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Estuary & Salmon Restoration Program

2015 FINAL INVESTMENT PLAN

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The Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program (ESRP) provides funding and technical assistance to organizations working to restore shoreline and nearshore habitat critical to salmon and other fish species in Puget Sound.

The program is managed by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, in partnership with the state Recreation and Conservation Office and the Puget Sound Partnership.

Through a strategic, science-based selection process, the program advances efforts to recover regional salmon populations by ensuring restoration projects address essential fish habitat, such as shorelines, estuaries and bays.

This approach is key to restoring the health of Puget Sound.

Benefits of habitat restoration include:

- **Creating local jobs** – Every \$1 million invested in restoration and protection programs, such as ESRP, results in an average of 17 jobs and more than \$3 million in economic activity. (OFM, 2015)
- **Building resilient coastlines** – Natural shorelines serve as buffers for coastal communities, providing protection from the effects of climate change, such as increased flooding and rising sea levels.
- **Investing in communities** – Healthy ecosystems provide sustainable fish and shellfish populations that support recreational and commercial fishing industries important to the economies of coastal communities throughout Puget Sound.

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Restoration and Protection Projects—2015 Ranked List & Available Funding

Rank	Project Sponsor	Project Name	Legislative District	County	Budget Request	ESRP Award Status	Running Total
							\$7,763,862 Available
1	NOSC	Discovery Bay	24	Jefferson	\$257,862	\$257,862	\$257,862
2	King County Water and Land Resources	Maury Island Aquatic Reserve Armoring Removal	34	King	\$1,586,712	\$1,586,712	\$1,844,547
3	NOSC	Kilisut Harbor	24	Jefferson	\$4,127,563	\$2,000,000	\$3,844,574
4	Great Peninsula Conservancy	Beards Cove Restoration (funded with EPA NEP funds)	35	Mason	\$409,000	\$409,000	\$3,919,288
5	Skokomish Tribe	Skokomish Estuary	35	Mason	\$1,231,929	\$1,231,929	\$5,485,503
6	Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe	Teekalet & Port Gamble Mill Site Restoration Plan	23	Kitsap	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$6,985,503
7	Northwest Watershed Institute	West Dabob Bay Shoreline Protection and Restoration	24	Jefferson	\$527,000	\$527,000	\$7,512,503
8	Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group	Duckabush River Estuary Restoration Design	24	Jefferson	\$1,034,546	Partial available	Tentative
9	Great Peninsula Conservancy	Filucy Bay Estuary Shoreline Protection II	26	Pierce	\$1,000,000		
10	Skagit River Systems Cooperative	Smokehouse Riparian Restoration	10	Skagit	\$169,250		
11	WDFW	South Skagit River Delta Invasive Cattail Control	10	Skagit	\$60,665		
12	Skagit River Systems Cooperative	Camano Island State Park Lagoon Reconnection	10	Island	\$163,728		
13	City of Bellingham	Little Squalicum Creek Estuary Restoration	42	Whatcom	\$1,857,550		
14	Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group	Lower Big Quilcene Preliminary Design	24	Jefferson	\$529,443		
15	South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group	Titlow Estuary Design Phase 2	28	Pierce	\$269,532		
16	Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Foundation	Lummi Island Shoreline Acquisition and Restoration	42	Whatcom	\$1,041,133		
17	South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group	Sequalitchew Creek Estuary Reconnection	28	Pierce	\$160,000		
18	Snohomish County	Mid-Spencer Tidal Marsh Connection	38	Snohomish	\$1,560,000		
19	Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe	Pysht Estuary Saltmarsh Restoration (would be able to fund \$1,753,547 under \$20 million budget scenario)	24	Clallam	\$4,291,267		
20	Whidbey Camano Land Trust	Waterman Nearshore Acquisition	10	Island	\$1,020,000		
21	Forterra	Little Skookum Inlet Shoreline Habitat Protection	35	Mason	\$1,907,200		

* Total available funds identified in this 2015 ESRP Investment plan include \$698,000 of EPA NEP funds and \$585,862 in 2013-15 ESRP Returned Funds. 10% of this appropriation (totaling \$720,000) are allocated for Regional Feasibility and Predesign projects after WDFW and RCO program management funds are allocated. \$6,480,000 of new 2015-17 capital funding is made available for ESRP Restoration and Protection projects. If additional funds are identified for ESRP projects below the available funding cutoff line, funding will be awarded to projects prioritized according to their rank, project readiness, and funding restrictions of new funds identified.

Regional Feasibility and Predesign—2015 Ranked List & Available Funding

Rank	Sponsor	Project Name	Legislative District	Budget Request	Award Status	Running Total
						\$720,000 Available
1	University of Washington	Railroad Grade Beach Nourishment Planning	21	\$99,010	\$99,010	\$99,010
2	South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group	Bulkhead Removal Planning	35	\$86,684	\$86,684	\$185,694
3	US Geological Survey	Restoring Sediment Supply to Sustain Delta Marsh	22	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$535,694
4	Coastal Geologic Services	Prioritization for Bluffline Structure Protection	10	\$149,621	\$149,621	\$685,315
5	Coastal Geologic Services	Identifying Target Beaches for Restoration & Protection (partial funding available)	23	\$168,587	\$34,685	\$720,000
6	NW Fisheries Science Center	Large Landscape-Scale Estuary Restoration Planning	44	\$863,235		
7	Western Washington University	Prioritization of Marsh Protection in Puget Sound	10	\$228,635		
8	Washington State Department of Ecology	Mapping Shorelines to Prioritize Beach Projects	42	\$225,396		



Restored tidal channels of the Skokomish River Delta