

Salmon Recovery Funding Board

Individual Comment Form



Lead Entity:	Hood Canal Coordinating Council
Project Number:	15-1200
Project Name:	Snow Creek Uncas Preserve Phase 2
Project Sponsor:	Jefferson Land Trust
Grant Manager:	Mike Ramsey

	Date	Status¹
Post-Application	9/23/15	NMI
Final	10/27/15	Clear

PROJECT SUMMARY *(for Review Panel reference only)*

The overall goal is to preserve and enhance the Snow Creek riparian corridor to ensure that conditions are optimal for spawning and rearing of ESA listed summer chum, steelhead, and other species, and to maintain resilience in the face of climate change. This stock of summer chum is categorized as Group 1 in the current HCCC stock scoring and the steelhead is categorized as Group 3. Jefferson Land Trust is seeking funding for fee simple acquisition and restoration of the riparian habitat on an 8.74acre and a 1.92acre property around RM 1.3 of Snow Creek, located in Jefferson County. These 10+ acres include 5+ acres of riparian habitat to be protected and restored by planting native trees and shrubs to enhance the existing vegetation. These acquisitions will add to the 2012 Snow Creek Uncas Preserve that provides public access for low impact nature walks and is a land based learning site for 3 programs through 2 local school districts. Within the past year the salmon, riparian habitat, and water quality of this Preserve has been studied and stewarded by over 100 local students. This stretch of Snow Creek, identified by WDFW as priority palustrine aquatic habitat, provides spawning and rearing habitat for endangered Hood Canal Summer Chum, winter steelhead, coho, and fall chum salmon and cutthroat trout. This project fills an unprotected gap in the ongoing protection and restoration of the Snow/Salmon watershed and Discovery Bay estuary supported by Chumsortium partners.

FINAL REVIEW PANEL COMMENTS

Date: 10/27/15

Final Project Status: Clear

Review Panel Member(s): Full Review Panel

- 1. If the project is a POC, please identify the SRFB criteria used to determine the status of the project:**
- 2. If the project is Conditioned, the following language will be added to the project agreement:**
- 3. Other comments:**

POST-APPLICATION REVIEW PANEL COMMENTS

Date: 9/23/15

Project Status: NMI

Review Panel Member(s): Full Panel Review

- 1. If the project is a POC, identify the SRFB criteria used to determine the status of the project:**
- 2. If the project is a POC, identify the changes that would make this a technically sound project:**
- 3. If the project is Conditioned, the following language will be added to the project agreement:**
- 4. General comments:**

More information is needed on the need for replanting in the SCUP Phase 2 parcel landward of Wycoff Rd. Please confirm whether the portion of the property where trees were harvested has been replanted.

¹ CLEAR: Cleared to proceed; CONDITIONED: Cleared to proceed with a condition; NMI: Needs More Information; POC: Project of Concern; NOTEWORTHY: Exemplary Project

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SPONSOR RESPONSE INSTRUCTIONS:

If your project is not cleared (i.e. has a status of NMI, Conditioned, or POC) you must update your proposal, PRISM questions, or attachments as necessary to address the review panel's comments. Use track changes when updating your proposal. Fill out the section at the end of your project proposal to document how you responded to comments.

DRAFT APPLICATION / SITE VISIT REVIEW PANEL COMMENTS

Date: May 18, 2015

Project Site Visit?

Yes No

Review Panel Member(s): Paul Schlenger and Michelle Cramer

1. Recommended improvements to make this a technically sound project according to the SRFB's criteria:

Justify the salmon benefits provided by the acquisition of the Ryfield parcel. It is bisected by a road and the larger portion of the site was recently cleared of logs. Given its lack of trees, its separation from the creek by the road, and its distance from the creek, much of the parcel does not appear to provide benefits warranting protection through acquisition. Is there an opportunity to purchase only the portion of the parcel on the stream side of the road? Please provide a map showing the regulatory buffers overlaid on the parcel map. Given the zoning designation, explain the threat to the streamside portion of the parcel.

During the site visit, the possibility of a road pulloff along the cleared portion of the Ryfield property was mentioned to provide parking. This concept would appear to impact a small wetland area at the base of the hillside.

The 3 Rutter parcels are immediately adjacent to a large area that already has conservation easement protections. In this way, the property provides the opportunity to extend the protected area and restore the parcel from a relatively narrow riparian corridor to a wider forested area. Please provide additional information on the riparian planting plan for the site. Riparian planting including conifers would provide multiple benefits to the creek. The figure shows 600 stems/acre. Will there be any planting of shrubs between trees? Describe the anticipated maintenance plan for the plantings.

2. Missing Pre-application information.

3. General Comments:

4. Staff Comments:



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Revise your project proposals using "track changes" and update any relevant PRISM questions and attachments. Fill out the section at the end of your project proposal to document how you responded to comments.