

**Summary of Services Provided in WRIA 9  
May 1, 2007 – August 31, 2007**

**Overview:**

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

- Developing and obtaining Forum approval of the 2008 Watershed Coordination Services budget and work program.
- Coordinating with project sponsors to prepare Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) and Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR) applications and materials for over \$1,500,000 in funding.
- Organizing and conducting the August 16 “yellow bus tour” of entire watershed in cooperation with the Corps of Engineers and Tacoma Public Utilities.
- Continuing coordination of integrating harvest, hatchery, and dam operations into the Salmon Habitat Plan. H-integration kickoff meeting held in August.
- Setting up a new WRIA 9 tabletop display at Kent, Covington, Seattle and Army Corps Headquarters.

*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 (July 18).
- Organized one meeting of the Steering Committee (July 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, Shared Strategy, 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 (August 29).
- Attended Shared Strategy Meeting (July 26).
- Attended two SRFB Meetings (May 3, July 13).

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

- Organized two meetings of the Management Committee (June 1 and June 29).
- Conducted e-mail correspondence and multiple phone and personal conversations with Management Committee members.

*Provide information to jurisdictions:*

- Met with Black Diamond councilmember and staff to discuss city implementation of the Salmon Habitat Plan.

*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.
- Drafted new projects and policies for the Habitat Plan.

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

- Held four 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.
- Held H-integration kick-off meeting with representatives from Muckleshoot Indian tribe, Tacoma Public Utilities, WDFW, ACOE, King County, City of Seattle, and WRIA 9.
- Developed and mailed regulatory and programmatic survey to WRIA 9 cost share jurisdictions to begin tracking program implementation.
- Drafted Annual Report outline for review by ITC.
- Assisted Shared Strategy in developing a regional Monitoring and Adaptive Management Plan.
- Wrote comment letters on the Lower Duwamish Draft Restoration Plan/Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, a Duwamish dock development, and Department of Ecology Central Puget Sound oil spill response plan.
- Facilitated a meeting between Ecology and WRIAs 7, 8 and 9 Staff to discuss implementation of general NPDES Phase 2 requirements in the context of the habitat plans.
- Participated in one meeting 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.
- Assisted the Environmental Science Center with a grant application for environmental education and low impact development workshops.
- Assisted the City of Kent with a grant application for land acquisition along the Lower Green River.
- Drafted ESRP grant application for Camp Kilworth on behalf of Federal Way.
- Drafted KCD and ESRP grant applications for Duwamish Gardens on behalf of and in coordination with Tukwila.
- In cooperation with Tukwila staff, met repeatedly with property owners in negotiations of purchase of Duwamish Gardens.
- In cooperation with Tukwila staff, worked on negotiations of purchase of Duwamish Gardens. Met with Muckleshoot Indian Tribe archeological staff to discuss cultural resource issues.
- Submitted a grant application to the Pacific Salmon Commission to fund a smolt trap to monitor the effectiveness of habitat restoration implementation.

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

- Organized the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) project review process field visits to proposed SRFB/PSAR projects
- Presented the SRFB/PSAR projects and TAG rankings at the July 12 Steering Committee; the project ranking was unanimously approved by the Steering Committee.

*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 two Ecosystem Restoration Project Meetings (July 11 and September 12)

### **Public Outreach**

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

- Organized and conducted the August 16 “yellow bus tour” of entire watershed in cooperation with the Corps of Engineers and Tacoma Public Utilities.
- Set up a new WRIA 9 tabletop display at Kent, Covington, Seattle and Army Corps Headquarters.
- Staffed Steel Lake “Hooked on Fishing” event in Federal Way, talking to over 300 children and their parents about watershed protection. Staffed the WRIA 9 display at the August 12 Shadow Lake Bog Frog Frolic and August 18 Duwamish River Festival. WRIA 9 staff spoke to over 50 persons at the events.
- Participated in three meetings of the NPDES Phase II regional public outreach discussions.
- Responded to five information requests from the public.
- Regularly maintained and updated WRIA 9 website, which remains in the top 10 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:*

- Developed and obtained Forum approval of the 2008 Watershed Coordination Services budget and work program.
- 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 Nearshore Partnerships, and Salmon Recovery Funding Board.
- Monitored the budget and work program.
- Supervised work of ILA-supported staff.