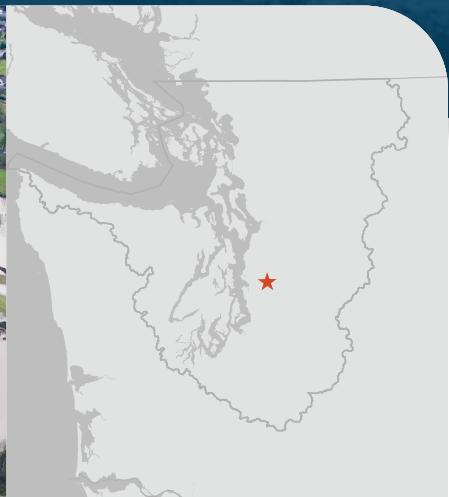


Fall City Floodplain Restoration

2021-2023 PSAR REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT PROJECT

RANKED
#1 of 8



The Fall City reach of the Snoqualmie River is known to support more than 20% of adult Chinook salmon spawning in the Snoqualmie watershed, but this habitat is severely impaired by nearby river facilities and other modifications along its banks. This large-scale project will remove levees and reconnect close to a mile of side channel in the floodplain. This project includes multiple benefits – it will address recovery goals for four species of threatened salmon, significantly reduce flood risk to public roads and private properties, and strengthen the agricultural economy by reducing flood and erosion risk to farm fields and infrastructure.

KEY BENEFITS

- Addresses key recovery goals for four salmon species listed under the Endangered Species Act.
- Improves salmon rearing and spawning habitat in one of the most important salmon reaches in the Snohomish River Basin.
- Reduces flood risk to 325 acres of nearby properties and roads.
- Provides increased recreational access for community residents.

SUPPORT FOR THIS PROJECT

- Ranked #1 for PSAR 2021-2023 regionally significant projects.
- Project implements priority habitat restoration goals outlined in the Snohomish River Basin Salmon Conservation Plan.
- Included as a Near Term Action in the Action Agenda.
- This project supports tribal treaty rights.

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Funding Request
\$5,863,286

Congressional District: **1**

Legislative District: **5**

WRIA: **7** County: **King**

Project Sponsor: **King County Water & Land Resources**

PROJECT BY THE NUMBERS

145 acres

Historic Snoqualmie River floodplain
reconnected

311 acre-feet

Additional flood storage provided

6.93 acres

Side channel produced

110 acres

Riparian stream area planted

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WHAT IS PSAR?

The Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR) program was created in 2007 to help implement the most important habitat protection and restoration projects for Puget Sound. Funding is appropriated every two years by the Washington State Legislature and allocated through the Salmon Recovery Funding Board. The program has two parts, with \$30 million provided as base funding for locally significant projects and remaining funds allocated to projects that are ranked as regionally significant.

A GOOD INVESTMENT

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- Support recovery of Puget Sound salmon, a critical food source for endangered southern resident orcas
- Provide local jobs, public access, and recreational opportunities
- Align with the Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Plan and the Puget Sound Action Agenda
- Are informed by science and the NOAA-approved Chinook salmon recovery strategy
- Are endorsed by members of the public, cities, counties, tribes, non-profit organizations, and government agencies

PSAR projects make cost-effective use of public money.

PSAR supports local communities by **creating more than 3,400 jobs in the last 13 years**. PSAR has also leveraged **\$157 million in federal and other matching funds and generated approximately \$560 million in economic activity**.

PSAR investments have supported the work of our partners to **restore and protect more than 3,200 acres of estuary habitat, 140 river miles for fish passage, and 12,000 acres of watershed habitat**. Many projects support multiple benefits.

The Puget Sound Partnership manages the PSAR program; funds are administered through the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office.