



# 2024 Legislative Priorities Update

- State legislative session wrapped March 7
- Highlights:
  - Increased capital budget investments in salmon recovery...contingent on status of Climate Commitment Act
  - Bipartisan salmon recovery bills
  - Added toxic chemical 6PPD to the Safer Products for Washington Program to find less toxic alternative

# WRIA 8 Activities & Communications

- Letter to Governor (Dec 2023)
- Letter to state legislators and Cong delegation (Jan 2024)
- WRIA 8 Legislative Subcommittee participation in 'Salmon Day in Olympia' (Jan 31)
- WRIA 8 Chair and Vice Chair signed on to coalition letters supporting:
  - State budget proviso to study impacts of waste tires on the environment (part of understanding how 6PPD-q is entering the environment)
  - FY 2025 federal Puget Sound and salmon recovery priorities (to key Congressional committees)



## WRIA 8 2024 State Budget Priorities

ITEM	AGENCY	2023 ADOPTED BUDGET	RECOMMENDED 2024 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET	Final 2024 Budget
<b>Salmon Capital Budget Priorities</b>				
Salmon Recovery Funding Board	RCO	\$20,000,000	+\$62,000,000	+\$25,000,000
Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program (existing ranked project list)	RCO	\$14,309,000	+\$11,200,000	+\$11,110,000
Brian Abbott Fish Passage Barrier Removal (existing ranked project list)	RCO	\$48,407,000	+\$22,000,000	+\$22,198,000
<b>Operating Budget Priorities</b>				
Removal of predatory fish species in the Lake Washington basin to support juvenile salmon survival	WDFW	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000
<b>Transportation Budget Salmon Priorities</b>				
State Stormwater Retrofits	WSDOT	\$6,000,000	+\$25,000,000	+\$9,000,000
Fish Passage Correction associated with Injunction	WSDOT	\$1,041,000,000	+\$150,000,000	+\$149,368,000

# State Legislation – Salmon Recovery

- **SB 5931** – Designates car tires containing 6PPD as priority consumer products under the Safer Products for Washington Program
- **HB 2045** – Enables local governments and WSDOT to receive donations for fish barrier removal projects
- **HB 2293** – Creates a work group and study of avian predation on salmon (focused on Columbia River)



# Federal Priorities

- Submitted Congressional appropriations requests:
  - \$110m for Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund
  - \$200k to Army Corps of Engineers to implement a study of options for replacing the temporary adult salmon exclusion structure on the Ballard Locks saltwater drain intake
- FY 2025 Community Project Funding requests through Congressional districts

