**Purpose**

The Legislature established the Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board (FBRB) and grant program in 2014 to help identify and remove blockages to fish migration.¹

The FBRB Grant Program has the following two separate funding strategies:

- **Watershed Pathway**: targets projects in select watersheds across the state that will have the largest benefit to salmon at a population scale.
- **Coordinated Pathway**: targets projects where there are other barrier correction projects nearby effectively leveraging and supporting other efforts and resources.

**Role of the FBRB**

The role of the board is to adopt governing policies that guide funding strategies, project eligibility, match requirements, and more. The board also sets project evaluation criteria, reviews project scores and recommendations from the FBRB Technical Review Team, approves a prioritized project list of projects, and submits those projects to the Governor’s Office and the Legislature for funding consideration.

The board is managed by the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife and the grant program is administered jointly by department and the Recreation and Conservation Office.

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¹Chapters 77.95.160 and 77.95.170 of the Revised Codes of Washington