

Habitat Work Schedule



FACT SHEET

Why Recover Salmon?

Salmon are vital to Washington's economy, recreation, culture, and heritage.

For more than a century, the streams and bays that salmon call home have been damaged, decimating salmon populations across most of Washington.

Fortunately, we now know what actions need to happen to restore salmon habitat. The Habitat Work Schedule is an electronic database that helps track salmon recovery projects so those doing the work are better able to tell what needs to be done next.

Funding

RCO invests \$609,000 a year to support the Habitat Work Schedule, including software licensing, training, and system maintenance and enhancement.

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Salmon Recovery at Your Fingertips

Efforts to recover Pacific salmon from near extinction are happening all around Washington. Now, with the Habitat Work Schedule, people have an easy tool to see what's happening in their neighborhoods as well as all across the state to recover salmon.



The Habitat Work Schedule is a comprehensive, online database found at <http://hws.ekosystem.us/>. It displays information on salmon recovery actions and goals.

Displaying more than 9,500 on-the-ground projects across the state, the Habitat Work Schedule makes it easy to see how projects relate to each other, what needs to be done next for salmon, and how progress is being made to address the problems harming salmon.

The Habitat Work Schedule allows those doing salmon recovery to track and prioritize salmon recovery projects, making it easier to see the big picture.

Types of Information in the Habitat Work Schedule

Here's some of the information on completed, active, and proposed projects found in the Habitat Work Schedule:

- Project goals and objectives
- Expected project results
- Project description, type, and status
- Project relationships by geographic scale
- Funding status and sources
- Partners
- Recovery strategy priority
- Factors limiting salmon
- Type of habitat restored
- Species benefitted
- Contact information
- Maps and photographs
- Reference documents

Why is the Habitat Work Schedule Needed?

In 1998, the Legislature adopted the Salmon Recovery Act requiring salmon recovery projects to be coordinated and sequenced. This was intended to help those providing funding for salmon recovery to see what activities were being funded across multiple programs and agencies. Congress asked the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to bring transparency, accountability, efficiency, and effectiveness to salmon recovery in Washington State by funding a system to track recovery actions and to create a way for work to be coordinated across the state. The resulting Habitat Work Schedule was developed in 2006 and currently is managed by the Recreation and Conservation Office.

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Benefits of the Habitat Work Schedule

- Improves project effectiveness because the system prompts project managers to establish project goals.
- Improves planning and program performance because project managers and funders can organize and share planned actions with each other and with technical reviewers. It allows them to see how recovery actions fit together and where future opportunities might be proposed.
- It allows the public and decision-makers access to easily-retrievable information and thus increases accountability. Also, the information is displayed at both a large scale, covering an entire watershed, and at the project site scale. Information and goals can be seen at different geographic scales in a hierarchy.
- It helps funding be more effectively used because funders and project managers can see the problems limiting salmon and develop projects to address those priority needs. It also allows them to leverage funds from other federal, state, local, tribal, and private entities for the priority projects.

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Tracking salmon recovery throughout Washington State

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Featured Project
Big Beef Creek Restoration - UW Research Station Wetlands Phase 2
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Hood Canal Coordinating Council (LE)
Completed on 7/31/2000

A multi-disciplinary team from Point No Point Treaty Council, UW, WDFW, USFWS, NMFS, Kitsap County, and the Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group developed the Hood Canal Summer Chum Habitat Recovery Plan to restore Big Beef Creek habitat for threatened summer chum. Phase 1 of this project re-established a spawning channel and gathered hydrology data on the lower basin which will be used to guide future large-scale restoration efforts. Phase II, for which these funds will be used, will...

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How Is the Habitat Work Schedule Used?

Salmon recovery organizations use the Habitat Work Schedule to track, report, and map their actions both geographically and over time. Salmon recovery organizations have no other central database that houses statewide salmon recovery information on restoration, conservation, and educational activities at multiple scales and across multiple agencies. Through the Habitat Work Schedule, salmon recovery organizations are able to track projects from many funding sources.

The Habitat Work Schedule also tracks and reports information about the effectiveness of salmon recovery actions. This provides good coordination of data and a way to measure progress toward meeting recovery goals. The Habitat Work Schedule tracks conservation projects (such as easements and land acquisitions), restoration projects, activities (such as road management sediment control and agricultural practices that are better for fish), monitoring activities, and changes in habitat over time.