



Councilmember Dave Upthegrove, Chair
King County Flood Control District
516 3rd Avenue, Room 1200
Seattle, WA 98104

RE: Puyallup & Chambers Watersheds Salmon Recovery Funding Recommendations for the 2020
King County Cooperative Watershed Management Grants for WRIA 10

Dear Chair Upthegrove,

The Puyallup & Chambers Watersheds Salmon Recovery Citizens' Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Group would like to thank you for your ongoing support for restoration, education and monitoring in the Puyallup-White River Watershed through the King County Cooperative Watershed Management Grant (CWM) Program. We are very excited that the allocation for WRIA 10 has more than doubled for the 2020 funding cycle.

We are pleased to announce that we have approved funding recommendations for the 2020 CWM Grant Round. The projects and programs on the list have been vetted according to King County's CWM Program rules and procedures. The recommended projects were evaluated and prioritized by our Citizens' Advisory Committee and our Technical Advisory Group. Project ranking follows criteria in the Puyallup & Chambers Salmon Habitat Protection and Restoration Strategy, which includes benefit to salmon, certainty of success, fit to strategy, and social, economic and multi-benefit criteria.

Through the 2020 CWM Program, the Puyallup Watershed (WRIA 10) has been asked to recommend the allocation of \$495,783, to fund high priority salmon recovery projects and programs. We received three proposals requesting a combined \$562,067, exceeding our available funds by \$66,284.

These grant funds help implement some of the highest priority salmon recovery actions called for in the Salmon Habitat Protection and Restoration Strategy, and this year we are again supporting a proposal that will bridge one of our important monitoring gaps – a juvenile outmigration study on the White River proposed by the Puyallup Tribe of Indians. We recommend fully granting the project sponsors

requested allocation of \$202,067. This juvenile outmigration data is important to the watershed and the region, and there are not many funding sources available for monitoring projects.

The second-ranked project has been long awaited by our Lead Entity committee members. We are happy to recommend that the City of Enumclaw receive the full \$210,000 requested for the Boise Creek Restoration project at the City of Enumclaw Golf Course property. The project proponents have 30% design in hand and will continue to design and permit a project to relocate the channel of Boise Creek to improve the habitat for salmon while reducing water temperatures, and Chappel Creek will be daylighted as a tributary in the former channel of Boise Creek.

Finally, we recommend that the Middle Boise Creek Restoration project on the Bickford property receive the balance of the funding, which is \$83,716. The funding will be used to prepare preliminary (30%) design as part of the process to design, permit, and construct a future habitat restoration project along Boise Creek. We agree that the aggradation issues that have recently impacted the VanWieringen project on Boise Creek can be examined and should help inform this project and other future restoration projects on Boise Creek.

Project	Sponsor	Requested Funding	Recommended Funding
White River Juvenile Assessment	Puyallup Tribe of Indians	\$202,067	\$202,067
Boise Creek Restoration (golf course)	City of Enumclaw	\$210,000	\$210,000
Boise Creek Restoration-Bickford Property	King County	\$150,000	\$83,716

These 2020 CWM funds help further The Puyallup and Chambers Watersheds Salmon Recovery Lead Entity’s efforts to support the recovery of self-sustaining salmon populations in Puget Sound by supporting projects and programs in the White River and its tributaries. Rivers and streams in the Puyallup Watershed support threatened Chinook, steelhead and bull trout as well as critical but non-ESA listed species, and provide many opportunities for restoration, protection, and outreach. In addition, the White River and its tributaries support the only run of Spring Chinook in South Puget Sound. According to the National Marine Fisheries Service, White River Spring Chinook are one of only five hatchery stocks that are considered essential to the recovery of Puget Sound Chinook salmon, making recovery efforts in this watershed of paramount importance.

We sincerely appreciate the King County Flood Control District’s support of high priority salmon recovery projects and programs. Furthermore, we were elated to receive these three strong applications for high priority actions. We believe each of them will make a tremendous contribution to our shared goal of salmon recovery.

All background documents related to the development of the project list, proposals, review process, and funding recommendations are available upon request.

Sincerely,



Russ Ladley
Citizen Advisory Committee Chair
Puyallup & Chambers Watersheds
Salmon Recovery Lead Entity

- c: Michelle Clark, Executive Director, King County Flood Control District
Josh Baldi, King County Water and Land Resources Division
Kim Harper, King County, Cooperative Watershed Management Grant Program Administrator
Lisa Spurrier, Pierce County, Puyallup & Chambers Watersheds Salmon Recovery Lead Entity
Coordinator