

# Monitoring as an Eligible Project Category<sup>1</sup>

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A regional salmon recovery organization, at its discretion, may make up to 10 percent of its annual Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) project allocation available for monitoring activities subject to the following conditions:

1. A region, lead entity, or other eligible sponsor organization may sponsor a monitoring project proposal. However, all monitoring proposals must be endorsed by the applicable regional salmon recovery organization.
2. The regional salmon recovery organization must certify in writing that proposed monitoring projects address high priority information needs or data gaps identified within a recovery plan and/or associated regional research, monitoring, and evaluation (RME) plan or lead entity strategy.
3. Where applicable, the regional salmon recovery organization should explain how the monitoring will complement, enhance, or leverage ongoing monitoring efforts. In any case, the regional salmon recovery organization must certify in writing the project will not duplicate or interfere with ongoing monitoring efforts.
4. The regional salmon recovery organization must certify in writing that the project will be consistent or compatible with data collection, analysis, and management methods and protocols being used within the region and shall to the maximum extent practicable be consistent or compatible with methods and protocols in common use throughout the state.
5. Data collected and reports analyzing the data shall be made available to RCO, the public, and the SRFB Monitoring Panel.

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6. The duration of a monitoring project shall not exceed 3 years. If the need for monitoring extends beyond the 3-year period, the regional organization may submit an additional proposal to continue the project.
7. The regional salmon recovery organization must explain why SRFB funds are necessary, rather than funds from other sources.
8. The SRFB Monitoring Panel shall review regional monitoring project proposals to ensure consistency with the applicable recovery plan or associated regional RME plan and/or lead entity strategy.

Please note: At this time, only federal funding can be used for monitoring. State bond funds cannot be used for this purpose.

### **Process for Applying 2015 Grant Round**

Regions should contact their Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) grants manager for a monitoring project number out of PRISM. Project sponsors will contact their regions for a project number, and will fill out the PRISM application and attach all required attachments, including a monitoring proposal, which can be found on the RCO Web site at [www.rco.wa.gov/doc\\_pages/app\\_materials.shtml#salmon](http://www.rco.wa.gov/doc_pages/app_materials.shtml#salmon). Project must include 15 percent match.

Applications must be submitted to RCO via PRISM Online by August 14, 2015 or an earlier due date required by your lead entity. Projects must be ranked by the lead entity in the new PRISM ranked list module due by August 14, 2015.

Regions must submit a Monitoring Certification Form, which can be found on the RCO Web site at [www.rco.wa.gov/doc\\_pages/app\\_materials.shtml#salmon](http://www.rco.wa.gov/doc_pages/app_materials.shtml#salmon), by August 14, 2015 to show that the monitoring projects submitted in their regions comply with the criteria in this addendum and show that the projects submitted in their regions are at or below 10 percent of the regional allocation.

Projects will be reviewed for consistency with board-approved criteria by the SRFB Monitoring Panel using a project comment form for monitoring project, which can be found on the RCO Web site at [www.rco.wa.gov/doc\\_pages/app\\_materials.shtml#salmon](http://www.rco.wa.gov/doc_pages/app_materials.shtml#salmon).

Projects will be approved for funding by the SRFB at the December 2015 board meeting along with the other projects on lead entity ranked lists.