

FINANCIAL SUPPORT



Support for Nonprofits and Coordination of Recovery Groups

Skagit County provides financial assistance to agencies and nonprofit groups who are actively involved with restoration projects. Groups like the Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group have demonstrated the ability to secure grants and implement successful projects. They often need to locate local matches required for the grants as well as fund their ongoing administrative costs. By providing financial support, the County successfully leverages local dollars, sometimes as much as ten to one. The County's ongoing support facilitates improved communication and acknowledges the importance these groups play in the overall recovery strategy.

Skagit County Contributions

\$30,000	Skagit Watershed Council
\$30,000	Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group
\$87,500	Skagit Conservation District
\$12,000	Skagit Conservation Database Consortium

Skagit Watershed Council

The Skagit Watershed Council (SWC) is a 36 member organization created to provide technical assistance, public outreach and education, and a collaborative approach within the Skagit Watershed to understand, protect, and restore the production and productivity of healthy ecosystems in order to support sustainable fisheries. Member organizations include Skagit County, Crown Pacific, Skagit System Cooperative, Skagit Valley College, The Nature Conservancy, Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group, Skagitians to Preserve Farmland, and many others. Full council meetings take place monthly, and various subcommittees (administration, education, protection and restoration, etc.) meet as necessary. The SWC has been chosen as the lead entity for Skagit County, pursuant to Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 2496, in fisheries related matters and has developed a strategy application to address limiting factors within the Skagit Watershed.

Goals

- Serve as a forum to collaboratively address Skagit Watershed issues that affect fisheries resources.
- Provide direction and leadership on matters related to the Skagit Watershed fisheries.
- Ensure coordination and integration of fish habitat restoration and protection activities.
- Build understanding and support for the work of the Council within the larger community.

Skagit County Participation on the Skagit Watershed Council

- Board of Skagit County Commissioners
- Surface Water Management Division Manager
- Salmon Recovery Coordinator
- Administrative Committee
- Restoration and Protection Committee

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Skagit Watershed Council's 1st Annual float trip on the Skagit River with Governor Locke.

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