

Salmon Recovery Funding Board Individual Comment Form



Lead Entity:	Snohomish
Project Number:	15-1163
Project Name:	Snoqualmie at Fall City Raging River Acquisition
Project Sponsor:	King County DNR & Parks
Grant Manager:	Elizabeth Butler

	Date	Status ¹
Post-Application		
Final	9/23/15	Clear

PROJECT SUMMARY *(for Review Panel reference only)*

King County will acquire approximately 162 acres of land at the confluence of the Snoqualmie and Raging Rivers. The project spans 10 parcels and approximately 8,000 feet of shoreline along the Snoqualmie River and 2,500 feet of shoreline along the Raging River. This project is in the Mainstem - Primary sub basin strategy group according to the Snohomish River Basin Salmon Conservation Plan. The project will preserve land at the confluence of two Tier one rivers and is needed to implement two floodplain restoration projects; the removal or setback of a 2,000 foot revetment along the Snoqualmie River and the removal or setback of a 2,400 foot levee along the Raging River. The project supports recovery of threatened Chinook salmon and steelhead trout in addition to other salmonids.

FINAL REVIEW PANEL COMMENTS

Date: 9/23/15

Final Project Status: Clear

Review Panel Member(s): Full Panel Review

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:

The review panel commends the sponsor for taking on this ambitious and potentially high-benefit project, and we look forward to seeing the various phases implemented in the coming years.

POST-APPLICATION REVIEW PANEL COMMENTS

Date:

Project Status: None

Review Panel Member(s):

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:



SPONSOR RESPONSE INSTRUCTIONS:

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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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 24, 2015

Project Site Visit?

Yes No

Review Panel Member(s): Kelley Jorgensen and Tom Slocum

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

The review panel understands the need to leverage multiple funding sources to implement large-scale projects such as this. Flood risk reduction is an intuitive match for floodplain habitat restoration, however we would like to hear of some King County or other examples where agricultural interests were integrated successfully with habitat restoration benefits. The proposal would be strengthened by demonstrating how the two elements of agriculture and habitat restoration (many times with opposing objectives) can be dovetailed while still allowing for dynamic floodplain habitat-forming processes.

Apparently no work on developing restoration designs has been done yet, but it would be helpful for getting a general understanding of the relative benefit to cost comparison for the overall program at this site if ballpark conceptual restoration costs could be discussed in the proposal.

Please comment on the administrative process that must be completed for removing WDFW's boat ramp at the site, and how this might impact the overall chances for successful acquisition and restoration.

2. Missing Pre-application information.

3. General Comments:

This acquisition appears to be in a strategic location at the confluence of the Raging River, with over 95% of the site located in the 100-year flood plain. The holistic proposal of acquisition and restoration has the potential to address a number of habitat insults over time (diking, flood plain development, water quality violations) as infrastructure and constraints are removed, and restoration efforts commence. The site is unique for an urbanizing location in that the 162 acres in question are owned by only two landowners. We appreciate the clear, well organized and strategic thinking and writing that went into this excellent proposal.

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.