



Summary table of 2022 WRIA 8 State Legislative Priorities

WRIA 8 2020 Legislative Priority	Status (as of 3/10/22)
Legislation / Policies	
<p>Support legislation that seeks to improve regulatory protections for areas that are important for salmon habitat, including proposals to define and implement “net ecological gain,” and regulatory improvements that enhance protection of riparian areas and lake and marine shorelines.</p>	<p>HB 1117 – Promoting salmon recovery through revisions to the state's comprehensive planning framework. (<u>Did not move forward in session</u>)</p> <p>HB 1099 - Improving the state's climate response through updates to the state's comprehensive planning framework. (Senate Ways and Means Committee passed significant amendment, striking climate change goal and inserting environmental resiliency goal)</p> <p>HB 1838 – Loraine Loomis Act <u>did not move forward in session</u></p>
<p>Support efforts to improve existing funding authorities to support salmon recovery and Puget Sound restoration priorities and to develop new watershed-based and/or regional funding authorities to support multiple-benefit projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support passage of HB 1672 – Clarify County Authority Over Conservation Futures Levy (CFL) to clarify that the CFL is not subject to the levy limit of 1% annual growth and thereby restore the authority of elected county boards and commissions to establish the local CFL rate for the program up to the existing legislative cap of 6.25 cents/\$1,000 of assessed value 	<p>HB 1672 <u>did not move forward in session</u></p>
<p>Support passage of SJR 8219 / HJR 4209 to amend the Washington state Constitution by adding a new section regarding the conservation and protection of the state’s natural resources.</p>	<p>SJR 8219 / HJR 4209 <u>did not move forward in session</u></p>

Budget Priorities	
Support increased riparian area protection and restoration, including creating and funding the proposed new Riparian Habitat Conservation Grant program at \$100M.	<p>Funding for riparian protection and restoration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$7M for Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC) - Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) • \$10M for WSCC riparian grants to landowners • \$3M for WSCC voluntary stewardship program • \$1.3M for WSCC riparian plant propagation • \$5M for Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Forestry Riparian Easement Program • \$5M for salmon habitat improvements on DNR lands, including riparian work • \$1M for Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) assessment of riparian lands • \$300,000 for Governor’s Office to convene a stakeholder group to further discuss riparian work • \$226,000 for evaluation of riparian incentive and regulatory programs
Major investments in salmon habitat restoration projects	\$75M for salmon restoration projects through Salmon Recovery Funding Board (\$50M for large scale projects over \$5M; \$25M for smaller projects)
Support \$5M for community-based, public-private stormwater partnerships to develop local capacity and secure private investment for stormwater retrofits.	<p>\$4M for Department of Ecology (Ecology) to award local grants for stormwater management</p> <p>\$1M for Ecology to develop Community Based Public-Private Stormwater Partnership</p>
Support \$2.7 million to address toxic tire dust chemical 6PPD-quinone.	<p>\$1.38M for Ecology to lead monitoring and treatment</p> <p>\$1.32M for Ecology to conduct safer alternatives assessment</p> <p>\$4.85M for Ecology to support 2022 stormwater projects to reduce 6PPD-quinone</p>
Support \$654,000 for statewide prioritization of fish passage barriers and fish passage rulemaking.	<p>\$294,000 for fish passage rulemaking</p> <p>\$360,000 in House and Senate budgets for fish passage barrier prioritization</p>
Strengthening investments in science and monitoring, in particular fish in/fish out monitoring and salmon recovery plan updates.	<p>~\$11M for WDFW to conduct various salmon abundance and harvest monitoring, and compliance and enforcement work, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2.39M for Fish In/Fish Out monitoring program

	\$2.57M for Puget Sound Partnership to adaptively manage implementation of the Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Plan and coordinate monitoring and assessment activities
Support the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's (WDFW) Freshwater Monitoring request (\$2.617M) to monitor salmon populations in targeted watersheds, including Lake Washington, to inform management actions and track the status and trends of populations towards meeting recovery goals.	\$3.8M for WDFW Freshwater Monitoring request.
Support requests for studies and management of predation, disease, and other issues that affect WRIA 8 salmon populations.	\$125,000 for WSCC to support a pilot effort administered by the King Conservation District on Lake Sammamish to address artificial lighting and reduce predation on salmon