

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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SKAGIT WATERSHED COUNCIL Salmon Recovery Funding Board 2012 Grant Cycle

The Skagit Watershed Council, as lead entity for WRIA's 3 and 4, is accepting proposals for salmon recovery projects funded through the Washington State Salmon Recovery Funding Board's (SRFB) 2012 grant cycle. Important steps and dates in our application process are listed in the schedule below. The amount of funding available is not known at this time but is anticipated to be \$1 million to 1.3 million.

The Watershed Council is soliciting proposals for:

- 1) The continued development and implementation of the following projects (SRFB project #s):

- Cottonwood Island Slough Restoration (06-2211) (09-1443)
- Davis Slough hydrologic connectivity (10-1795)
- Fir Island Farm Estuary Restoration (09-1444)
- Hansen Creek Reach 5 Acquisition and Restoration (10-1856)
- Illabot Creek Alluvial Fan Restoration (01-1356) (07-1786) (11-1542)
- Lower Day Creek Slough (01-1386)
- Restoration associated with Savage and Mill Creeks off-channel reconnection (09-1450)

More information can be found on these projects in the Washington State on-line grant management information system http://www.rco.wa.gov/prism_app/about_prism.shtml.

- 2) Other projects within the Target Areas and priority objectives described in the Skagit Watershed Council's Year 2010 Strategic Approach.

Letters of Intent to submit a proposal are due in electronic format by 5:00 pm on February 22, 2012. The form accompanying this RFP is available for this purpose. Late or incomplete submittals will not be accepted. Submit to council@skagitwatershed.org

Previously funded deliverables must be completed and available in PRISM at the time the Letter of Intent is submitted.

All proposals must be consistent with the Skagit Chinook Recovery Plan, the Council's 1998 Habitat Protection and Restoration Strategy, and SRFB eligibility criteria. Sponsors should be familiar with the Council's Project Evaluation Criteria and Prioritization process. Referenced materials can be downloaded from our website <http://www.skagitwatershed.org/>.

A pre-application workshop for sponsors will be held on January 17th 2012 to provide resources to strengthen proposals and partnerships of the projects identified in 1) above, and to provide guidelines for required March 1st project presentations – location and times to be announced.

Please contact Council staff for assistance.

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SKAGIT WATERSHED COUNCIL
Process and Schedule for SRFB 2012 Funding Cycle

Dates	Action	Parties
December 1	Meeting to determine which of the following “already in the pipeline” projects move forward on the basis of importance and readiness: Gilligan Floodplain, Cottonwood Island, Fir Island Farms, Davis Slough, Illabot Creek Alluvial Fan Phase 2, Hansen Creek Reach 5, Savage Slough, McGlinn Causeway and Lower Day Creek Rip Rap Removal.	Technical Work Group, Board, Council Staff and member organizations
December 14	Release of Requests for Proposals for 2012 SRFB funding round	SWC staff
January 17	Sponsor Workshop: Tailored to the needs of the projects identified as moving forward and designed to provide resources that will strengthen proposals and sponsor partnerships and provide guidelines for March 1 presentations	Potential Sponsors, Technical Work Group, Board, Council Staff and member organizations
February 22	Letters of Intent due to Watershed Council	Project sponsors
March 1	Sponsor presentation(s) of project proposal(s) followed by critique and discussion of which projects can move forward	Technical Work Group, Board, staff, member organizations
April 2	Complete SRFB application entered in PRISM	Project sponsors
April 24 & 25	SRFB Review Panel required field review	Project sponsors, Council staff; SRFB Review Panel members; RCO Project Manager
May 9	SRFB Review Panel comments forwarded to project sponsors	Watershed Coordinator
June 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised COMPLETE applications due in PRISM; • Sponsors submit response to SRFB Review Panel early application review per current Manual 18 instructions. 	Project sponsors; Council staff
June 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local review of proposals and technical scoring by Technical Work Group • Project prioritization 	Technical Work Group, Board, Council staff
July 26-Aug.10	Clean up of any SRFB “flagged” projects if necessary. Sponsors submit response to July 12 Review Panel comments if required.	Project sponsors & Council staff
By Aug. 10	Complete project applications “submitted” in PRISM.	Project sponsors
August 10	SWC 2012 funding list due to RCO and PSP	Council staff
Oct. 1-5	SRFB Review Panel meeting and update to project review forms	SRFB Review Panel
Oct. 18	Response to SRFB Review Panel comment forms due for “conditioned” and “POC” projects.	Project Sponsors, Council staff
Oct. 22-25	Regional area project meetings to present all projects with emphasis on projects “conditioned” and “POC” by review panel.	SRFB Review Panel, Regional Organizations; sponsors & lead entities as necessary
Dec. 6-8	Salmon Recovery Funding Board funding meeting	SRFB, public, etc.

(See SRFB Manual 18 for the complete 2012 SRFB grant schedule)