

**Summary of Services Provided in WRIA 9  
January 1, 2008 – April 30, 2008**

**Overview:**

**Cost-shared services during the first trimester of 2008 focused on:**

- Continuing coordination of harvest, hatchery, and dam operations into the Salmon Habitat Plan.
- Hiring a consultant to assist with planning and conducting a Marine Nearshore Workshop with Seattle, Burien, Normandy Park, Des Moines, and Federal Way in September 2008.
- Finalizing the first Annual Report on implementation of the Salmon Habitat Plan.
- Receiving funding for five projects: **\$1,983,239** from Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) and Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration Grant (PSAR) funding.
- Negotiating to purchase the Duwamish Gardens property in Tukwila.
- Organizing and conducting a tour of low impact development sites for WRIA 9 local electeds and city staff on March 13.
- Finalizing and submitting 3-Year Work Schedule to Puget Sound Partnership.

*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 two meetings of the Forum (January 16 and March 19).
- Organized one meeting of the Steering Committee (February 21).
- Organized two meetings of the Management Committee (January 14 and March 12).
- 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 Lead Entity Advisory Group meeting (April 15).
- Attended Lead Entity Training (required under contract - February 25-26).
- Attended two Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Council meetings.
- Attended two meetings of the Puget Sound Nearshore Partnership Steering Committee.
- Attended one SRFB meeting (February 14-15) and SRFB Grant Application and Successful Application workshop (March 24).
- Attended three PSP Watershed Leads meetings to stay abreast of PSP developments and expectations for watersheds (January 10, February 7, and March 13).

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

- Organized two meetings of the Management Committee (January 14 and March 12).
- 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 Implementation**

*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 on Habitat Plan implementation issues, and provided assistance to several cost-sharing city partners.

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

- Held eight meetings of the Implementation Technical Committee (ITC) (January 17, February 11, March 3, March 10, March 21, March 28, April 2, and April 29).
- Interviewed and hired a consultant to assist in planning and conducting a planning marine nearshore workshop targeted to WRIA 9 nearshore cities and King County.
- 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.
- Finalized work products funded by \$50,000 WADOE watershed assistance grant, including white paper on coordination between WRIA 9 habitat needs and groundwater supply, 3 Year Work schedule, basin stewardship promotion in Miller/Walker creeks, and Low Impact Development.
- Finalized and submitted 3 Year Work Schedule to Puget Sound Partnership (PSP).
- Attended WADOE Shoreline Management Plan meeting.
- Began WRIA 9 project prioritization and sequencing with King County Water and Land Resources Science staff (this effort will peak in September 2008 and is expected to be concluded by the end 2008 in time for submittal of the 2009 3-Year Work Schedule in April 2009).

*Other work to promote implementation of the Habitat Plan recommendation:*

- Participated in Duwamish Visioning exercise in South Park (March 18). Attended public meeting (April 29) on Port of Seattle's Lower Duwamish River Habitat Restoration Plan and subsequently drafted a comment letter about WRIA 9 priorities in the Duwamish.
- Drafted KCD grant application for \$50,000 for restoration funding for Green River Basin Steward, Vashon-Maury Island Basin Steward, and Miller/Walker Creek Stewardship. Grant awarded in full amount.
- Met with Department of Ecology staff on the Duwamish in Seattle (April 16) to make the case for including three ecologically-important areas in the Central Puget Sound Geographic Response Plan for oil spills. (Ecology subsequently revised their document to include these sites as requested.)

## **Capital Facility Coordination**

*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 and assisted project sponsors with grant applications. These grant opportunities included Pioneers in Conservation, National Fish and Wildlife Community Salmon Fund, Washington Wildlife and Recreation (WWRP), Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA), and Conservation Futures.
- Worked with Tukwila staff and property owners on on-going negotiations to purchase Duwamish Gardens. Arranged for survey of site. Researched archeological issues. Coordinated with funders on potential rescope. Drafted a \$245,000 grant application on behalf of the City of Tukwila for the Washington Wildlife Recreation Program. Met with Washington DNR staff on project coordination.
- Assisted King County staff with project tracking and coordination for North Wind's Weir.
- Coordinated field project tour for Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) staff on Vashon-Maury Island.
- Provided field tour of WRIA 9 projects for Puget Sound Partnership staff.

- Prepared lobbying materials for local jurisdictions' restoration efforts.
- Attended Recreation and Conservation Office workshop for 2009 ALEA and WWRP grant round.

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

- Prepared Lead Entity information for Puget Sound Partnership's regional response for the Salmon Recovery Funding Board grant process.
- Developed timeline for 2009 SRFB process, distributed to projects sponsors, and assisted project sponsors with preparation of pre-application materials.

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

- Supported local sponsors working on ERP projects, including development of funding strategies.
- Attended two Ecosystem Restoration Project meetings (January 9 and April 2).
- 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.
- Held one meeting of the ERP Executive Committee (January 16).

### **Public Outreach (half time)**

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

- Organized and conducted bus tour of low impact development sites in Pierce County and Seattle for 37 participants, mostly local government electeds and staff from WRIA 9 (March 13).
- Created new newsletter "Fit for a King" and distributed the inaugural issue in March.
- Provided comments on EHB 2734 regarding impact on adjacent property owners caused by shift in ordinary high water mark due to habitat projects (legislation did not pass this year)
- Drafted lobbying letters to the legislature regarding Lead Entity program and to the Governor regarding capital request for Seahurst Environmental Science Center.
- Gave presentation to Veterans Conservation Corps participants at Green River Community College (January 11), Latino student after school program in South Park (February 20), and Highline Water Festival (March 26), reaching approximately 170 students total.
- Worked with the Lead Entity Advisory Group on purpose and design of advertisement promoting lead entities.
- Distributed two volunteer recruitment notices.
- Responded to six 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."
- (Previously public outreach/stewardship efforts were recognized on April 19 when WRIA 9 was awarded a Coastal America Partnership award for its contribution to the Duwamish Alive! volunteer stewardship project.)
- (Previous WRIA 9 contributions of time and money to the Duwamish/Lower Green multi-jurisdictional interpretive map paid off this trimester when the map was completed and printed. It is a beautiful and highly informative way to promote awareness of the river and its salmon.)

[During part of the first trimester, Dennis Clark, Public Outreach/Stewardship Coordinator, spent half his time on Miller/Walker Creek basin stewardship. While it contributes to WRIA 9 watershed health, that work was funded by the Miller/Walker basin partners and thus is not summarized in this trimester report.]

### **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.