



Discretionary Fund Summary

▶ Be the Solution 2016

▶ **Project Type:**

Education and Outreach

▶ **Project Partners:**

Snohomish Conservation District, Department of Ecology

▶ **Amount of DF Rebate Award:**

\$14,994

▶ **Grant Recipient**

Match: (e.g., landowner cash, landowner in-kind services or materials, grants from other agencies):

\$6,730

▶ **Total Project Cost:**

\$21,724

▶ **Year Completed:**

2016

The Clean Water District Discretionary Fund:

The Discretionary Fund is available to assist private landowners, community groups, and/or local agencies in undertaking small scale, on-the-ground projects to improve water quality for shellfish protection on private or public property.

Project Description:

For 26 years Sound Salmon Solutions (SSS), a non-profit organization, has supported salmon recovery in the Stillaguamish, Snohomish, and South Island County watersheds by connecting people to their watersheds through interactive education, hands-on stewardship and habitat restoration. Since 2013, SSS has used their expertise to partner with Snohomish County to host a free "Be the Solution" Shellfish Dinner in the Stillaguamish Basin. The goal of the dinner is to raise awareness among residents to initiate citizen-driven water quality improvement projects that collectively improve water quality. Executive Dave Somers was the Keynote Speaker for the 2016 event, and Snohomish County staff provided presentations and updates to a 150-person audience. Dinner included oysters, mussels, clams, vegetables and more. Food was provided by local businesses including Garden Treasures Organic Farm, Taylor Shellfish, Penn Cove, and Camano Island Shellfish. The dinner was prepared by the executive chef of the Stanwood Grill. "For the past few years, we have included an evaluation survey to the event to gain a better understanding of what people enjoyed about the event, and also what they learned," said Martha Moritz, SSS Project Manager. "I found it rewarding that, when asked how much people learned at the event about local water quality conditions, people said they learned a lot. Also, when asked why water quality is important, 86% of our respondents said they wanted to be good stewards of the environment and natural resources for the sake of future generations."



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