



Snoqualmie
Watershed Forum
Partners

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Watershed Health & Salmon Recovery

Salmon recovery funding

Allocate Capital Budget funding:

- **\$25 Million for Salmon Recovery Funding Board** in the Recreation and Conservation Office
- **\$22 Million for Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal**
- **\$11 Million for Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program**
- Seek a dedicated funding source for **local government stormwater retrofits**
- **Appropriation for SR 203** to Washington Department of Transportation for a new Tolt River bridge and roundabout at SR 203/Tolt Hill Road

Allocate Operating Budget funding to protect salmon habitat:

- **Protecting State Waters** (Sackett v EPA): Add capacity at Department of Ecology for addressing gap in federal Waters of the United States (WOTUS) protections.
- **Increase funding for enforcement regarding land use regulations.** Lack of adequate enforcement of regulations enables continued unpermitted development and loss of habitat and critical areas.

Policy Legislation

- Incorporate salmon recovery into the Growth Management Act and land use policies.
- Amend the Habitat Recovery Pilot Program for permit streamlining (Department of Fish and Wildlife).
- Protect older forests from harvest (Washington Department of Natural Resources)
- Support efforts to reduce and address effects of climate change on salmon and salmon habitat.
- Support policies and programs that address temperature-impaired water bodies to improve salmon migration and survival and increase the pace of salmon habitat protection and restoration to improve ecosystem resilience.



During large floods, roads near the confluence of the Snoqualmie River and Tolt River can become impassable due to water over the roadway. Funding is needed to rebuild roads and bridges to be passable during large floods and set back levees to create more area for floodwaters to go. Protecting wetlands, streams, and forests also helps prevent larger floods.