

Are you Interested?

Complete this form and we'll get back to you!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Project Address (if different from above): _____

Parcel Number (if known): _____

Please check any that apply

Project property is owned by you

You own both sides of the stream or creek

Livestock present on property

You might be interested in:

Riparian plantings

Fencing out livestock

Removal of invasive vegetation

Bank protection work

If you have an idea about the type of project you would like to complete, please briefly describe it here (optional):

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Become an Environmental Steward

Take part in Skagit County's non-regulatory volunteer based restoration incentive program. No match is required and signing up will not result in the taking of property.

- Do you live on or near a stream in Skagit County?
- Do you want to help restore your stream for salmon?

Skagit County could provide up to \$35,000 in free funding and assistance to complete a project that enhances the stream on your property.



Chum Salmon
Photo by Dick Knight

Skagit County Natural Resource Stewardship Program



Tributary to the Sauk River

Free grant funds to help you improve the streams of Skagit County

Program Partners:



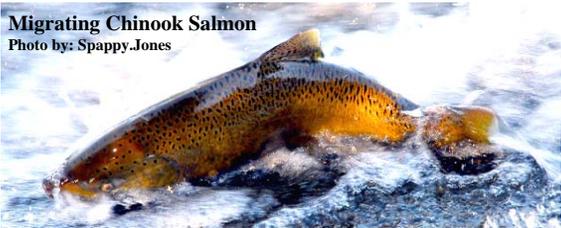
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The Basics of the Program

GETTING STARTED

Migrating Chinook Salmon
Photo by: Spappy-Jones



Skagit County's Natural Resource Stewardship Program can provide up to \$35,000 in free grant funding for streamside landowners willing to enhance the watershed in which they live. This can consist of streamside plantings, livestock exclusion fencing, restoring fish habitat and other projects that will improve the overall ecological health of the watershed. Strong applicants will show a long-term commitment to the sustainability of the project and site area.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Stream must be located on or border property owned by you.
2. You must be willing to commit to the integrity of the project for 10 years after completion.
3. Project site must be in unincorporated Skagit County.
4. Projects that take the place of required mitigation or penalty payments are not eligible for funding.

EXAMPLE PROJECTS



Livestock Exclusion:



Designed to prevent access of livestock to waterways by fencing. An alternative water system such as off-channel watering is an eligible project example.

Fish and aquatic insects are sensitive to sediment input, water temperature, and increased algae and plant growth due to excess nutrients. Unrestricted livestock access to waterways can have various negative effects on streams such as:

- *Reduced vegetation on stream banks.
- *Contamination of streams from manure that can lead to elevated nutrient levels including fecal coliform.
- *Increased erosion of the stream bank.



Enhancing the Riparian Zone:

Projects that remove invasive species such as blackberry, butterfly bush, Japanese knotweed, English Ivy, Reed Canary Grass and others in coordination with re-planting and/or maintaining native species enhance the riparian zone (vegetated area close to the stream).

Invasive species are often able to out-compete the native species that would naturally be found near the stream. Invasive species can become the sole member of the riparian zone decreasing bank stability and diversity. Native riparian vegetation is better able to shade the creek, keeping temperatures cool, while providing a source of large woody debris critical to the creation of fish habitat.



Bank Stabilization:



Improve bank stability and available fish habitat by positioning large-woody debris or re-sloping the bank and installing coir lifts along the stream bank. This must be completed along with a planting plan.

Large woody debris (LWD) with rootwads are buried in the bank with the roots exposed to deflect flows and protect the streambank in an effort to reduce erosion. LWD stabilizes streambanks while providing natural cover for salmon and other aquatic organisms.

FOR MORE INFORMATION :

SEND BACK the attached postage paid
information sheet

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