



May 18, 2022

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

RE: Puyallup and Chambers Watersheds Preliminary Funding Recommendations for the 2022
Cooperative Watershed Management Grants in WRIA 10

Dear Chair Upthegrove,

The Puyallup and Chambers Watersheds Salmon Recovery Citizens' Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Group would like to thank you for your ongoing support for salmon habitat restoration and monitoring in the Puyallup-White River Watershed through the King County Cooperative Watershed Management (CWM) Grant Program. We would like to express our gratitude for the additional funding that is being directed to the Watershed and are thrilled to see the number increase every year.

We are pleased to provide these funding recommendations for the allocation of \$674,666 to the Puyallup-White Watershed (WRIA 10) from the King County 2022 CWM program. The projects 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 and 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.

These grant funds help implement some of the highest priority salmon recovery actions called for in the Salmon Habitat Protection and Restoration Strategy for the Puyallup and Chambers Watersheds. This year we are thrilled to again be supporting a proposal that will bridge one of our important monitoring efforts – a juvenile outmigration study on the White River proposed by the Puyallup Tribe of Indians. We recommend granting the project sponsor's the amount of \$188,200. These juvenile outmigration data are important to the watershed and the region, and we are very grateful for this flexible funding source that allows us to accomplish this essential work.

The South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group has requested \$278,466 to partially fund the next phase of flood plain fill removal, floodplain reconnection and placement of large wood in the Greenwater River. The overall goal of the project is to rehabilitate lost processes provided by large instream wood accumulations of benefit to adult spawning and juvenile rearing salmon and trout populations on the Greenwater River.

This is an excellent project that we were not able to fund last year, we are excited to be able to recommend this high-priority project for funding at this time. The project sponsor is seeking funding from the Salmon Recovery Funding Board for an additional phase of this project.

We would also recommend that \$208,000 go to the City of Enumclaw for the Boise Creek Restoration project on the City of Enumclaw Golf Course property. As you may recall, CWM funding went to project design in 2020, and then in 2021 they received a portion of their funding request to complete design, permitting and construction. This year they are requesting funding for construction of their proposed project to relocate the channel of Boise Creek and daylight Chappel Creek, which will improve salmon habitat while also reducing water temperatures. This funding is also being used as match for a Salmon Recovery Funding Board grant.

Project	Sponsor	Requested Funding	Recommended Funding
White River Juvenile Assessment	Puyallup Tribe of Indians	\$188,200	\$188,200
Greenwater River Restoration RM 3.8-4.8	South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group	\$278,466	\$278,466
Boise Creek Restoration (golf course)	City of Enumclaw	\$208,000	\$208,000

These Cooperative Management Funds help further The Puyallup and Chambers Watersheds Salmon Recovery Lead Entity's efforts to help 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-White Watershed support threatened Chinook, steelhead, and bull trout, as well as non-ESA listed but critical species. 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 in WRIA 10. We are also very excited about receiving these three strong applications for high-priority projects in our Watersheds.

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

Sincerely,



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