partners for potential work plan updates and review proposed changes in the fall of each year at a minimum. Updates may include adding projects or programs or other changes to ensure the list reflects current implementation priorities.

Technical Committee's Four-Year Work Plan Recommendations

The WRIA 8 Technical Committee evaluates changes to the list of restoration and protection projects in the context of WRIA 8's recovery strategies and recommends adding projects to the work plan where supported by a sound technical basis. The Technical Committee also considers updates to the work plan's monitoring priorities, and the committee developed the following recommendations for updates to the Four-Year Work Plan at their meeting on March 9:

Four-Year Work Plan Additions:

- **Herzman Floodplain Restoration:** Cedar River, Tier 1, Project Sponsor – King County
 - Add project C218 to the Four-Year Work Plan.
- **Scheurman Creek Riparian and Marine Shoreline Restoration:** Migratory/Nearshore, Tier 1, Project Sponsor – City of Seattle
 - Create project M253 and add to Comprehensive List, Start List, and Four-Year Work Plan.
- **Emerging Technical Issues:** Various Locations, Tier 1, Various Sponsors
 - Add “Emerging Technical Issues” to the Four-Year Work Plan as a non-capital monitoring priority. Current identified issues are: predation, artificial light, juvenile survival/life history diversity, and water temperature.