



SKAGIT COUNTY SALMON RECOVERY PROGRAM

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INTRODUCTION

The Skagit County Salmon Recovery Program encompasses two key areas: ongoing habitat protection and restoration, and the identification of needed changes within key governmental services to limit the impact to salmonids.

Skagit County and its many partners have constructed the framework necessary to identify key salmon habitats. Additionally, they have developed the capabilities needed to prioritize activities for a strategic long-term plan, while at the same time embarked upon a wide range of on-the-ground early action projects and programs. These include the acquisition of intact salmon habitat, modifying fish passage barriers, reconnecting off-channel habitats, and conducting feasibility studies for major habitat projects.

Similarly, Skagit County has identified codes, ordinances, and other key governmental services that negatively impact salmon habitat, and has initiated significant changes to lessen the impact. These include updates to the Critical Areas Ordinance, Drainage Ordinance, Flood Ordinance, and modifying road maintenance and drainage activities.

PURPOSE

This booklet describes Skagit County's salmon recovery program. It is intended to summarize the myriad of activities, programs, and projects already completed, in process, or planned for in the future.

SALMON RECOVERY MATRIX

The Salmon Recovery Matrix (page 9) shows the activity and its cost. It includes descriptions of the ongoing habitat protection and restoration programs and the changes to key governmental services. Each of these activities and programs in the matrix are described in more detail in the subsequent pages.