

**Summary of Services Provided in WRIA 9
January 1, 2007 – April 30, 2007**

Overview:

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

- Securing \$200,000 in additional funding from the Salmon Recovery Funding Board for the Big Spring Creek restoration project.
- Obtaining \$2.5 million in nearshore project funding from the State legislature (Seahurst Seawall Phase II in Burien and Duwamish Gardens in Tukwila).
- Writing two grant applications for \$750,000 that were successfully awarded.
- Re-negotiating a \$1 million Salmon Recovery Funding Board project in Kent with the land owners, City of Kent, and state staff.
- Implementing the WRIA 9 lobbying program.
- Holding two meetings of the Implementation Technical Committee.
- Coordinating discussions of integrating harvest, hatchery, and dam operations into the Salmon Habitat Plan.
- Recruiting and hiring the Habitat Project Coordinator.

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:

- Organized one meeting of the Forum (January 31).
- Organized two meetings of the Steering Committee (January 25 and April 12).
- Participated in three meetings of the Duwamish dredging working group conducted by the Army Corps of Engineers.
- Wrote two grant applications for Federal Way to protect high-quality nearshore habitat. One grant resulted in the award of \$400,000 and decision on the other grant is pending.
- Wrote one grant application for Tukwila that resulted in the award of \$350,000.
- Met with SeaTac City Council to discuss water quality monitoring options.
- Provided comments on the Tukwila draft Shoreline Management Plan restoration component.
- Wrote a letter to federal officials on behalf of Burien for LID project.
- Worked with Kent to reallocate 2003 SRFB grant funds to alternative Lower Green River acquisitions. Also coordinated (unsuccessful) negotiations to purchase the Teufel property.
- 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, Shared Strategy, Puget Sound Partnership, Puget Sound Nearshore Partnership, and Governor's Salmon Recovery Office on salmon recovery funding and technical issues.

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

- Organized two meetings of the Management Committee (January 10 and March 21).
- Conducted e-mail correspondence and multiple phone and personal conversations with Management Committee members.

Provide information to jurisdictions:

- Advised nearshore cities on technical information for their environmental review processes and other regulatory actions.
- Coordinated with Seattle on the Joint Training Facility issues.

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:

- Obtained Forum approval of the WRIA 9 Implementation (monitoring and adaptive management) Plan and formation of the Implementation Technical Committee.
- Provided briefings on implementation issues to several cost-sharing city partners, and provided assistance with Habitat Plan implementation.

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

- Held two meetings of the Implementation Technical Committee (March 1 and April 5).
- Initiated harvest and hatchery integration discussions.
- 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.
- Continued participation in the King County Shoreline Master Program update project.
- Continued to meet with the Washington Department of Transportation on mitigation funding for WRIA 9 Habitat Plan projects.
- Tracked the progress of the Governor's Regional Monitoring Forum.
- Worked with the Department of Ecology to obtain a \$50,000 grant to address water flow/quantity issues in WRIA 9, targeting the Miller and Walker Creek sub basin as a pilot project.
- Initiated coordination with WRIA 7 and 8 on monitoring and harvest and hatchery integration issues that are common among each watershed.

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):

- Reviewed, edited, and worked with King County, Auburn, Burien, and Kent to submit six KCD grant applications.
- Attended meeting with Seattle regarding mitigation for the city's Joint Training Facility. Mitigation for filling in wetland habitat will consist of restoration at a city-owned site on the Duwamish River.

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

- In cooperation with Tukwila staff, met repeatedly with property owners in negotiations of the purchase of Duwamish Gardens.
- Distributed information to local governments about grant opportunities.

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

- Supported local sponsors working on ERP projects.

Public Outreach

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

- Implemented the lobbying program including drafting letters to new state legislators, coordinating lobbying messages with Shared Strategy, distributing lobbying priorities to partner cities, drafting lobbying letters for Auburn and Burien, giving testimony to the Washington State House Select Committee on Puget Sound (March 16), participating in the King Conservation District lobbying day in Olympia (March 20), participating in the Lead Entity lobbying day in Olympia (March 23), preparing and submitting requested language for the federal Water Resources Development Act, and completing formal legislative requests for the Green/Duwamish ERP to four members of legislative delegation.
- Conducted a tour of WRIA 9 for staff of Senator Maria Cantwell (February 23).
- Briefed staff of Congressman Jim McDermott (March 30).
- Conducted a tour of WRIA 9 for staff of Congressman Adam Smith (April 17).
- Helped plan and conduct second the “Duwamish Alive!” program of nine restoration projects on Earth Day (April 11). Over 800 volunteers participated in restoring the Duwamish. Developed media messages and led volunteers at one site.
- Gave presentations to a South Park (Seattle) after school program, Mt. Rainier High School classes, and the Highline Water Festival, reaching 145 persons.
- Responded to five information requests from the public.
- Briefed a Seattle Times reporter on WRIA 9 and was quoted in an article on the Auburn Environmental Park published February 17.
- Set up the new WRIA 9 tabletop display at Federal Way, Auburn, Renton, and Kent.
- Provided text and comments for the Lower Green/Duwamish recreation map.
- Updated and re-printed the “Making Our Watershed Fit for a King” interpretive poster.
- Provided stream identification signs to the Institute for Community Leadership in Covington.
- Regularly maintained and updated WRIA 9 website, which remains in the top 10 web sites out of 6 million on Google when searching for “salmon information.”

Program Management and Administration

Conduct general administration work in support of ILA implementation:

- Monitored the work program and budget.
- Supervised work of ILA-supported staff.
- 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 regional Puget Sound Salmon recovery and habitat planning.
- Recruited and hired the Habitat Project Coordinator.