

**Summary of Services Provided in WRIA 9  
September 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007**

**Overview:**

**Cost-shared services during the third trimester of 2007 focused on:**

- Coordinating harvest, hatchery, and dam operations into the Salmon Habitat Plan.
- Coordinating a Marine Nearshore Workshop with Seattle, Burien, Normandy Park, Des Moines, and Federal Way.
- Setting up a new WRIA 9 tabletop display at Enumclaw Library and SeaTac City Hall.
- Finalizing first Annual Report on implementation of the Salmon Habitat Plan.
- Finalizing 2007 amendments to the Salmon Habitat Plan.
- Receiving funding for seven projects: **\$1,983,239** from Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) and Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration Grant (PSAR) funding; and **\$2.5 million** from Estuary and Salmon Recovery Program for Seahurst Seawall Restoration North and Duwamish Gardens.
- Developing proposal for WRIA 9's share of the Puget Sound Capacity Funds (\$77,000) to prioritize and sequence projects, conduct landowner outreach, and provide technical assistance to project sponsors.

*The following summary of services is organized according to work items outlined in the approved WRIA 9 MOU.*

**Forum and Steering Committee Coordination**

*Schedule and staff a reduced number of WRIA 9 Forum and WRIA 9 Steering Committee meetings at key decision points in implementing and monitoring of the Salmon Habitat Plan, and prepare the scope of work and budget for work to be cost-shared after 2007:*

- Co-organized the Multiple Watershed Assembly for Forum and Steering Committee Members for WRIA's 7, 8, 9, and 10 (December 12).
- Organized one meeting of the Forum (September 13).
- Organized one meeting of the Steering Committee (November 14).
- Conducted e-mail correspondence and multiple phone and personal conversations with Forum and Forum staff members.
- Coordinated local government and Forum communications with the State legislature.

*Participate in and coordinate with State and Puget Sound regional efforts, such as the Lead Entity Advisory Group, the Puget Sound Nearshore Partnership, and regional or sub-regional efforts:*

- Advised the Salmon Recovery Board, Puget Sound Partnership, Puget Sound Nearshore Partnership, and Governor's Salmon Recovery Office on salmon recovery funding and technical issues.
- Attended one Lead Entity Advisory Group meeting (November 14).
- Attended three Salmon Recovery Council meetings.
- Attended two SRFB meetings (September 27 and December 13).

*Schedule and staff WRIA 9 Management Committee meetings to oversee the 2007 scope of work:*

- Organized one meeting of the Management Committee (October 24).
- Conducted e-mail correspondence and multiple phone and personal conversations with Management Committee members.

*Coordinate with city and county staff and elected officials:*

- Conducted e-mail correspondence and multiple phone and personal conversations with Forum staff.

### **WRIA Plan Monitoring and Adaptive Management**

*Work with the WRIA 9 Steering Committee, including any subcommittees, to facilitate the implementation and monitoring of the WRIA 9 Salmon Habitat Plan:*

- Provided briefings to Steering Committee and Forum, and on implementation issues, and provided assistance to several cost-sharing city partners with Habitat Plan implementation.
- Steering Committee and Forum approved amendment of WRIA 9 Plan to add eight new projects to the Habitat Plan.

*Develop and implement adaptive management, and participate in regional or sub-regional planning, implementation, monitoring, and financing efforts:*

- Held five meetings of the Implementation Technical Committee (ITC).
- Continued discussions with WRIA 9 nearshore cities on alternatives to bulkheading. Provided technical information to cities that was used in conditioning development proposals that included armoring in the nearshore.
- Began planning marine nearshore workshop targeted to WRIA 9 nearshore cities and King County.
- Continued participation in the King County Shoreline Master Program update project.
- Met with Evergreen Funding Consultants to assist in developing a mitigation funding approach for WRIA 9 Habitat Plan projects.
- Continued Harvest, Hatchery, and Dam-integration meetings with representatives from Muckleshoot Indian tribe, Tacoma Public Utilities, WDFW, ACOE, King County, City of Seattle, and WRIA 9.
- Drafted Annual Report for review by Steering Committee in 2008.
- Met with King Conservation District Policy sub committee to discuss a joint WRIA 9 watershed-wide environmental indicators monitoring project, and agreed to meet in a “mini-summit” with other interested parties in Spring 2008.
- Submitted comments to King County on Comprehensive Plan and SMP update including proposed ordinance amendments.
- Participated in meetings of the Duwamish dredging working group conducted by the Army Corps of Engineers.

### **Capital Facility Coordination**

[While part of the WRIA 9 workplan, this work is funded by a Lead Entity Grant and King Conservation District grant, not ILA funds.]

*Coordinate cross-jurisdictional implementation of projects identified as WRIA priorities (e.g., projects funded by the watershed allocation of King Conservation District funds, State Salmon Recovery Funding Board, and other funds):*

*Help establish partnerships and seek funding for high priority capital projects:*

- Distributed information to local governments about grant opportunities.
- Worked with Tukwila staff and property owners on on-going negotiations to purchase Duwamish Gardens. At the end of the year, an offer was extended but was not successful (a private party made a higher, successful offer).
- Inspected Lake Sawyer outlet structure with Black Diamond Councilmember George McPherson; disassembled beaver dams on Ravensdale Creek with WDFW biologist Larry Fisher (December 17).
- Participated in Department of Ecology meeting on TMDL water body prioritization in WRIA 9.
- Met twice with Tukwila and Cascade Land Conservancy staff regarding expansion of Riverbend Park to benefit salmon habitat.
- Drafted response to Department of Ecology regarding lack of inclusion of WRIA 9 sensitive areas in Central Puget Sound Geographic Response Plan for oil spills.
- Worked with Kent staff on change of scope for the Lower Green Acquisition project.
- Met with Cascade Land Conservancy staff twice regarding acquisition and restoration opportunities for Beaconsfield on the Sound.

- Participated in the contractor selection interviews for Seahurst Park North Shoreline Restoration for the City of Burien.
- Attended one statewide Lead Entity Advisory Group (LEAG) meeting (November 14).
- Submitted five projects for Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) and Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR) grant funding.
  - Attended SRFB Review Panel meeting and presented information on projects to address their concerns.
  - Attended SRFB meeting (December 13) for final grant awards of \$1,983,239.
- Attended and helped convene Habitat Work Schedule (new state project database training for WRIA 8 and 9 staff (October 15). Participated in webinar training (October 1) and conference call about the database.
- Attended KCD Board meetings to track progress and approval of WRIA 9 recommended grants (September 10).
- The state designated 5% of the 2007 Puget Sound funds to go towards capacity needs and technical assistance in the Puget Sound watersheds. Developed proposal for WRIA 9's allocation of the funding (\$77,000) to provide technical assistance to high priority habitat projects.
- Secured \$2.5 million in funding from the Estuary and Salmon Recovery Program for Duwamish Gardens and Seahurst Seawall Restoration North.

*Support the Steering Committee in developing, prioritizing, and presenting project recommendations to the State Salmon Recovery Funding Board for funding:*

- Assisted project sponsors with Salmon Recovery Funding Board grant applications for North Wind's Weir Restoration, Fenster-Pautzke Levee Setback, Riverton Creek Restoration Feasibility, Point Heyer Drift Cell Preservation, and Beaconsfield on the Sound Acquisition projects.
- Prepared Lead Entity information for Shared Strategy's regional response for the Salmon Recovery Funding Board grant process.
- Attended the Salmon Recovery Funding Board meeting on December 13 in order to answer questions regarding proposed projects. The final decisions regarding project selection were made by the Board at this meeting.

*Coordinate regional aspects of the Green/Duwamish River Ecosystem Restoration Project and Puget Sound Nearshore Restoration Project:*

- Supported local sponsors working on ERP projects.
- Attended one Ecosystem Restoration Project Meeting (September 12).
- Coordinated preparation of the Program Management Plan with the Army Corps of Engineers for the ERP program. This document is required by the Army Corps of Engineers as part of the ERP program and includes roles, responsibilities and procedures for project sponsor coordination with the Corps.

### **Public Outreach**

*Coordinate a public outreach and involvement strategy for the WRIA 9 planning and implementation process:*

- Drafted lobbying letter to Governor Gregoire on Lead Entity funding for Forum and Steering Committee.
- Provided periodic input on Duwamish/Lower Green multi-jurisdictional interpretive map.
- Participated in Green Acres radio interview on the topic of water in December.
- Drafted news release on SRFB/PSAR grant awards in December.
- Set up new WRIA 9 tabletop display at Enumclaw Library and SeaTac City Hall.
- Responded to four information requests from the public.
- Regularly maintained and updated WRIA 9 website, which remains in the top ten web sites out of two million on Google when searching for "salmon information."

### **Program Management and Administration**

*Conduct general administration work in support of ILA implementation:*

- Held verbal and email progress discussions at and between WRIA 9 Steering Committee, Forum, and Management Committee meetings.
- Coordinated across Steering Committee and Forum on several issues, including the Puget Sound Partnership, Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Council, Puget Sound Partnership, and Salmon Recovery Funding Board.
- Monitored the budget and work program.
- Supervised work of ILA-supported staff.