



WRIA 8 2026 Funding Recommendations

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Salmon Recovery Funding Board/
Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration
&
Cooperative Watershed Management
Grant Programs

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Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) & Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR)

Grants administered by WA State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)



SRFB

- Annual source – combination of federal and state dollars (this year's allocation still uncertain...)
- Riparian allocation rolled over from last year

PSAR

- Biennial source – state capital funding
- Watershed allocation and “large cap” options

Eligible activities

- Habitat restoration
- Protection/acquisition
- Riparian Funding Program



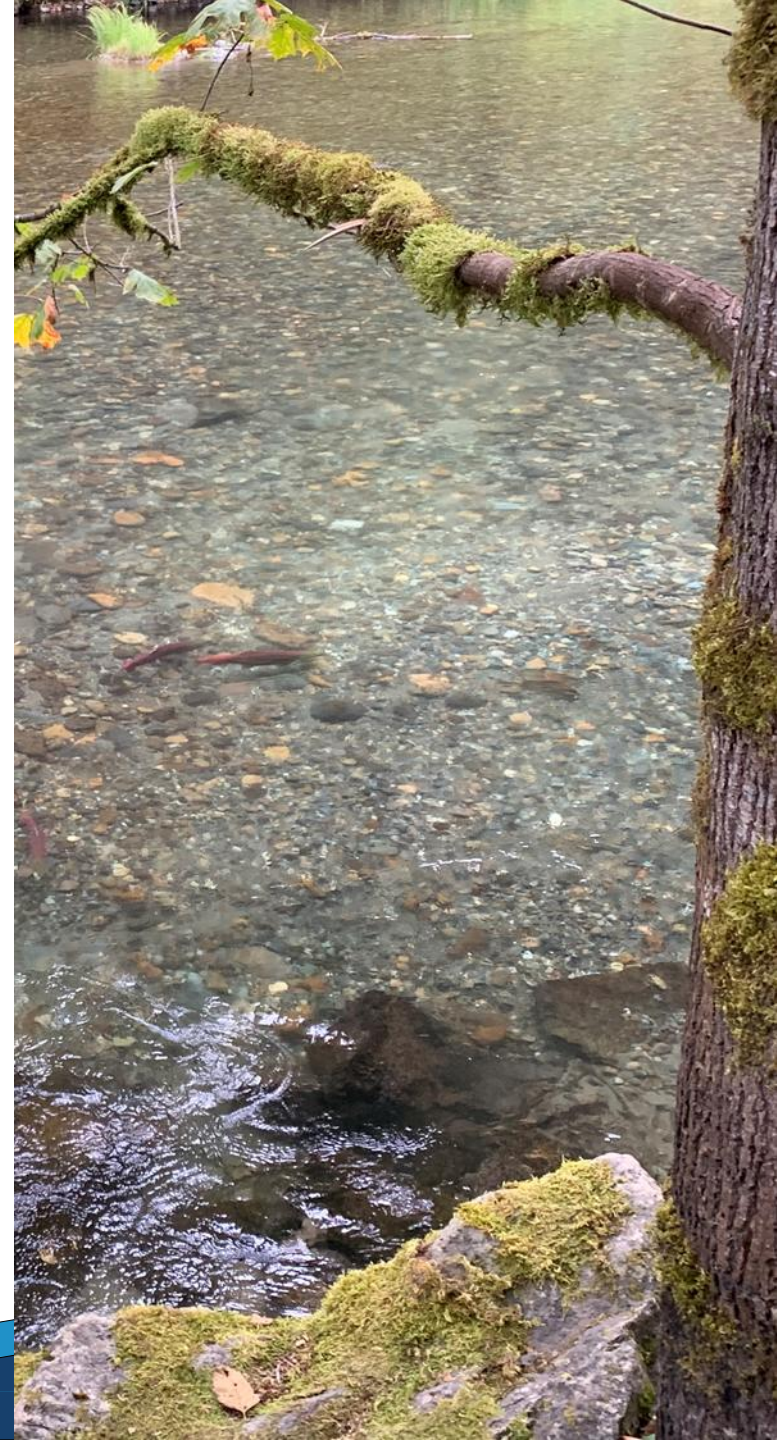
2026 SRFB/PSAR Grant Round Funding Summary

2026 SRFB Allocation	\$435,2341
2026 SRFB Riparian Rollover Funds	\$195,480
2026 PSAR Allocation	\$1,457,555
Total SRFB/PSAR Funds	\$2,088,269
2026 Funding Requested	\$2,097,399
Difference between Requested and Available Funds	\$9,130



SRFB/PSAR Funding Process

- WRIA 8 request for proposals
- NOI review
- Grant Review Committee evaluates proposals
 - SRFB Technical Review Panel also reviews proposals
- Committee develops funding recommendations for Salmon Recovery Council decision
- Council-approved decisions forwarded to state SRFB
 - Only projects cleared by state Technical Review Panel are eligible for funding



Cooperative Watershed Management (CWM) Grant Program

Funding provided by the King County Flood Control District

Eligible activities

- Habitat and riparian restoration
- Habitat protection/acquisition
- Monitoring and assessment
- Outreach and education



2026 CWM Grant Round Funding Summary

2026 CWM Allocation	\$4,521,113
Returned Funds	\$0
Total Funding Available	\$4,521,113
2025 CWM Funding Requested	\$7,204,935
Difference between Requested and Available Funds	\$2,683,822



WRIA 8 Council CWM Funding Guidance

Current Funding Guidance

- Monitoring: up to 20% (**\$904,223**)
- Outreach: up to 5% (**\$226,056**)
- Habitat Projects: remaining 75% (**\$3,390,835**)
 - Riparian: up to 15% (\$508,625)
 - Restoration and Acquisition (remainder) (\$2,882,210)





CWM Funding Process

- WRIA 8 request for proposal
- NOI Review
- Grant Review Committee evaluates proposals
 - Subgroup reviews (due to number of proposals)
- Committee develops funding recommendations for Council decision
- Council-approved decisions forwarded to Flood Control District



Of note in 2026

- **Monitoring & Assessment criteria revamp**
- **Project Innovation and Community Grants Project Advancing**
 - Salmon Pathways ECOSS grant
 - Dock Permitting Mid Sound grant
- **Shifting Federal and State funding climate**
 - Uncertain status of Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF) means salmon allocation not finalized



Grant Review Committee 2026	
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* denotes WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council Member

1 = SRFB Only

2 = CWM Only

2026 SRFB/PSAR Habitat Restoration & Acquisition and Riparian Projects



4 proposals received



Total requested from WRIA 8= \$2,097,399



4 proposals recommended for funding:

- 1 design project
- 1 proposal for on-the-ground implementation
- 1 riparian restoration project
- 1 PSAR Large Capital Project



Total recommended by WRIA 8 = \$2,088,269



2026 CWM Habitat Restoration & Acquisition and Riparian Projects



16 proposals received



Total requested = \$5,610,060



14 proposals recommended
for funding:

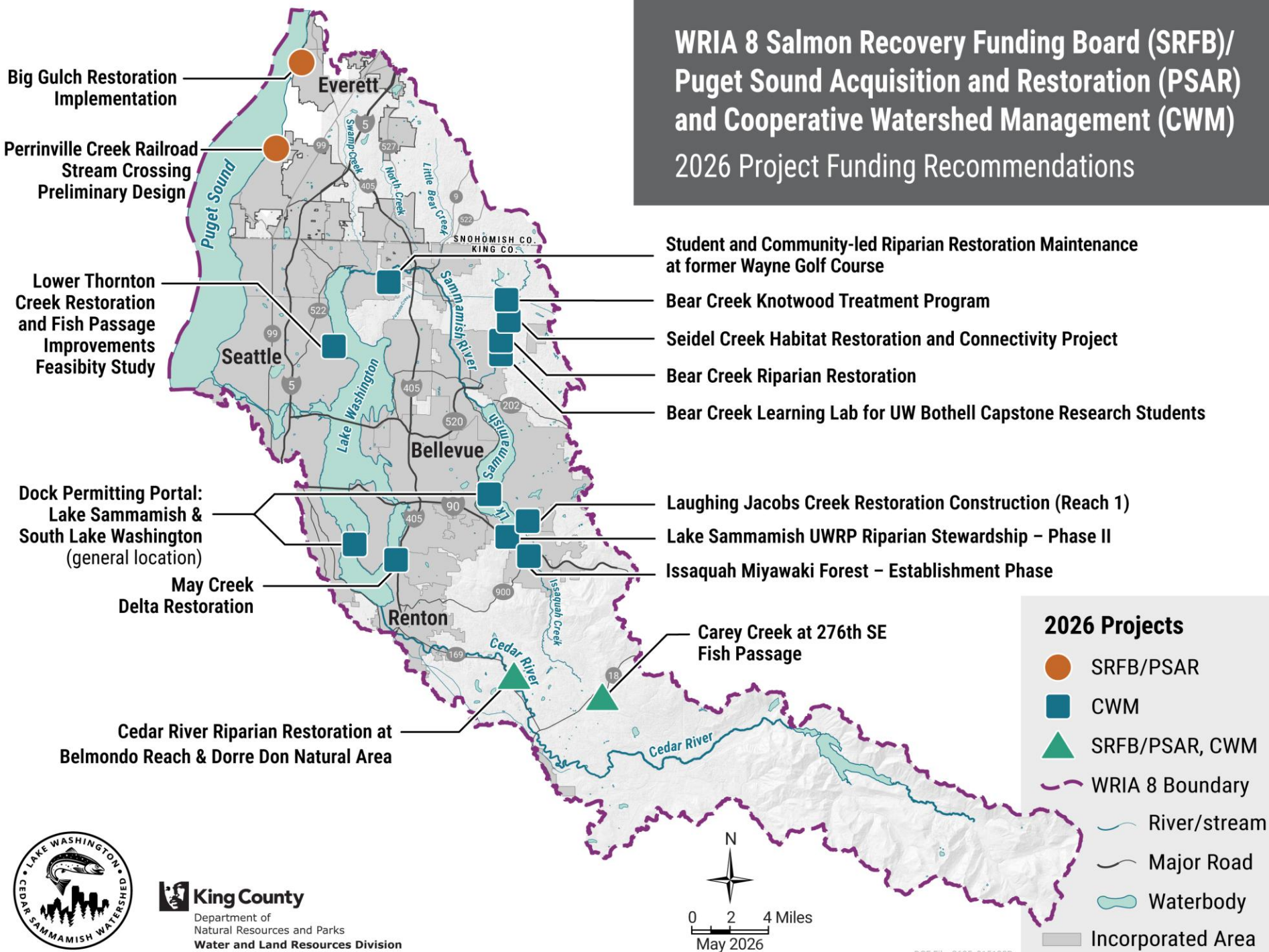
4 proposals for on-the-ground implementation
6 riparian restoration projects
2 design project for future implementation
2 planning projects



Total recommended = \$3,294,711



WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB)/ Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR) and Cooperative Watershed Management (CWM) 2026 Project Funding Recommendations





Big Gulch Restoration Implementation

Sponsor: *Tulalip Tribes*

SRFB/PSAR Amount Requested: \$1,500,000

SRFB/PSAR Funding Recommended: \$1,500,000



Perrinville Creek Railroad Stream Crossing Preliminary Design

Sponsor: *Tulalip Tribes*

SRFB/PSAR Amount Requested: \$225,000

SRFB/PSAR Funding Recommended: \$225,000





Carey Creek at 276th SE Fish Passage Project

Sponsor: *King County WLRD*

CWM Amount Requested: \$500,000

CWM Funding Recommended: \$500,000

*Also Recommended by WRIA 8 for PSAR
Large Capital Grant Program*



May Creek Delta Restoration

Sponsor: *Mid Sound Fisheries
Enhancement Group*

CWM Amount Requested:
\$414,669

CWM Funding
Recommended: \$414,669



Dock Permitting Portal: Lake Sammamish & South Lake Washington

Sponsor: *Mid Sound Fisheries
Enhancement Group*

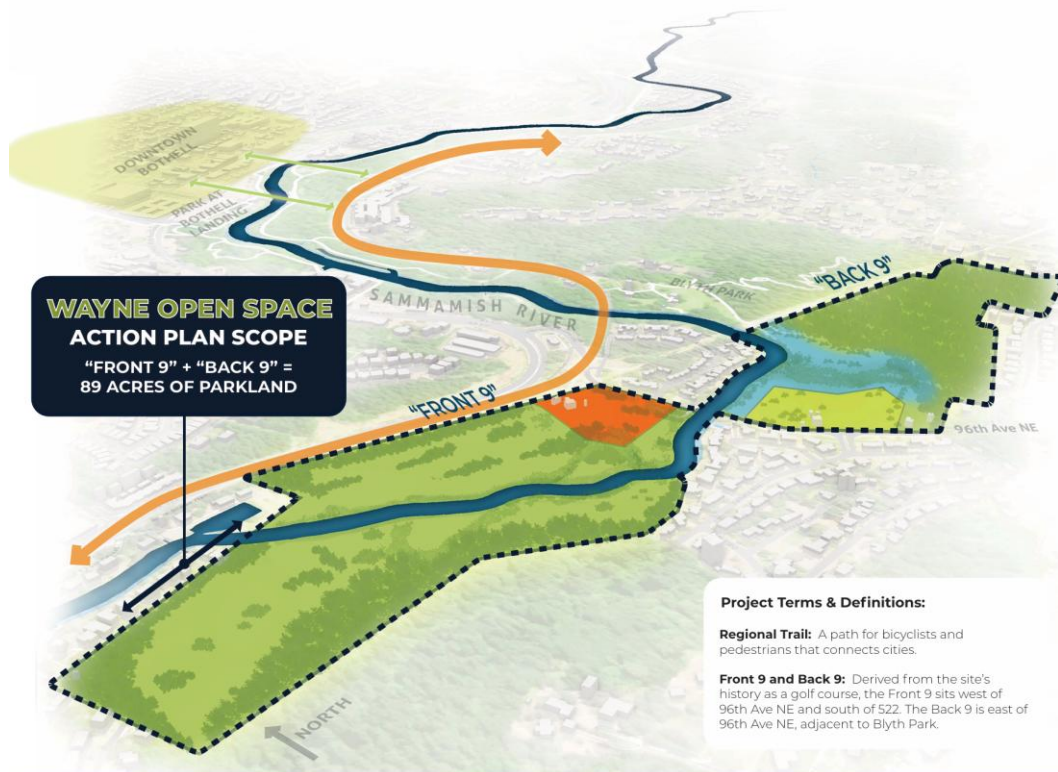
CWM Amount Requested:
\$50,474

CWM Funding Recommended:
\$50,474



Conceptual Action Plan Guiding Whale Scout Programming at the Former Wayne Golf Course

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Sponsor: *Whale Scout*

CWM Amount Requested:
\$31,292

CWM Funding Recommended:
\$31,292

Laughing Jacobs Creek Restoration Construction (Reach 1)



Sponsor: *Trout Unlimited*

CWM Amount Requested:
\$1,592,909

CWM Funding Recommended:
\$992,665



Issaquah Miyawaki Forest – Establishment Phase

Sponsor: *Issaquah Alps Trail Club*

CWM Amount Requested:
\$25,000

CWM Funding
Recommended: \$25,000





Seidel Creek Habitat Restoration and Connectivity Project

Sponsor: *Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group*

CWM Amount Requested: \$246,598

CWM Funding Recommended: \$246,598

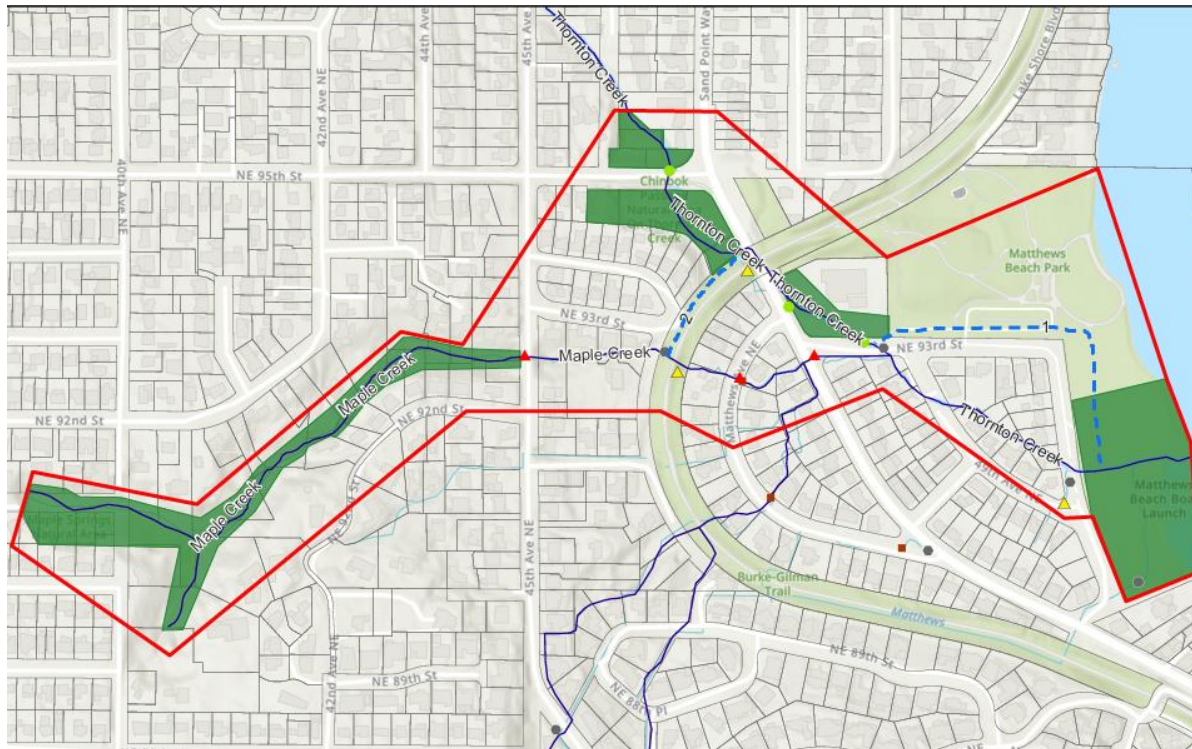


Lower Thornton Creek Restoration and Fish Passage Improvements Feasibility Study

Sponsor: *Seattle Public Utilities*

CWM Amount Requested: \$239,567

CWM Funding Recommended: \$239,567



SRFB/CWM Riparian Project

Cedar River Riparian Restoration at Belmondo Reach & Dorre Don Natural Area

SRFB Sponsor: *King County WLRD*

SRFB Funding Requested: \$372,399

SRFB Funding Recommended:
\$195,480

CWM Sponsor: *Mountains to Sound
Greenway Trust*

CWM Amount Requested: \$303,825

CWM Funding
Recommended: \$158,000



CWM Riparian Projects

Bear Creek Knotweed Treatment Program - Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group

CWM Grant Request/Recommended: \$179,983

Lake Sammamish UWRP Riparian Stewardship – Phase II- Trout Unlimited

CWM Grant Request/Recommended: \$152,553

Bear Creek Riparian Restoration - EarthCorps

CWM Grant Request/Recommended: \$152,433

Bear Creek Learning Lab for UW Bothell Capstone Research Students - Whale Scout

CWM Grant Request/Recommended: \$46,586

Student and Community-led Riparian Restoration Maintenance at the former Wayne Golf Course - Whale Scout

CWM Grant Request/Recommended: \$104,891



2026 CWM Outreach & Education Proposals



10 proposals received



Total requested = \$545,205



6 proposals recommended for funding



Total recommended = \$346,732



2026 Outreach and Education Projects

Establish Shared Messaging



*Forest and Fins Program –
K-12 Education at Lake
Sammamish State Park*

Raise Awareness



*Cedar River Salmon
Stewards – Education and
Outreach during Chinook
Migration on Cedar River*

Motivate People to Take Action



*Community Action Training
School – Adult education
capped with a stewardship
action project*

Outreach and Education Funding Recommendations			
Project Name and Sponsor	Sponsor	Funding Requested	Funding Recommended
Salmon Heroes: Improving stewardship behaviors through science-based field studies- Environmental Science Center	Environmental Science Center	\$20,000	\$20,000
Cedar River Salmon Stewards - Environmental Science Center	Environmental Science Center	\$39,264	\$39,264
Community Action Training School 2027 – 2028-	Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group	\$68,156	\$68,156
Mountains to Sound Greenway Forests & Fins Education Program (2027-2028)-	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	\$80,075	\$80,075
Advancing Lake Sammamish STREAM Connections-	Trout Unlimited	\$74,355	\$74,355
Salmon Pathways: Building Community Stewardship -	ECOSS	\$64,882	\$64,882
			\$346,732

2026 CWM Monitoring & Assessment



12 proposals received



Total requested = \$1,049,670



9 proposals recommended for funding



Total recommended = \$879,670



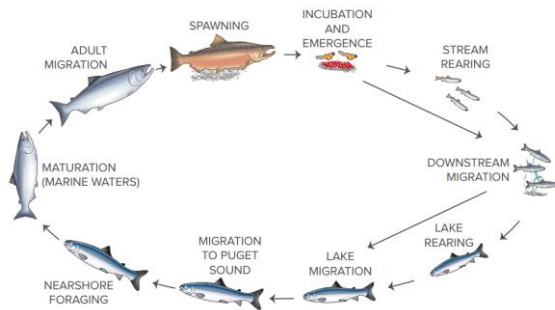
2026 Monitoring & Assessment Priorities

- Chinook population status and survival
- Restoration techniques and project effectiveness
- Impacts and mitigation of critical issues effecting Chinook survival
- *New* Management actions to address significant pressures



2026 Monitoring & Assessment Funding Recommendations – Example Projects

Population Status



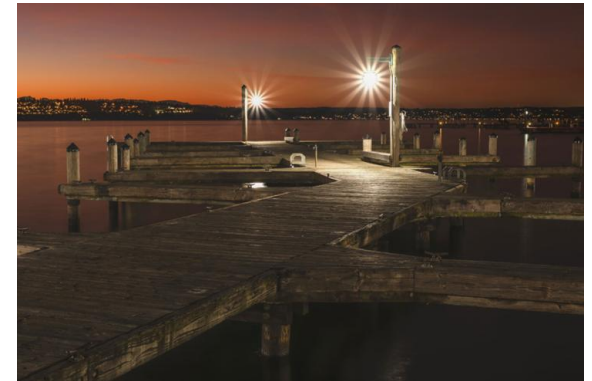
Develop Cedar River Chinook Life-Cycle Model to integrate population data and weigh conservation strategies and scenarios (WDFW).

Project Effectiveness



Compare diets and prey availability across 5 habitat types in the Cedar River to inform restoration design and priorities (King County).

Critical Survival Issues



Test the impact of different light film shades with experimental predation trials as a cost-effective tool to reduce point-source light pollution and associated predation risk (USFWS).

New

Management Action Funding Recommendation

2027 Lake Washington Fish Predation Monitoring Project

- Capture non-native predator fish and Northern Pikeminnow in south Lake WA nearshore areas
- January-May 2027
- Contract with Hickey Bros Research, specialize in large-scale fish capture



Monitoring and Assessment Funding Recommendations			
Project Name	Sponsor	Funding Requested	Funding Recommended
2027 Lake WA Fish Predation Monitoring Project*	WDFW	\$180,000	\$180,000
2026 Chinook (Fish-In) Monitoring	King County WLRD	\$32,285	\$32,285
A Life-cycle Model and Integrated Population Model for Cedar River Chinook Salmon	WDFW	\$101,513	\$101,513
Evaluation of a Low-cost ALAN Mitigation Tool	USFWS	\$52,960	\$52,960
Assessing the Value of Freshwater Habitats through Juvenile Chinook Prey Availability and Foraging	King County WLRD	\$164,715	\$164,715
Aquatic Weed Treatment near the Confluence of Issaquah Creek	Trout Unlimited	\$122,909	\$122,909
Monitoring 6PPD-Q to Inform Stormwater & Salmon Recovery Actions in WRIA 8	Trout Unlimited	\$125,614	\$125,614
Quantifying Long-term Artificial Light at Night Trends at Two Monitoring Stations	USGS	\$38,391	\$38,391
LWSC Data Gaps 2.3 - Salmon Behavior Study Design	Long Live the Kings	\$61,283	\$61,283
			\$879,670

*Management Action subcategory

2026 Funding Recommendation Summary

Category	Recommended Funding
2026 SRFB	\$267,445
2026 PSAR	\$1,457,555
2026 SRFB Riparian	\$195,480
CWM Habitat Restoration & Acquisition	\$2,500,265
CWM Riparian Restoration/Stewardship	\$794,446
CWM Monitoring & Assessment	\$879,670
CWM Outreach & Education	\$346,732
Total Recommended Funding	\$6,441,593





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