



# DRAFT 2019 Legislative Priorities for Salmon Recovery and Puget Sound Watershed Health

*Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed (WRIA 8) Partners*

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## SUMMARY

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*\*NOTE: Highlights indicate placeholders awaiting state agency budget request numbers or other information*

### Federal Priorities:

- Support \$70 million Fiscal Year 2019 appropriation for the Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF) in Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill.
- Support \$13.483 million in the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Fiscal Year 2019 Work Plan to implement critical prioritized infrastructure repairs to the Hiram M. Chittenden (Ballard) Locks.
- Support the “Promoting United Government Efforts to Save Our Sound Act” (PUGET SOS Act).
- Support proposed federal legislation that seeks to increase funding and incentives for green stormwater retrofits and infrastructure.

### State Budget Priorities:

State Agency / Program	Budget	2019-2021 Budget Request	2019-2021 Governor’s Budget
<b>Recreation and Conservation Office</b>			
Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration	Capital	\$79.6 million	TBD
Salmon Recovery (SRFB-State portion)	Capital	\$88.904 million	TBD
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program	Capital	\$130 million	TBD
Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account	Capital	\$6.6 million	TBD
Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program	Capital	\$20 million	TBD
Fish Barrier Removal Board	Capital	\$50 million	TBD
Lead Entity Program	Operating	\$2.6 million	TBD

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**Department of Ecology**

Floodplains by Design	Capital	\$70 million	TBD
Stormwater Financial Assistance Program	Capital	\$60 million	TBD

**State Policy Priorities:**

- Support state agency budget requests for monitoring salmon populations, and studies and management of predation, disease, and other issues that affect WRIA 8 salmon populations.
- Track and support legislation that seeks to improve regulatory protections for areas that are important for salmon habitat.
- Support and explore opportunities to engage in developing legislation that seeks to provide immunity from liability for entities that implement habitat restoration projects involving the placement of large wood.
- Track and participate in continued efforts to explore new watershed-based and/or regional funding authorities to support multiple-benefit projects that address salmon habitat protection and restoration, water quality, stormwater management, and flood management.

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