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RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE

November 30, 2007

**TO:** SRFB Members and Designees  
**FROM:** Brian Abbott, Salmon Section Manager   
**SUBJECT:** Policy Summit – Conference for Regional Organizations

The Council of Regions (COR), Governor's Salmon Recovery Office (GSRO), and Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) would like to pursue a one day conference for board members of regional organizations in May of 2008. The purpose of the conference is to bring together regional boards, staff, and interested parties to discuss major policy issues facing regional recovery plan implementation.

The Salmon Recovery Funding Board has invested significant resources in the development of recovery planning and regional organizations. Most regional organizations are at a critical phase – plan implementation. Recovery plan development is a much more difficult task. This is an opportune time to bring the collective recovery plan implementation efforts together to network, share successes and failures, and discuss strategies to implement these plans with limited funds.

The RCO and GSRO staff along with the Council of Regions has outlined the conference goal and tasks below:

**Goal:**

Answer the question "What does it take to successfully implement recovery plans?"

**Tasks:**

- One day conference in May of 2008
- Vancouver, Washington meeting location (possibly the Water Resources Education Center)
- Small planning group – RCO, GSRO, and COR members would guide in agenda development and conference details.
- Build time in the agenda for networking among regional board members and others

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

SRFB fund the policy summit conference and participate to the extent possible. Estimated cost is up to \$23,000 for the one day event. Staff recommends we use returned funds to cover conference expenses. The agenda and conference details would be available at the February board meeting. Planning needs to start as soon as possible to secure conference facilities and reserve the date on participant's calendars.





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**May 2008**



**Policy Summit – Regional Organizations**

**Purpose**

- Create a forum for regional organization boards and staff to come together to address major policy issues to plan implementation.
- To share successes and challenges to implementing recovery plans.
- Look a way to collectively fund the implementation of recovery plans.

**Timing**

May 2008

**Location**

Vancouver Washington area

**Audience**

Up to 250 participants

- Regional organizations – staff and board members
- Project sponsors
- Plus others determined by the planning commit

**Presenters**

Speakers to present in the following areas: (concepts)

- NOAA Fisheries
- Funding your plan
- Success stories around Washington
- Innovation – Land use laws, Hatchery and Harvest Plan integration

**Registration**

- Free to regional organization boards and staff
- Nominal fee for all others

**Cost**

- Consultant to work with organizing subcommittee
- Facility rental & meals
- Materials and advertising

**One Day**  
\$10,000  
\$11,000  
\$ 2,000

**Organizing Sub-committee:**

- RCO
- GSRO
- COR sub-group

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**SUBJECT:** Salmon Habitat Projects Conference April 2009

In April of 2007, the SRFB hosted its first conference for project sponsors. Close to 400 people participated and by all accounts the conference was very successful. Lead entities and sponsors are very supportive of continuing this event every two years. Staff are proposing we begin the planning process now for a conference in April 2009.

With nearly 730 projects funded at a public cost of about \$171 million, this conference allows us to look at lessons learned as we move forward into the next phase of the salmon recovery efforts. The conference will be a one or two-day conference designed as a forum to highlight what has worked on salmon recovery, what has not, and how to improve the quality and cost-effectiveness of projects.

The attached two-page description provides additional information about the details of the second Salmon Habitat Projects Conference. We plan to use an organizing subcommittee to help guide conference planning and agenda development.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

SRFB fund the salmon conference and board members participate to the extent possible. Estimated cost is up to \$50,000 for a two-day event. Returned funds will be used to cover conference expenses.

Attachments:

Draft agenda  
Conference Program April 2007





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# April 2009



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Salmon Habitat Projects Conference

### **Purpose**

- Create a forum for project sponsors to exchange information about successful salmon habitat protection and restoration projects funded by the SRFB from 1999 to present.
- To honor and appreciate the work performed by all SRFB project sponsors.
- What this isn't: Discussion of strategy, recovery plans, funding, and legislation.

### **Timing**

April 2009

### **Location**

Seattle-Olympia area

### **Audience**

Up to 500 salmon habitat project enthusiasts

- Project sponsors
- Lead entities (technical & citizen committees)
- Tribal interests
- Conservation Districts
- Land trusts
- Estuary enthusiasts
- Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups
- NOAA Fisheries
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- State and local governments
- Governor's Salmon Recovery Office
- Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife watershed stewards, area habitat biologist & technical staff
- Salmon Recovery Funding Board and its Review Panel and technical advisors
- Others

**Presenters**

Speakers to present in one of five categories:

- Habitat restoration: instream, passage/diversion/screen/inventory, riparian, upland
- Nearshore
- Acquisition
- Assessments
- Monitoring

**Registration**

- Free to lead entity coordinators, project sponsors, presenters and organizing sub-committee
- \$50 per person for all others

**Cost**

	<b>One Day</b>	<b>Two Day</b>
▪ Consultant to work with organizing subcommittee	\$15,000	\$15,000
▪ Facility rental & meals	\$22,000	\$44,000
▪ Materials and advertising	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
	<b>\$41,000</b>	<b>\$63,000</b>
▪ Registration (Estimated 400 @ \$50)	-\$20,000	-\$20,000

**Organizing Sub-committee:**

- RCO staff
- WDFW: Lead Entity, RFEG, Habitat Division staff
- Lead Entity Advisory Group (LEAG) Representative
- Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group (RFEG): Representative from the RFEG Advisory Board
- Field Representative, WA Conservation Commission