

# Salmon Recovery Funding Board

## Individual Comment Form



<b>Lead Entity:</b>	Stillaguamish River Salmon Recovery Co-Lead Entity
<b>Project Number:</b>	15-1110
<b>Project Name:</b>	Knotweed Control in NF (Oso-Arlington) & SF
<b>Project Sponsor:</b>	Snohomish County Public Works
<b>Grant Manager:</b>	Elizabeth Butler

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Status<sup>1</sup></b>
Post-Application	9/22/15	<b>Clear</b>
Final	9/22/15	<b>Clear</b>

### PROJECT SUMMARY *(for Review Panel reference only)*

The proposed project will focus on promoting the recovery of the disturbed riparian area and prevent knotweed reinvasion in South Fork Stillaguamish, Steelhead Haven and downstream from where the Oso Slide occurred on the Stillaguamish River. Activities will address conditions that contribute to decreased riparian forest connectivity and future large wood recruitment, accelerated bank erosion and sedimentation, and increased stream temperature, by controlling non-native, invasive knotweed. The project areas are identified as first and second priority riparian habitat restoration areas in the SWCSR (Map 1). Knotweed control will be followed by site-appropriate riparian re-vegetation plantings, if necessary. Follow-up monitoring and stewardship is also essential to the success of the knotweed control strategy after a reduction of 95-100% of knotweed in the basin. The project aims to control knotweed on 21 river miles per year and approximately 70 acres per year will be controlled. Over 3000 conifers will be planted over 5 acres. The goal is to add 40 more landowners (cooperators) in the project area. This effort is part of a larger strategic effort to remove knotweed in the NF and SF Stillaguamish.

### FINAL REVIEW PANEL COMMENTS

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Final Project Status:** **Clear**  
**Review Panel Member(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

- 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 project sponsor responded thoroughly to the recommendations from the Review Panel. This project is clear to proceed.

### POST-APPLICATION REVIEW PANEL COMMENTS

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Project Status:** Click to choose a status  
**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:**

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<sup>1</sup> 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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## 4. General comments:



### 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: 5/6/15

Project Site Visit?

Yes  No

Review Panel Member(s): Jennifer O'Neal

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

This project has a well thought out approach based on experience with knotweed removal efforts throughout the Stillaguamish Basin. The Review Panel would encourage the inclusion in the proposal package of additional background material on the effects of past projects. Additional visuals of the before/after conditions of past projects would be helpful in understanding the outcomes. Monitoring data collected by Snohomish County would be useful to better understand the work that has been done in the past, and the potential for success on this project. In addition, emphasizing that the outreach needed for the project is already being provided by the County as part of their on-going efforts would improve the clarity of the application and budget.

Further, providing quantitative targets as the objectives of the project (e.g. reducing knotweed to 5% of existing over 10 years) would strengthen the cohesiveness of the application and link the restoration efforts to the current monitoring program. For example, identify the target change in the habitat elements that are important for project success and how the metrics that are being monitored are used to measure those elements.

### 2. Missing Pre-application information.

### 3. General Comments:

### Staff Comments:

Please see the PRISM Application Review comments in PRISM on-line that were provided by your grant manager.



### SPONSOR RESPONSE INSTRUCTIONS:

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.