

State 2019 – 2021 Budget Overview

Agencies submitted budget requests in the fall, the Governor released budget in November, the House and Senate are developing their budgets now, final budget is expected by June. The Governor's budget relies on a revenue package (capital gains tax, REET increase)

Program	Historic Appropriations			2019-2021 Appropriations				
	2013-2015	2015-2017	2017-2019	Agency Request	Governor	Senate	House	
<i>Administered by the Recreation Conservation Office (RCO)</i>								
Salmon Recovery (SRFB-State)	\$15,000,000	\$16,500,000	\$19,711,000	\$88,904,000	\$35,000,000			*
Salmon Recovery (PCSRF - Fed)	\$50,000,000	\$50,000,000	\$50,000,000	\$50,000,000	\$50,000,000			
Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration	\$70,000,000	\$37,000,000	\$40,000,000	\$79,600,000	\$42,500,000			
Estuary and Salmon Restoration	\$10,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$12,500,000			
Fish Barrier Removal Board Grants			\$19,747,000	\$50,000,000	\$25,082,000			
WA Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)	\$65,000,000	\$55,300,000	\$80,000,000	\$130,000,000	\$115,000,000			*
<i>Administered by the Dept. of Ecology</i>								
Floodplains by Design	\$55,000,000	\$35,560,000	\$35,389,000	\$70,000,000	\$42,800,000			
Stormwater Financial Assistance Program	\$100,000,000	\$55,300,000	\$55,000,000	\$60,000,000	\$66,000,000			
Centennial Clean Water Fund	\$50,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$35,000,000	\$60,000,000	\$35,000,000			
<i>Department of Transportation</i>								
Fish Barrier Correction	\$30,000,000	\$88,700,000	\$109,000,000	\$294,000,000	\$296,000,000			*
<i>WA Conservation Commission</i>								
Natural Resource Investment		\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$8,000,000,000	\$5,000,000			

Details for the Snohomish Basin:

State Salmon Recovery Fund (SRFB) – Supports the Salmon Recovery Funding Board capital grant program that provides funding to watersheds each year to implement approved priority projects. The Snohomish Basin receives ~\$511,000 each year from state and federal salmon funds.

SRFB dollars also supply the required state match to the **federal Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF)** in NOAA's budget (\$50,000,000). The PCSRF funds are distributed to the state and, like the state salmon recovery fund and PSAR, are allocated to watersheds to support priority salmon restoration projects.

Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR) – The first \$30 million appropriated is allocated to Puget Sound watersheds to fund a list of approved priority projects in each watershed. The Snohomish Basin receives ~\$1.9 million from the watershed allocation. The 19-21 allocation will support the project list approved by the Forum in 2018. Funds above \$30 million support the “large cap” program - prioritized large, regionally-important capital projects. Snohomish Basin does not have a large cap project proposed this biennium.

Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program (ESRP) – Provides funding to support projects in our estuaries. A funding level of at least \$3.7 million would fund WDFW's *Ebey Island and Snohomish Delta* project.

Fish Passage Removal Board – Funding in this program supports both the watershed and coordinated funding programs. The Little Pilchuck is a priority basin in the “watershed” funding category. ~10 culverts in the Snohomish Basin are on the list for funding under the 19-21 agency request.

WA Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) supports habitat conservation, working lands and outdoor recreation opportunities. Uncertain whether any habitat conservation or protection projects in the Snohomish Basin are on the 19-21 project list.

Floodplains by Design – A funding level of at least \$33 million would fund Snohomish County's *Advancing Sustainable Lands Solutions in the Snohomish Basin*. A funding level \$69 million would support North Bend's *South Fork Snoqualmie River Levee Setback project*. The City of Snoqualmie's project was not ranked.

Stormwater Financial Assistance Program - funds stormwater projects and activities that have been proven effective at reducing impacts from existing infrastructure and development and enhance existing stormwater programs.

Centennial Clean Water Fund - provides grants for wastewater infrastructure and nonpoint source pollution control projects.

WA State Conservation Commission Funding – Agency requests

\$17.1 million for Conservation Technical Assistance: Builds critical capacity for conservation districts to work with private landowners to implement on-the-ground projects that support natural resource management improvements and help address salmon recovery, Puget Sound recovery, and agriculture viability.

\$16 million for Natural Resource Investments: Supports specific, high priority and on-the-ground capital projects with private landowners. These projects can include actions that improve water quality, enhance endangered species habitat, and preserve viable farms.

\$7.5 million for the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP): Accelerates the voluntary implementation of projects that protect and enhance critical salmon habitat. This is needed to match approximately \$30 million in federal support. (cost share and CREP Riparian Contract)

\$11.8 million for the State match for Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP): Provides required state match for over \$23 million in federal funding awarded to Washington State.