



Family Forest Fish Passage Program (FFFPP)

One of the most effective ways of restoring declining numbers of salmon and trout is to remove barriers that prevent them from reaching places where they can feed, grow, and reproduce. Because correcting fish passage barriers can be costly, especially for private landowners, the 2003 Legislature created the Family Forest Fish Passage Program—a cost-share program that provides financial and technical resources to families

who own small forests. Three state agencies—the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Salmon Recovery Funding Board—work together to manage the program.

their barriers only when state financial assistance becomes available.

- Barriers are prioritized and repaired on a worst-first basis in the watersheds.

Under the program:

- The state provides 75-100 percent of the cost of correcting small forest landowners' fish barriers.
- The landowners enrolled in the program must fix

Accomplishments

The program has funded 152 projects totaling \$9.7 million and is estimated to have opened more than 350 miles of habitat to salmon and trout.

Funding Information

To date, the Legislature has provide more than \$12 million. The Department of Natural Resources has raised another \$600,000 by joining

with the following organizations: Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation,

U.S. Forest Service, and state Department of Ecology.

Salmon Recovery Funding Board Members

Steve Tharinger, chair, Clallam County
 Harry Barber, Washougal
 Donald "Bud" Hover, Okanogan County
 Bob Nichols, Olympia
 David Troutt, Dupont
 Conservation Commission
 Department of Ecology
 Department of Fish and Wildlife
 Department of Natural Resources
 Department of Transportation

Who Can Apply?

Private, small forest landowners qualify if:

- They have less than 2 million board feet of timber harvested each year from land they own in Washington.
- The fish barrier is on forestland.
- The structure is on a fish-bearing stream.

Grant Recipients (2003-2007)

Conservation Districts

Clallam Conservation District
Clark Conservation District
Cowlitz Conservation District
Ferry Conservation District
Jefferson Conservation District
Kitsap Conservation District
Lewis County Conservation District
Okanogan Conservation District
Pacific Conservation District
Pend Oreille Conservation District
Spokane County Conservation District
Stevens County Conservation District
Underwood Conservation District
Wahkiakum Conservation District

Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups

Chehalis Basin Fisheries Task Force
Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group
Mid-Sound Salmon Enhancement Group
Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association
Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group
South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group
Stilly Snohomish Fisheries Enhancement Task Force
Tri-State Steelheaders
Wild Fish Conservancy
Willapa Bay Fisheries Enhancement Group

Tribes

Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe
Nooksack Indian Tribe
Tulalip Tribes
Yakama Nation

Landowners

Frame, LLC
Hoh River Trust
Pacific Forest Management
PB Lumber
Stewardship Partners

Fish Passage Professionals

Chinook Engineering
Fisheries Consultants
Streamworks
Waterfall Engineering



Before

The Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Conservation District used a 2004 FFFPP grant of \$69,000 to remove four culverts, opening 12 miles of habitat to coho and chum salmon and steelhead, all of which are threatened with extinction. Crews removed fill and replanted areas disturbed by construction. The work was done in Baxter Creek, a tributary to Arkansas Creek in Cowlitz County.



After