

2017 Congressional Priorities for Puget Sound Watershed Health and Salmon Habitat Recovery

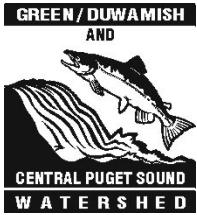
Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound Watershed (WRIA 9)

FEDERAL PRIORITIES

- Support an appropriations request of at least \$65 million for the Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF) in Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations for FY 2015 and FY 2016.
- 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 provide for the coordination of federal Puget Sound recovery efforts with state, local and tribal recovery efforts.
- Support the Army Corps of Engineers comprehensive cost updates and report package preparation to address ongoing cost management issues for the Green/Duwamish Ecosystem Restoration Project (GDERP).
- Support increased collaboration between the Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound Watershed and Urban Waters Federal Partnership (UWFP) to better integrate social equity and environmental justice into salmon recovery activities.
- Support a downstream Fish Passage Facility (FPF) at Howard Hanson Dam (HHD) without additional costs to local governments and regional ratepayers.
- Request \$1.5 million to partner with Washington State and local governments of WRIA 9 to implement WRIA 9’s streamside tree planting/water quality strategy for the Green/Duwamish River and the goals of the Green/Duwamish Urban Waters Federal Partnership.

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STATE PRIORITIES

- Support continued efforts to explore dedicated watershed-based funding authorities to support multiple-benefit projects that address salmon habitat protection and restoration, water quality, stormwater management, and flood management.
- Support \$80 million for salmon recovery projects under the Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration Program (PSAR).
- Support \$50 million for salmon recovery projects under the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB).
- Support \$20 million for nearshore restoration projects under the Estuary and Salmon Recovery Program (ESRP).
- Support \$70 million for floodplain restoration projects under the Floodplains by Design program.
- \$100 million for the Stormwater Financial Assistance Program (SFAP).
- Support State Capital Budget appropriations:
 - \$1,670,991 million for Saltwater State Park estuary and nearshore restoration project.
 - \$9,847,832 million for Lower Russell Road floodplain restoration construction.
 - \$4,835,743 million for Downey Farmstead floodplain restoration construction.
 - \$1.5 million for tree planting/shading of the temperature impaired Green River.
 - \$50 million for acquisition of priority properties along the Duwamish River in areas of high equity and social justice need.
- Provide funding for the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to implement priority projects based on Department of Ecology (DOE) approved stormwater retrofit analyses.

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