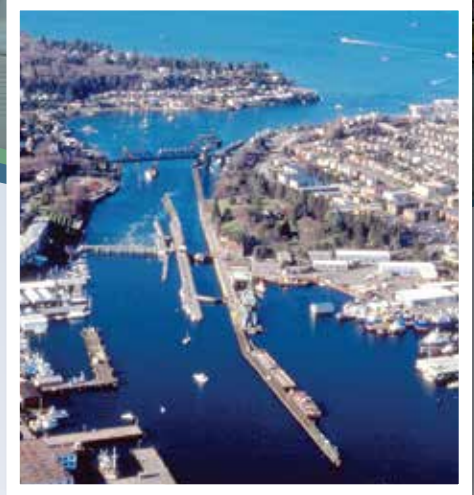




2019 Legislative Priorities for Salmon Recovery and Puget Sound Watershed Health

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FEDERAL PRIORITIES

- **Support a \$70 million Fiscal Year 2019 appropriations request for the Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF) in Departments of Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill.** The PCSRF program is the primary federal funding for salmon recovery, and supports annual grants for priority salmon habitat protection and restoration projects.
- **Support \$11.807 million in the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Fiscal Year 2019 Work Plan to advance design of critical prioritized infrastructure repairs to the Hiram M. Chittenden (Ballard) Locks.** Much of the Locks machinery and facilities are original, have not been upgraded, and are past their design life with some beginning to fail. Repairs and updates are immediately necessary for continued safe operation of the Locks for navigation and other regional safety and economic benefits, maintaining lake levels (needed for the I-90 floating bridge), and providing safe passage for ESA-listed Chinook salmon.
- **Support the “Promoting United Government Efforts to Save Our Sound Act” (PUGET SOS Act), which will establish a Puget Sound Recovery National Program Office in the Environmental Protection Agency to coordinate federal Puget Sound recovery efforts with state, local and tribal recovery efforts and enable greater levels of federal funding for Puget Sound recovery.** The bill enhances the federal government’s role and investment in Puget Sound by amending the Clean Water Act to add a new section dedicated to Puget Sound recovery, providing lasting and structural recognition of the Puget Sound as a waterbody of national significance on par with the Chesapeake Bay and the Great Lakes.



- **Support legislation that seeks to increase funding and incentives for green stormwater retrofits and infrastructure, including:**

Introduced legislation titled, Preventing Pollution through Partnerships Act (H.R. 7041), which would incentivize private investment in green infrastructure through creation of a new category of tax-exempt Green Infrastructure Private Activity Bonds (PBAs) that state and local governments can use to encourage developers to include green infrastructure in development plans. These PBAs enable local governments to leverage private investment in projects that benefit the public interest, while also providing a potential revenue source for developers.

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