

Snoqualmie Watershed Forum Meeting:
2025 Legislative Priorities
2025 Meeting Schedule
and Topics
2024 Client Survey

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Forum 2025 Legislative Priorities

2025 Legislative Priorities

Will be used to outreach to federal and state elected officials:

- Fact sheets posted on the Forum's web site
- Letters to legislators and Representatives/Senators
- Handouts during site visits/visits to the Capital

In-person Opportunities!

- Floodplains by Design day – Olympia
- Salmon Days – Olympia
- Puget Sound Day on the Hill – Washington, DC

Please join us!



2025 Proposed Federal Priorities

\$110 million for Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF)

\$57 million for the Puget Sound Geographic Program – EPA

\$5.085 million for Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups

Direct funding from Inflation Reduction Act and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for priority habitat restoration and infrastructure improvements that create climate resilience in WRIA 7 and Puget Sound

Streamline Permits for Habitat Restoration – FEMA and National Flood Insurance Program

2025 State Legislative Session

- Regular session – 105 days - starts January 6, 2025
- 2-year budget and policies

Lots of change!

- New governor – Bob Ferguson
- New legislators
- New leads for budget committees
- Climate Commitment Act Initiative 2117 passed!
- Tight budget – many priorities

2025 Proposed State Legislative Priorities

Salmon Recovery Funding

- **\$87.6 million for Floodplains by Design**
 - Fully fund the top 10 projects on the ranked list, including King County's Snoqualmie Collaborative Project
- \$125 million for Salmon Recovery Funding Board in the Recreation and Conservation Office
- \$25 million for Salmon Recovery Funding Board Riparian
- \$25 million for State Conservation Commission Riparian
- \$30 million for Dept. of Ecology Riparian Buffer Incentives

2025 Proposed State Legislative Priorities

Salmon Recovery Funding

- \$77 million for Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal
- \$27.5 million for Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program
- \$110 million for Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration Program
- \$7.4 million for removing marine derelict structures - DNR
- Appropriations for SR 203/Lower Frew bridge over Tolt River

2025 State Legislative Priorities

Policy Legislation

- Support efforts to reduce and address effects of climate change on salmon and salmon habitat (Climate Commitment Act)
- Incorporate salmon recovery into Growth Management Act
- Amend Habitat Recovery Pilot Program for permit streamlining
- Protect older forests from harvest (DNR)



Forum Business

2025 Forum Meeting Schedule

2025 Forum Meeting Topics

2024 Client Survey

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2025 Meeting Schedule and Topics

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2025 Proposed Meeting Schedule

*Third Wednesday,
every other month*

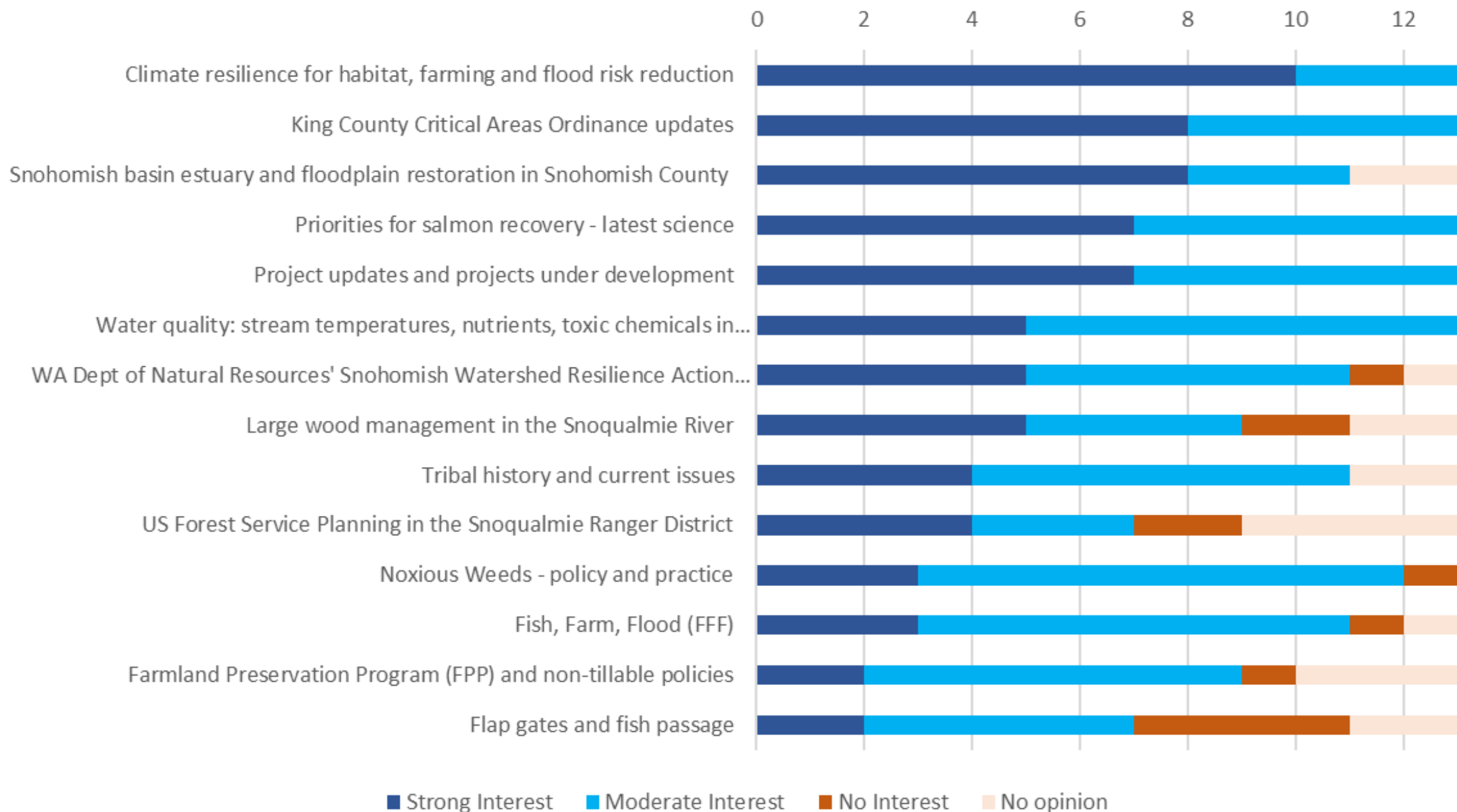
<i>MEETING DATE</i>	
Wednesday, January 15 Zoom meeting 3:00-5:00 p.m.	
Wednesday, March 19 Zoom meeting 3:00-5:00 p.m.	
Wednesday, May 21* Carnation City Hall (in-person) 4621 Tolt Ave, Carnation 6:00-8:30 p.m.	
Wednesday, July 16** Skykomish or Duvall Visitor Center 6:00-8:00 p.m. (Project Tour tentatively from 3:00-5:00 p.m.)	
Wednesday, September 17*** City of North Bend (in-person) 6:00-8:00 p.m.	
Wednesday, November 19 Virtual meeting 3:00-5:00 p.m.	* Extra half hour for grant review ** Includes the Forum's Project Tour *** May add another half hour for annual celebration

- Survey completed by 13 Forum partners
 - 5 Forum members
 - 1 elected official
 - 1 tribal representative
 - 6 jurisdiction staff
 - 2 watershed residents
 - 2 NGOs
- Presentations with questions & answers – preferred by 9
- Short presentations with breakout groups – preferred by 4

2025 Meeting Topics Survey:

Forum and Snoqualmie Valley Planning Committee (SVPC)

2025 Meeting Topics - Ranked



Rank	Topic
1	Climate resilience for habitat, farming and flood risk reduction
2	King County Critical Areas Ordinance updates
3	Forest management impacts on water quality, salmon and wildfire risk.
4	Priorities for salmon recovery – latest science
5	Project updates and projects under development
6	Large wood management in the Snoqualmie River
7	Water quality: stream temperatures, nutrients, toxic chemicals in juvenile salmonids
8	USFS Planning in the Snoqualmie Ranger District
9	Tribal history in the watershed and current issues
10	Progress on DNR's WRAP in Snohomish basin.
11	Noxious weeds – policy and practice
12	Fish, Farm, Flood (FFF)
13	Flap gates and fish passage
14	Snohomish basin estuary and floodplain restoration in Snohomish County
15	Farmland Preservation Program (FPP) and non-tillable policies
16	Permit streamlining
17	Hatchery strays in the Snoqualmie River

2025 Meeting Topics: Ranked by Forum and SVPC

2025 Proposed Meeting Topics:

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Forum Meeting Dates	Proposed Topics (Subject to change – Decision items in BOLD)
Wednesday, January 15 Zoom meeting 3:00-5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025 meeting topics • Interlocal Agreement for 2026-2035 – Final for Approval • Fish In, Fish Out • Client survey results review for 2024
Wednesday, March 19 Zoom meeting 3:00-5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tulalip smolt trap & funding • King County – capital projects in the works (Flood risk, Habitat, Stormwater, Fish passage) • King County Critical Areas Ordinance updates
Wednesday, May 21 City of Carnation (in-person) 6:00-8:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CWM Grant Review & Funding Recommendations • 2025 Work Program for Forum Staff • State legislative update • 2024 Budget Close-out Report • Projects in the works - updates
Wednesday, July 16 Skykomish or Duvall 6:00-8:00 p.m. (Project Tour 3-5:00 p.m.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2026 Proposed Forum Budget and Cost Shares • Flap gate function/maintenance and implications for salmon recovery • History of Tribes in the Snohomish Basin and current priorities
Wednesday, September 17 City of North Bend (in-person) 6:00-8:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025 Budget Approval • Legislative priorities for 2025 • Salmon SEEson • Annual Forum & Partners Celebration of Accomplishments (with refreshments) • US Forest Service planning in the Snoqualmie Ranger District
Wednesday, November 19 Virtual meeting 3:00-5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CWM Grant Round Launch • 2026 Forum meeting schedule & topics • 2025 annual survey • ILA renewal status, 2026-2035 • Large wood management in the Snoqualmie River

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