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Estuary & Salmon Restoration Program

2015 INVESTMENT PLAN

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The Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program (ESRP) provides funding and technical assistance to organizations working to restore shoreline and nearshore habitat critical to salmon and other fish species in Puget Sound.

The program is managed by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, in partnership with the state Recreation and Conservation Office and the Puget Sound Partnership.

Through a strategic, science-based selection process, the program advances efforts to recover regional salmon populations by ensuring restoration projects address essential fish habitat, such as shorelines, estuaries and bays.

This approach is key to restoring the health of Puget Sound.

Benefits of habitat restoration include:

- **Creating local jobs** – Every \$1 million invested in restoration and protection programs, such as ESRP, results in an average of 17 jobs and more than \$3 million in economic activity. (OFM, 2015)
- **Building resilient coastlines** – Natural shorelines serve as buffers for coastal communities, providing protection from the effects of climate change, such as increased flooding and rising sea levels.
- **Investing in communities** – Healthy ecosystems provide sustainable fish and shellfish populations that support recreational and commercial fishing industries important to the economies of coastal communities throughout Puget Sound.

Restoration and Protection Projects—2015 Ranked List

		Rank	Project Sponsor	Project Name	Legislative District	County	Budget Request	ESRP Budget Recommendation	Running Total
\$10 Million Governor's Budget	\$20 Million Budget Request	1	NOSC	Discovery Bay (now funded with 2013 ESRP returned funds)	24	Jefferson	\$257,862	\$0	\$0
		2	King County Water and Land Resources	Maury Island Aquatic Reserve Armoring Removal	34	King	\$1,586,712	\$1,586,712	\$1,586,712
		3	NOSC	Kilisut Harbor	24	Jefferson	\$4,127,563	\$2,000,000	\$3,586,712
		4	Great Penninsula Conservancy	Beards Cove Restoration (now funded by EPA partnership funds)	35	Mason	\$409,000	\$0	\$3,586,712
		5	Skokomish Tribe	Skokomish Estuary	35	Mason	\$1,231,929	\$1,231,929	\$4,818,641
		6	Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe	Teekalet & Port Gamble Mill Site Restoration Plan	23	Kitsap	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$6,318,641
		7	Northwest Watershed Institute	West Dabob Bay Shoreline Protection and Restoration	24	Jefferson	\$527,000	\$527,000	\$6,845,641
		8	Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group	Duckabush River Estuary Restoration Design	24	Jefferson	\$1,034,546	\$1,034,546	\$7,880,187
		9	Great Penninsula Conservancy	Filucy Bay Estuary Shoreline Protection II (would only receive \$162,330 under Governor's Budget Scenario)	26	Pierce	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$8,880,187
	10	Skagit River Systems Cooperative	Smokehouse Riparian Restoration	10	Skagit	\$169,250	\$169,250	\$9,049,437	
	11	WDFW	South Skagit River Delta Invasive Cattail Control	10	Skagit	\$60,665	\$60,665	\$9,110,102	
	12	Skagit River Systems Cooperative	Camano Island State Park Lagoon Reconnection	10	Island	\$163,728	\$163,728	\$9,273,830	
	13	City of Bellingham	Little Squalicum Creek Estuary Restoration	42	Whatcom	\$1,857,550	\$1,857,550	\$11,131,380	
	14	Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group	Lower Big Quilcene Preliminary Design	24	Jefferson	\$529,443	\$529,443	\$11,660,823	
	15	South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group	Titlow Estuary Design Phase 2	28	Pierce	\$269,532	\$269,532	\$11,930,355	
	16	Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Foundation	Lummi Island Shoreline Acquisition and Restoration	42	Whatcom	\$1,041,133	\$1,041,133	\$12,971,488	
	17	South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group	Sequalitchew Creek Estuary Reconnection	28	Pierce	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$13,131,488	
	18	Snohomish County	Mid-Spencer Tidal Marsh Connection	38	Snohomish	\$1,560,000	\$1,560,000	\$14,691,488	
	19	Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe	Pysht Estuary Saltmarsh Restoration (would be able to fund \$1,753,547 under \$20 million budget scenario)	24	Clallam	\$4,291,267	\$2,145,633	\$16,837,121	
	20	Whidbey Camano Land Trust	Waterman Nearshore Acquisition	10	Island	\$1,020,000	\$510,000	\$17,347,121	
	21	Forterra	Little Skookum Inlet Shoreline Habitat Protection	35	Mason	\$1,907,200	\$953,600	\$18,300,721	

Regional Restoration Feasibility and Predesign—2015 Ranked List

		Pre-Rank	Sponsor	Project Name	Legislative District	Nickname	Total Request	Running Total
\$10 Million Governor's Budget	\$20 Million Budget Request	1	University of Washington	Railroad Grade Beach Nourishment Planning	21	Railroad Nourishment	\$99,010	\$99,010
		2	South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group	Bulkhead Removal Planning	35	Edgewater Bulkhead	\$76,684	\$175,694
		3	Coastal Geologic Services	Prioritization for Bluffline Structure Protection	10	Bluff Recession	\$149,621	\$325,315
		4	US Geological Survey	Restoring Sediment Supply to Sustain Delta Marsh	22	Nisqually Sediment Routing	\$350,000	\$675,315
		5	WDFW	Estuary Restoration and Agricultural Drainage Protection	10	Fir Island Farms	\$111,200	\$786,515
		6	Washington State Department of Ecology	Mapping Shorelines to Prioritize Beach Projects (would only receive \$107,098 under Governor's Budget Scenario)	42	Beach Change	\$225,396	\$1,011,911
	7	Coastal Geologic Services	Identifying Target Beaches for Restoration & Protection	23	Beach Strategy	\$168,587	\$1,180,498	
	8	Western Washington University	Prioritization of Marsh Protection in Puget Sound	10	Stillaguamish Marsh Stability	\$228,635	\$1,409,133	
	9	US Geological Survey	Estuary Restoration Planning for Multiple Benefits (would be able to fund \$418,093 under \$20 million budget scenario)	10	Waterfowl	\$540,204	\$1,949,337	
	10	NW Fisheries Science Center	Large Landscape-Scale Estuary Restoration Planning	44	Snohomish Fish and Sediment	\$367,000	\$2,316,337	
	11	NW Fisheries Science Center	River Delta Dike Breach Strategy Development	38	Qwuloolt	\$269,295	\$2,585,632	

Restored tidal channels of the Skokomish River Delta

