

FORUM DECISION

Snohomish Basin Salmon Recovery Forum Meeting: August 3, 2017

Topic: Capital budget remains unpassed by state legislature

Background:

The state legislature has adjourned for the summer without passing a capital budget for the 2017-2019 biennium.

The lack of a capital budget has implications for capital projects moving forward throughout the state, including those that are funded through the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB), Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration program (PSAR), Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program (ESRP) and Floodplains by Design (FbD).

Much is still unknown about the situation; we will forward on details and information as it becomes available.

Specific impacts for Snohomish Basin salmon recovery-related projects include:

- **2016 SRFB –approved projects slated to receive 2017-2019 PSAR funding cannot move forward.** Those projects are:
 - o Tolt River - Lower Frew Floodplain Reconnection (King Co Water & Land Res)
 - o Cherry Creek Phase II & III Construction (Sound Salmon Solutions)
 - o South Fork Skykomish Acquisitions (Forterra)
 - o Woods Creek RR Bridge Removal & Restoration (Adopt A Stream Foundation)

- **Delays in the state capital budget may also affect**
 - o Projects currently competing for 2017 SRFB and ESRP funding
 - o Availability of 2017-2019 PSAR capacity funds
 - o State support for regional contracts, implications for PSP
 - o Staff and technical reviewers supported by capital funds, including: RCO staff, some lead entity staff and SRFB Technical Review Panel members

Federal Updates:

\$18.8 million in federal funding for Puget Sound via PCSRF has been allocated for 2017 via a continuing resolution.

Senate Appropriations Committee has restored \$65.5 to PCSRF for 2018. Bill moves on to full senate next.