

## Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account Grants Awarded 2013-2015

Rank	Number	Grant Applicant	Grant Program	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Grant Awarded
1	12-1120C	Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area Public Access and Education	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$878,900	\$918,000	\$1,796,900	\$878,900
2	12-1545A	Whirlwind Beach Aquatic Land Assembly	Bellingham	\$330,066	\$330,066	\$660,132	\$330,066
3	12-1160D	Edmonds Fishing Pier Renovation	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	Alternate
4	12-1448A	Merrill Lake Shoreline <sup>1</sup>	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	Not Funded
5	12-1143A	Kitsap Forest and Bay Project Shoreline	Kitsap County	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$1,000,000
6	12-1045C	Belmondo Reach Acquisition and Restoration Phase 1	Seattle Public Utilities	\$338,050	\$338,050	\$676,100	\$338,050
7	12-1249C	Lake Sammamish State Park, Sunset Beach Phase 2	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$500,000
8	12-1427R	Smith Island Restoration	Snohomish County	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$500,000
9	12-1351C	Clover Island Riverwalk North Shoreline <sup>1</sup>	Port of Kennewick	\$500,000	\$1,495,078	\$1,995,078	Not Funded
10	12-1172C	Bloedel Donovan Park Shoreline Restoration	Bellingham	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$150,000
11	12-1250C	Discovery Bay Shoreline Restoration and Trail Construction	Jefferson County	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$500,000
12	12-1206C	Harper Fishing Pier Reconstruction	Port of Bremerton	\$500,000	\$812,800	\$1,312,800	\$500,000
12	12-1566C	Developing Yakima Rivershore and Trail	West Richland	\$500,000	\$1,261,689	\$1,761,689	\$500,000
14	12-1554C	Point Defiance Marine Estuary and Boardwalk	Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma	\$500,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,500,000	\$500,000
15	12-1299C	WTIP-Westend Park <sup>2</sup>	Port Angeles	\$468,900	\$468,900	\$937,800	\$302,984

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16	12-1091D	Islands Trailhead Driftboat Access	Spokane County Conservation District	\$54,080	\$55,600	\$109,680	Alternate
17	12-1404D	Barnum Point Public Access Development	Island County	\$211,680	\$258,720	\$470,400	Alternate
18	12-1024C	Luther Burbank Park Hand Carry Boat Launch	Mercer Island	\$111,680	\$111,680	\$223,360	Alternate
19	12-1146R	Duwamish Gardens Estuarine Construction	Tukwila	\$500,000	\$2,300,000	\$2,800,000	Alternate
20	12-1529C	Freestad Lake Barrier Lagoon Restoration <sup>1</sup>	Skagit County	\$475,000	\$498,670	\$973,670	Not Funded
21	12-1258C	Bay Street Pedestrian Path-Mosquito Fleet Trail <sup>1</sup>	Port Orchard	\$648,000	\$648,500	\$1,296,500	Not Funded
22	12-1377R	Squalicum Creek Estuary Restoration <sup>1</sup>	Port of Bellingham	\$340,000	\$3,085,000	\$3,425,000	Not Funded
23	12-1023C	Stevenson Waterfront Enhancement and Public Access	Port of Skamania	\$333,945	\$334,000	\$667,945	Alternate
24	12-1433C	Riverview Park Pedestrian Bridge and Habitat <sup>1</sup>	Renton	\$496,500	\$605,000	\$1,101,500	Not Funded
25	12-1585D	Chambers Creek Properties Pier Extension	Pierce County	\$364,000	\$364,000	\$728,000	Alternate
26	12-1012C	Roberta Lake Wetland Development	Ferry Conservation District	\$119,403	\$119,404	\$238,807	Alternate
27	12-1587D	Spurrell Dock Canopy <sup>1</sup>	South Bend	\$90,900	\$111,100	\$202,000	Not Funded
				<b>\$11,911,104</b>	<b>\$21,766,257</b>	<b>\$33,677,361</b>	<b>\$6,000,000</b>

<sup>1</sup> Grant applicant did not certify match.

<sup>2</sup> Match will be lowered for partially funded projects.

Project Number Types: A=Acquisition, C=Combination of acquisition and either restoration or development, D=Development, R=Restoration

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Grant Awarded Resolution 2013-09

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Preliminary Ranked List  
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6	52.20	12-1045C	Belmondo Reach Acquisition and Restoration, Phase 1	Seattle Public Utilities	\$338,050	\$338,050	\$676,100
7	51.70	12-1249C	Lake Sammamish State Park--Sunset Beach, Phase 2	State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
8	51.40	12-1427R	Smith Island Restoration	Snohomish County	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
9	50.40	12-1351C	Clover Island Riverwalk North Shoreline	Port of Kennewick	\$500,000	\$1,495,078	\$1,995,078
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24	42.10	12-1433C	Riverview Park Pedestrian Bridge and Habitat ALEA	Renton	\$496,500	\$605,000	\$1,101,500
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## Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account Evaluation Summary 2013-2015

Question #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
Rank	Project Name	Fit with AEA	Fit with AEA Protection	Fit with AEA Access	Need	Project Need Protection	Project Need Access	Site Suitability	Site Suitability Protection	Site Suitability Access	Urgency and Viability	Project Design	Project Design Protection	Project Design Access	Local Community Support	GMA Preference	Proximity to People	Total
1	Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area Public Access and Education		8.00	8.40		7.80	7.20		4.20	4.10		3.80	3.70	8.40	0.00	1.00	56.60	
2	Whirlwind Beach Aquatic Land Assembly	12.00			16.40			8.40			5.80	1.60		8.80	0.00	1.00	54.00	
3	Edmonds Fishing Pier Renovation	11.40			18.00			8.60				8.20		6.60	0.00	1.00	53.80	
4	Merrill Lake Shoreline	11.70			16.40			8.20			5.00	3.80		7.80	0.00	0.00	52.90	
5	Kitsap Forest and Bay Project	12.00			15.20			7.80			5.40	3.80		8.60	-1.00	1.00	52.80	
6	Belmondo Reach Acquisition and Restoration	12.00			16.00			8.00			5.00	2.80		7.40	0.00	1.00	52.20	
7	Lake Sammamish State Park, Sunset Beach Phase 2	11.10			16.80			7.40				7.40		8.00	0.00	1.00	51.70	
8	Smith Island Restoration	12.00			16.40			8.40				7.60		7.00	-1.00	1.00	51.40	
9	Clover Island Riverwalk North Shoreline		6.60	6.60		7.20	6.60		3.20	3.70		3.60	3.70	8.20	0.00	1.00	50.40	
10	Bloedel Donovan Park Shoreline Restoration		6.20	6.80		6.40	6.60		3.20	3.90		3.50	3.70	8.40	0.00	1.00	49.70	
11	Discovery Bay Shoreline Restoration and Trail Construction		7.00	6.80		7.60	6.60		3.40	3.00		3.60	3.60	7.60	0.00	0.00	49.20	



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12	Harper Fishing Pier Reconstruction	11.10			14.80			7.80				6.80			7.60	0.00	1.00	49.10
13	Developing Yakima Rivershore and Trail	12.30			16.80			5.80				4.80			8.40	0.00	1.00	49.10
14	Point Defiance Marine Estuary and Boardwalk		6.00	7.00		6.00	5.80		3.10	3.70			3.60	4.00	8.60	0.00	1.00	48.80
15	WTIP-Westend Park	9.30			14.40			7.40				7.80			8.60	0.00	1.00	48.50
16	Islands Trailhead Driftboat Access		5.80	7.40		6.60	7.20		3.10	3.30			3.30	3.70	7.00	0.00	1.00	48.40
17	Barnum Point Public Access Development	10.50			14.40			7.60				7.60			7.00	-1.00	1.00	47.10
18	Luther Burbank Park Hand Carry Boat Launch	11.40			12.80			6.80				7.20			7.60	0.00	1.00	46.80
19	Duwamish Gardens Estuarine Construction	10.80			15.20			5.60			1.40	4.40			7.00	0.00	1.00	45.40
19	Freestad Lake Barrier Lagoon Restoration	10.80			14.80			6.40				6.60			6.60	0.00	0.00	45.20
21	Bay Street Pedestrian Path-Mosquito Fleet Trail	9.60			13.60			6.80				6.80			7.00	0.00	1.00	44.80
21	Squalicum Creek Estuary Restoration	8.70			13.60			6.80				7.80			6.60	0.00	1.00	44.50
23	Stevenson Waterfront Enhancement and Public Access	9.90			11.60			6.80				6.60			7.40	0.00	0.00	42.30



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24	Riverview Park Pedestrian Bridge and Habitat	8.70			11.60			7.00				7.40			6.40	0.00	1.00	42.10
25	Chambers Creek Properties Pier Extension	8.40			9.20			6.40				7.00			5.40	-1.00	1.00	36.40
26	Roberta Lake Wetland Development	8.10			11.20			5.40				4.00			5.20	0.00	0.00	33.90
27	Spurrell Dock Canopy	5.40			8.40			5.80				6.20			5.20	0.00	0.00	31.00

Evaluators Score Questions 1-14, RCO Staff Scores Questions 15-16.

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## **Washington Department of Natural Resources** **Grant Requested: \$878,900** **Improving Waterfront Access at Woodard Bay Resources Conservation Area**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to improve its interpretive program by adding an environmental learning shelter, upgrading the parking lot and non-motorized boat launch, buying 31 acres nearby, and providing safe access to the beach in the Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area. Work also will include restoring the Woodard Bay and Chapman Bay estuaries. The work is part of a larger effort to protect and restore the conservation area and to enhance recreation and environmental education there. Located in Thurston County, the conservation area encompasses 865 acres of forests, estuaries, and tidelands in Puget Sound. It is at the end of the Chehalis-Western Trail, which is a 22-mile, multi-use trail that links Olympia to Yelm. The conservation area's three hiking trails provide panoramic views of Woodard Bay, Chapman Bay, and Henderson Inlet as well as views of harbor seals, yuma myotis, little brown bats, and great blue herons. The conservation area also offers primitive beach access and the only seasonal, non-motorized public boat launch to Henderson Inlet. The department will contribute \$918,000 from another Recreation and Conservation Office grant. For more details, click: [12-1120](#).

## **Bellingham** **Grant Requested: \$330,066** **Buying Whirlwind Beach**

The Bellingham Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy about 20 acres on northeast Bellingham Bay and 200 acres of state tidelands. These tidelands are popular with kiteboarders, skimboarders, and for wading, birding, beach walking, and picnicking. The land provides stunning views of Bellingham Bay and offers a wide variety of water-based recreational activities. The land lies on the wildest shoreline on Bellingham Bay and the beach is the bay's largest and sandiest, nourished and secluded by bluffs and forested slopes to be bought under this project. The project protects bluffs and sloping upper beach areas, and anchors two city greenways on the bay shore. The acquisition is part of an ongoing effort to provide direct and visual access to Bellingham Bay via public trails and parks. The City will contribute \$330,066 from a voter-approved levy. For more details, click: [12-1545](#).

## **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife** **Grant Requested: \$500,000** **Renovating the Edmonds Fishing Pier**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to repair the Edmonds Pier on Puget Sound. The pier, 17 miles north of Seattle, was built in 1977 and was the first publicly funded pier dedicated to recreational fishing in the state. The pier is a popular and rare asset for boatless anglers and the public. The pier is rusted and damaged by saltwater. Work will include restoring the concrete cover, repairing the deck, fixing the wind shelter, replacing the roof on

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the fish cleaning station, and repairing the hand rail, signs, and electrical outlets. The department will contribute \$500,000 from another Recreation and Conservation Office grant. For more details, click: [12-1160](#).

## **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Protecting the Merrill Lake Shoreline**

**Grant Requested: \$1,000,000**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to help buy 1,400 acres between Merrill Lake and the Kalama River in Cowlitz County. The land has many incredibly unique features including lava beds with tree casts; high volume springs feeding the Kalama river; small, old growth trees; waterfalls; and high quality native plant communities. The land includes 112 acres along the Merrill Lake shoreline that adjoins the Merrill Lake Natural Resources Conservation Area. Buying the land will protect the conservation area from damage by recreational development and maintain the beauty of the area for users of the lake. The land connects to a national forest to the north and another conservation area to the south. Merrill Lake is managed as a fishing lake and much of the Kalama River bordering this land could be used to help recover bull trout. Many animals will benefit from protection of the land, including steelhead, coho, and Chinook salmon; elk; Martin; western toads; spotted owls; and osprey. The department will contribute \$1 million from a federal grant. For more details, click: [12-1448](#).

## **Kitsap County Protecting Port Gamble Bay Shoreline**

**Grant Requested: \$1,000,000**

Kitsap County will use this grant to buy 600 acres of shoreline and tidelands along the west side of Port Gamble Bay in north Kitsap County. Buying the land will protect 1.78 miles of shoreline and provide access to the beach for the public. The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, Suquamish Tribe, Forterra, Great Peninsula Conservancy, and a coalition of business and community groups are working with Kitsap County to conserve 6,690 acres surrounding Port Gamble Bay. The overall objective is to protect the land, preserve wildlife habitat, and create opportunities for education and recreation on the bay. The creation of more public places on the bay will decrease the pressure on the few existing public waterfront areas. The County will contribute \$1.5 million in cash, an appropriation from the Legislature, and another Recreation and Conservation Office grant. For more details, click: [12-1143](#).

## **Seattle Buying and Restoring Belmondo Reach**

**Grant Requested: \$338,050**

Seattle Public Utilities will use this grant to purchase and restore 12.65 acres on the lower Cedar River in King County. The land is in the Belmondo Reach near the city of Maple Valley. Buying the land will protect some of the best remaining salmon habitat in the lower Cedar River. This project is part of a larger effort by the utility and King County to protect and restore habitat for

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Chinook, coho, and sockeye salmon, and steelhead trout. If not protected, the property will be listed on the open real estate market. Protection of this land would provide the missing link in a 1-mile chain of protected lands, preventing potential development of three homes. Restoration includes removing invasive plants and replanting the area with native plants. Seattle Public Utilities will use other funding to build a trail connecting the adjacent Cedar River Trail, a small parking area, and interpretive signs highlighting salmon recovery and habitat restoration efforts. Seattle Public Utilities will contribute \$338,050 in cash and another Recreation and Conservation Office grant. For more details, click: [12-1045](#).

## **Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission      Grant Requested: \$500,000** **Renovating Lake Sammamish State Park's Sunset Beach**

State Parks will use this grant to complete renovation of the Sunset Beach swimming area in Lake Sammamish State Park. Work will include expanding the beach, replacing the sand, improving the grass, adding a new children's interpretive feature, and restoring the shoreline. Sunset Beach was built in 1951. The once enormously popular swimming area is virtually unusable. The beach is overgrown with weeds and the underwater part is pocked with sink holes. Renovation will draw more of the park's 1.2 million annual visitors from the state's largest metropolitan area back to a restored, more durable beach and provide them a highly demanded swimming opportunity on Lake Sammamish. State Parks will contribute \$500,000. For more details, click: [12-1249](#).

## **Snohomish County      Grant Requested: \$500,000** **Restoring the Smith Island Estuary**

Snohomish County will use this grant to restore 250 acres of tidal marsh within the Snohomish River estuary. Work will include removing about a half-mile of levee and building about 1 mile of setback levee. Chinook salmon entering the estuary from Puget Sound swim about 21 miles past the cities of Everett, Lake Stevens, and Marysville up to where the Snohomish River splits into the Skykomish and Snoqualmie Rivers near Monroe. Beginning in the 1860s, the estuary was damaged as settlers logged, drained thousands of acres of marsh, ditched river tributaries, and built more than 44 miles of levees. Of the 16 river deltas in Puget Sound, about 90 percent of estuarine emergent marsh, scrub shrub, and tidal forested wetlands were lost in Puget Sound. The Smith Island project is part of a larger restoration effort that will return the tides to more than 1,200 acres of river deltas, the third largest estuary restoration effort in the state. The project will help recover shorebirds and salmon species using the Snohomish River estuary. Snohomish County will contribute \$100,000 in cash and another Recreation and Conservation Office grant. For more details, click: [12-1427](#).

## **Port of Kennewick**

**Grant Requested: \$500,000**

### **Restoring the Clover Island Shoreline for People and Fish**

The Port of Kennewick will use this grant to restore the north shoreline of Clover Island and build a waterfront trail. Work will include stabilizing the north shoreline and enhancing habitat for Columbia River spring-run Chinook salmon and upper and middle Columbia River steelhead, all of which are endangered, as well as for mid-Columbia River steelhead and Columbia River bull trout, both of which are listed as threatened with extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act. The Port will remove the concrete from the shoreline and replace it with rocks, tree root wads, and plants to make the beach more suitable for salmon and other wildlife. The Port also will make the area better for people by building part of the riverfront pathway, renovating a viewpoint, building a new viewing plaza, making boat docks and viewpoints accessible to people with disabilities, and installing benches, safety railings, lights, and signs. This is the second phase of a seven-phase plan for Clover Island. The Port will contribute \$1,495,078 in cash and staff labor. For more details, click: [12-1351](#).

## **Bellingham**

**Grant Requested: \$150,000**

### **Restoring Bloedel Donovan Park Shoreline**

The Bellingham Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to develop and restore the shoreline of Lake Whatcom at Bloedel Donovan Park. The City will remove a failing concrete bulkhead, enhance the beach, and build a new trail at Bloedel Donovan Park. This project will improve water quality and beach access and stabilize the shoreline. Bloedel Donovan is a 28-acre, city-owned park adjacent to Lake Whatcom. The park is a popular destination for boating, fishing, off-leash dog areas, and community events. The Lake Whatcom reservoir is the primary source of drinking water for Bellingham and portions of Whatcom County. It has low dissolved oxygen levels and high levels of bacteria from human and animal waste and is listed as an impaired water body. The City will contribute \$150,000. For more details, click: [12-1172](#).

## **Jefferson County**

**Grant Requested: \$500,000**

### **Restoring the Discovery Bay Shoreline and Building a Trail**

Jefferson County will use this grant to restore 1,800 feet of shoreline to improve habitat for salmon, spawning forage fish, and shellfish. The County will remove industrial fill, shoreline armoring, a creosote railway trestle, a defunct tide gate, and part of an old railroad grade. The County then will create a 1-acre estuary where an artificial, freshwater pond now exists. The County also will clean 2 acres of beach and re-grade it to a natural slope. Finally, the County will build about a half-mile of the Olympic Discovery Trail where a community water main must be removed. The 130-mile Olympic Discovery Trail is identified in the U.S. Department of Interior's 'America's Great Outdoors Initiative,' and as a priority in the county's comprehensive,

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non-motorized transportation plan. Jefferson County will contribute \$500,000 from a federal grant and donations of cash and labor. For more details, click: [12-1250](#).

## **Port of Bremerton Rebuilding the Harper Fishing Pier**

**Grant Requested: \$500,000**

The Port of Bremerton will use this grant to reconstruct the Harper Fishing Pier. The Port will demolish the existing pier, remove 130 creosote piles, and erect a modern, recreational pier built with ecologically sound building materials. Harper Pier, originally built in the late 1800s and rebuilt in 1919 to support the Mosquito Fleet ferries, has a long and historically significant record of service. The pier, located at Yukon Bay in Kitsap County, today is a popular location for local residents and visitors for catching fish, crab, and squid, and scuba diving. The Port has invested about \$400,000 into the operations and maintenance of the pier since 2000, which includes about \$250,000 in improvements. Further repair of the pier is not cost-effective. The Port will contribute \$812,800 in cash and an appropriation from the Legislature. For more details, click: [12-1206](#).

## **West Richland Developing Yakima River Shoreline and Trail**

**Grant Requested: \$500,000**

The City of West Richland will use this grant to buy land along the Yakima River at the Van Giesen bridge for public access to the river. The City will buy about 2 acres, providing a place for anglers, people with non-motorized boats, and others to get to the river. The City also will build a half-mile trail, complete with viewing and picnic areas, restrooms, and educational kiosks. The trail will connect to natural wildlife areas and regional trail systems. Finally, the City will begin restoring native species and natural areas. The City will contribute \$1.2 million in cash, a local grant, another grant from the Recreation and Conservation Office, and donated labor. For more details, click: [12-1566](#).

## **Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma Building an Estuary and Boardwalk in Point Defiance Park**

**Grant Requested: \$500,000**

The Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma will use this grant to create a small estuary and build a boardwalk at the southeastern edge of Point Defiance Park. The project involves removing a bulkhead and road to create 2.5 acres of both saltwater and freshwater estuaries that combine storm water treatment and public access and education through interpretive signs and a 1,300-foot boardwalk that traverses the area. The shoreline and estuaries will be designed for endangered species such as salmon and sand lance. The estuaries will be a learning laboratory for Tacoma School District's Science and Math Institute, which will be involved in its design, development, maintenance, and monitoring. Being adjacent to land that will connect the popular Ruston Way waterfront pedestrian promenade with Point Defiance Park, this unique

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place will be both a popular destination and stopping point for the 2 million plus visitors to the waterfront. The park district will contribute \$3 million in cash and another grant from the Recreation and Conservation Office. For more details, click: [12-1554](#).

## **Port Angeles**

**Grant Requested: \$468,900**

### **Beginning Development of Westend Park**

The City of Port Angeles will use this grant to develop nearly 1 acre of the 3.1-acre Westend Park that will include a small extension of the Olympic Discovery bike trail, trail markers, open areas, a rain garden, a restroom, water fountains, and other site furnishings. Located in downtown Port Angeles, the park has long been an environmentally and culturally significant area in the city. It is near the ferry terminal with service to Victoria, B.C., and just west of an existing esplanade that is being redeveloped. This project is part of a larger, urban waterfront development project and will provide both visual and physical access to the water. The City will contribute \$468,900. For more details, click: [12-1299](#).

## **Spokane Conservation District**

**Grant Requested: \$54,080**

### **Providing Access to the Spokane River**

The Spokane Conservation District will use this grant to develop non-motorized boat access to the Spokane River. The conservation district will build a take-out point, a slide rail system, and stairs at the site, which is in northeast Spokane County on the north shoreline of the Spokane River adjacent to the Islands Trailhead access point to the Centennial Trail. The conservation district also will plant native plants along 500 feet of shoreline and uplands surrounding this river access. The plants will improve the riverbanks by reducing erosion and providing shade to cool the water in the summer, which are critical for the survival of a declining salmon species. The conservation district will contribute \$55,600 from a state grant and donations of cash, labor, and materials. For more details, click: [12-1091](#).

## **Island County**

**Grant Requested: \$211,680**

### **Developing Public Access at Barnum Point**

Island County will use this grant to develop trails on Barnum Point. Adjacent to 7,100 acres of protected aquatic lands at Port Susan Bay, Barnum Point is unique both for its high ecological value and the high quality recreation opportunity. The point's network of trails loops through mature forests with spectacular views east across Port Susan Bay and west to Triangle Cove. Eighteen acres of tidelands and nearly a half-mile of natural shoreline provide one of the longest, uninterrupted stretches of public water access on Camano Island. The County will build 1.25 miles of trails, including a trail for public access to the beach via an existing easement on private property, two viewing platforms, interpretive signs, and a gravel parking area, and install

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a portable restroom. The County will contribute \$258,720 from a private grant and another grant from the Recreation and Conservation Office. For more details, click: [12-1404](#).

## **Mercer Island**

**Grant Requested: \$111,680**

### **Building a Launch for Hand-Carry Boats at Luther Burbank Park**

The City of Mercer Island will use this grant to build a launch for hand-carry boats at Luther Burbank Park. The City will remove an existing dock, build a floating dock and ramp, rebuild and widen the existing boardwalk, remove invasive plants, restore a wetland, and install interpretive and safety signs. While there are many informal launches for hand-carry boats on Lake Washington, there are few that have been designed to meet the needs of kayakers, canoeists, and other such boaters. This is particularly true for people with physical disabilities. The proposed dock system provides users in wheelchairs or with other physical limitations easy access to the lake for their personal watercraft in a site that provides shelter from winds. The reconstructed boardwalk will allow for wheelchair access and dolly use from the parking lot. The City will contribute \$111,680 from a voter-approved levy and cash. For more details, click: [12-1024](#).

## **Tukwila**

**Grant Requested: \$500,000**

### **Building Salmon Habitat in the Duwamish Gardens Estuary**

The City of Tukwila will use this grant to build shallow water habitat for migrating salmon. The City will excavate material, and create 1.3 acres of mudflat and marsh habitat on a 2.16-acre site on the right bank of the Duwamish River, immediately below the Sound Transit LINK light rail bridge. In this stretch of the Duwamish River, shallow places give young fish a chance to move out of the main channel of the river to places where they can feed and rear. When fish stay longer in estuaries, they grow larger and healthier before their treacherous migration to the sea. The City also will plant nearly an acre with native plants. The property is among the largest available sites for habitat restoration remaining along the Duwamish River. When restored, it will be the largest, off-channel habitat between the Codiga Farms restoration and North Wind's Weir restoration. The City also will add parking, a paved trail, a viewpoint, and interpretive signs. The City will contribute \$2.3 million from two grants. For more details, click: [12-1146](#).

## **Skagit County**

**Grant Requested: \$475,000**

### **Restoring Freestad Lake Barrier Lagoon**

The Skagit County Public Works Department will use this grant to acquire a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, and restore a pocket estuary on the southeast shore of Samish Island in Skagit County. The land is a wet pasture with a levee and tide gates. The County will remove a portion of the levee, construct a setback levee, and make channel modifications to allow saltwater to enter, restoring 26.5 acres of tidal wetland habitat.

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The County will build a trail on the levee, a small parking area, and install interpretive signs. An agreement with the landowner will ensure ongoing public access to part of the saltwater lake for recreation and public use of the nearby camp and trails. The County will contribute \$498,670 in cash, a federal grant, another grant from the Recreation and Conservation Office, and donations of labor, materials, and property interest. For more details, click: [12-1529](#).

## **Port Orchard** **Grant Requested: \$648,000** **Building the Bay Street Pedestrian Path-Mosquito Fleet Trail**

The City of Port Orchard will use this grant to develop a nearly half-mile trail and construct a trail bridge over Blackjack Creek for use by walkers and bicyclists. The waterfront trail will make it easier for people to walk safely into downtown and connects Waterfront Park to the Annapolis ferry facility, providing views of Sinclair Inlet. A broad coalition of citizens, local public service clubs, non-profits, and special interest groups promoting bicycling, tourism, and pedestrian activities support the project. Additional support has been expressed by both Kitsap Transit and the Port of Bremerton. The City will contribute \$648,500 from a state appropriation and cash. For more details, click: [12-1258](#).

## **Port of Bellingham** **Grant Requested: \$340,000** **Restoring the Squalicum Creek Estuary**

The Port of Bellingham will use this grant to restore the Squalicum Creek estuary. The Port will remove 6,850 square feet of fill in the estuary, move a spring creek into the new estuary to cool the water for salmon, and build an overlook with interpretive signs. Squalicum Creek supports the largest number of salmon in the city and provides rearing and migration habitat for Chinook salmon, which are listed under the federal Endangered Species Act, and bull trout as well as sea-run cutthroat, coho, chum, and steelhead. This project will result in modifying two bridges and removing a concrete liner on the river bottom to open up 10 miles of habitat to fish. The Port will contribute \$3,085,000 in staff labor, and state and local grants. For more details, click: [12-1377](#).

## **Port of Skamania** **Grant Requested: \$333,945** **Building the Stevenson Waterfront Trail**

The Port of Skamania will use this grant to build a new public beach access and about 330 feet of a waterfront trail along the Columbia River in the city of Stevenson. The new trail will connect two existing interpretive trails: Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail and the National Park Service's Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail. These trails connect to the Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center museum, Skamania Lodge, the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Forest Service Center, Skamania County Fairgrounds, several public parks, Stevenson Landing Pier, public parking, three public restrooms, and several pieces of public art. This project will

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serve a wide range of recreation including fishing, swimming, kayaking, kite boarding, windsurfing, walking, birding, picnicking, sightseeing, and more. The Port will contribute \$334,000 in cash, a local grant, and donated materials. For more details, click: [12-1023](#).

## **Renton**

**Grant Requested: \$496,500**

### **Replacing the Riverview Park Bridge**

The City of Renton will use this grant to remove a 1960s era, wood bridge over the Cedar River at Riverview Park and replace it with a galvanized steel bridge. The City also will add three interpretive signs focusing on Chinook salmon, which are listed under the federal Endangered Species Act. In addition, the City will remove invasive plants and replant the area with native trees and shrubs. The bridge provides salmon viewing and interpretive opportunities as part of the Cedar River Salmon Journey Program conducted in partnership with the Friends of the Cedar River Watershed, as well as access to Riverview Park, the Cedar River Trail, and more than 250 acres of natural area. In the past five years, two floods have washed large tree root wads and woody materials downstream, catching on the bridge and closing it until the debris was removed. The City will contribute \$605,000 from another Recreation and Conservation Office grant and donations of cash. For more details, click: [12-1433](#).

## **Pierce County**

**Grant Requested: \$364,000**

### **Extending the Chambers Creek Pier**

The Pierce County Public Works and Utilities will use this grant to extend the Bridge to the Beach at the Chambers Creek Properties. The Bridge to the Beach provides access to the beach, and the extension will create unobstructed views into clear shoreline waters for seeing eelgrass beds and salmon, as well as boats, the surrounding islands, eagles, ospreys, and at certain times of the year, Orcas. The extension is 340 linear feet and will replace a 100-year old, creosote piling, wood dock. Chambers Creek is a salmon bearing stream and removal of 300 creosote pilings will improve water quality and allow re-establishment of eelgrass beds used by salmon. The County also will remove structures that threaten navigation. The County will contribute \$364,000. For more details, click: [12-1585](#).

## **Ferry Conservation District**

**Grant Requested: \$119,403**

### **Developing the Roberta Lake Wetland Trail**

The Ferry Conservation District will use this grant to renovate a 1.75-mile nature trail along Roberta Lake, which is the southern extension of Curlew Lake, in Ferry County. The trail is just south of Roberta Lake and resides on 89 acres of mixed upland and wetland natural area. The trail and lake waterfront are in need of renovation to make them safe for the public. The conservation district will improve the entry road and build a newly designed and enlarged trail head, which would include parking for people with disabilities, vault toilets, signs, and a water

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well powered by a solar pump. Work also will include creating a pathway to the lake shoreline, building wildlife viewing stations along the trail, building about 300 feet of new boardwalk and two small bridges across Roberta Creek, installing interpretive signs, and planting native plants for erosion control and shade. The trail will connect with the Rail Corridor Trail, which extends to Canada. The conservation district will contribute \$119,404 in staff equipment, labor, and materials, a state grant, and donations of equipment, labor, land, and materials. For more details, click: [12-1012](#).

## **South Bend**

**Grant Requested: \$90,900**

### **Adding a Canopy to Spurrell Dock**

The City of South Bend will use this grant to add a canopy over Spurrell dock to protect visitors from the rain. The canopy will allow multi-seasonal use of the dock for outdoor recreation, such as picnicking, outdoor theatre and music, community events, and education. The dock is in the heart of downtown South Bend and links the South Bend floating recreational dock on the Willapa River and the upland Robert Bush Memorial Park and boardwalk. The City will contribute \$111,100 from another Recreation and Conservation Office grant and cash. For more details, click: [12-1587](#).