

SAMPLE: Final Federal Terms and Conditions - as well as State Terms and Conditions – will accompany the draft agreement

FEDERAL PROVISIONS

The Sub-Recipient shall comply with all applicable federal, State, and local laws, rules, and regulations in carrying out the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Administrative Conditions

1. Cost Principles

Sub-Recipient agrees to comply with the cost principles of the below listed federal regulations are applicable as appropriate to this award.

- 2 CFR 225 (A-87) for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments
- 2 CFR 220 (A-21) for Educational Institutions
- 2 CFR 230 (A-122) Nonprofit Organizations
- FAR 31.2 for Commercial Organizations

An electronic copy of all the Circulars and applicable CFR's may be obtained via the OMB Home Web page at: <http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov>

Unless otherwise indicated, the Cost Principles apply to the use of funds provided under this Agreement and In-kind matching donations. The applicability of the Cost Principles depends on the type of organization incurring the costs.

2. Audit Requirements

The Sub-Recipient shall fully comply with requirements of OMB Circular A-133, 'Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, if applicable.

3. Federal Finance Report (FFR)

Recipients shall submit final Federal Financial Reports (FFR), Standard Form 425 (SF-425), to EPA no later than 90 calendar days after the end of the project period. The form is available on the internet at <http://www.epa.gov/ocfo/financeservices/forms.htm>. All FFRs must be submitted to the Las Vegas Finance Center: **US EPA, LVFC, 4220 S. Maryland Pkwy Bldg C, Rm 503, Las Vegas, NV 89119, or by FAX to: 702-798-2423.**

The LVFC will make adjustments, as necessary, to obligated funds after reviewing and accepting a final Federal Financial Report. Recipients will be notified and instructed by EPA if they must complete any additional forms for the closeout of the assistance agreement.

EPA may take enforcement actions in accordance with 40 CFR 30.62 and 40 CFR 31.43 if the recipient does not comply with this term and condition.

4. Hotel-Motel Fire Safety Act

Pursuant to 40 CFR 30.18, if applicable, and 15 USC 2225a, Sub-Recipient agrees to ensure that all space for conferences, meetings, conventions, or training seminars funded in whole or in part with federal funds complies with the protection and control guidelines of the Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act (PL 101-391, as amended. Sub-Recipient may search the Hotel-Motel National Master List at: <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/applications/hotel> to see if a property is in compliance (FEMA ID is currently not required), or to find other information about the Act.

5. Recycled Paper

Institutions of Higher Education Hospitals and Non-Profit Organizations

In accordance with 40 CFR 30.16, Sub-Recipient agrees to use recycled paper and double-sided printing for all reports which are prepared as a part of this Agreement and delivered to EPA. This

requirement does not apply to reports prepared on forms supplied by EPA, or to Standard Forms, which are printed on recycled paper and are available through the General Services Administration.

State Agencies and Political Subdivisions

In accordance with Section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) (42 U.S.C. 6962) any State agency or agency of a political subdivision of a State which is using appropriated Federal funds shall comply with the requirements set forth. Regulations issued under RCRA Section 6002 apply to any acquisition of an item where the purchase price exceeds \$10,000 or where the quantity of such items acquired in the course of the preceding fiscal year was \$10,000 or more. RCRA Section 6002 requires that preference be given in procurement programs to the purchases of specific products containing recycled materials identified in guidelines developed by EPA. These guidelines are listed in 40 CFR 247.

State and Local Institutions of Higher Education and Non-Profit Organizations

In accordance with 40 CFR 30.16, State and local institutions of higher education, hospitals, and non-profit organizations that receive direct Federal funds shall give preference in their procurement programs funded with Federal funds to the purchase of recycled products pursuant to EPA's guidelines.

State Tribal and Local Government Recipients

In accordance with the policies set forth in EPA Order 1000.25 and Executive Order 13423, Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy and Transportation Management (January 24, 2007), Sub-Recipient agrees to use recycled paper and double sided printing for all reports which are prepared a part of this Agreement and delivered to EPA. This requirement does not apply to reports prepared on forms supplied by EPA, or to Standard Forms, which are printed on recycled paper and are available through the General Services Administration.

6. Lobbying

Sub-Recipient agrees to comply with Title 40 CFR Part 34, *New Restrictions on Lobbying*. Sub-Recipient shall include the language of this provision in award documents for all sub-awards exceeding \$100,000, and require that sub-awardees submit certification and disclosure forms accordingly.

In accordance with the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, any recipient who makes a prohibited expenditure under Title 40 CFR Part 34 or fails to file the required certification or lobbying forms shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each expenditure.

Part 30 Recipients

All contracts awarded by Sub-Recipient shall contain, when applicable, the anti-lobbying provisions as stipulated in the Appendix at Title 40 CFR Part 30.

Pursuant to Section 18 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act, Sub-Recipient affirms that it is not a non-profit organization described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; or that it is a non-profit organization described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Code but does not and will not engage in lobbying activities as defined in Section 3 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act.

Lobbying and Litigation

Sub-Recipient's chief executive officer shall ensure that no grant funds awarded under this Agreement are used to engage in lobbying of the Federal Government or in litigation against the United States unless authorized under existing law. Sub-Recipient shall abide by its respective OMB Circular (A-21, A-87, or A-122), which prohibits the use of Federal grant funds for litigation against the United States or for lobbying or other political activities.

7. Suspension and Debarment

Sub-Recipient shall fully comply with Subpart C of 2 CFR Part 180 and 2 CFR Part 1532, entitled 'Responsibilities of Participants Regarding Transaction (Doing Business with Other Persons)'. Sub-Recipient is responsible for ensuring that any lower tier covered transaction as described in Subpart B of 2 CFR Part 180 and 2 CFR Part 1532, entitled 'Covered Transactions', includes a term or condition requiring compliance with Subpart C. Sub-Recipient is responsible for further requiring the inclusion of a similar term or condition in any subsequent lower tier covered transactions. Sub-Recipient acknowledges that failing to disclose the information as required at 2 CFR 180.335 may result in the delay or negation of this assistance agreement, or pursuance of legal remedies, including suspension and debarment.

Sub-Recipient may access the Excluded Parties List System at: <http://www.epls.gov>. This term and condition supersedes EPA Form 5700-49, 'Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters'.

8. Drug-Free Workplace Certification

The recipient of this EPA assistance agreement must make an ongoing, good faith effort to maintain a drug-free workplace pursuant to the specific requirements set forth in Title 2 CFR Part 1536 Subpart B. Additionally, in accordance with these regulations, the recipient organization must identify all known workplaces under its federal awards, and keep this information on file during the performance of the award.

Those recipients who are individuals must comply with the drug-free provisions set forth in Title 2 CFR Part 1536 Subpart C.

The consequences for violating this condition are detailed under Title 2 CFR Part 1536 Subpart E. Recipients can access the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 2 Part 1536 at <http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov>

9. Management Fees

Management fees or similar charges in excess of the direct costs and approved indirect rates are not allowable. The term "management fees or similar charges" refers to expenses added to the direct costs in order to accumulate and reserve funds for ongoing business expenses, unforeseen liabilities, or for other similar costs which are not allowable under this assistance agreement. Management fees or similar charges may not be used to improve or expand the project funded under this Agreement, except to the extent authorized as a direct cost of carrying out the scope of work.

10. Reimbursement Limitation

If Sub-Recipient expends more than the amount of federal funding in its approved budget in anticipation of receiving additional funds, it does so at its own risk. The Federal Government is not legally obligated to reimburse Sub-Recipient for costs incurred in excess of the approved budget.

11. Trafficking in Persons

The following prohibition statement applies to Sub-Recipient, and all sub-awardees of Sub-Recipient. Sub-Recipient must include this statement in all sub-awards made to any private entity under this Agreement.

"YOU AS THE SUB-RECIPIENT, YOUR EMPLOYEES, SUB-AWARDEES UNDER THIS AWARD, AND SUB-AWARDEES' EMPLOYEES MAY NOT ENGAGE IN SEVERE FORMS OF TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS DURING THE PERIOD OF TIME THAT THE AWARD IS IN EFFECT; PROCURE A COMMERCIAL SEX ACT DURING THE PERIOD OF TIME THAT THE AWARD IS IN EFFECT; OR USE FORCED LABOR IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE AWARD OR SUB-AWARDS UNDER THIS AWARD."

12. Disadvantaged Business enterprise Requirements, General Compliance

Sub-Recipient agrees to comply with the requirements of EPA's Program for Utilization of Small, Minority and Women's Business Enterprises in procurement under assistance agreements, contained in 40 CFR, Part 33.

13. Sub-Awards

If Sub-Recipient makes sub-awards under this Agreement, Sub-Recipient is responsible for selecting its sub-awardees and, if applicable, for conducting sub-award competitions. Sub-Recipient agrees to:

1. Establish all sub-award agreements in writing;
2. Maintain primary responsibility for ensuring successful completion of the approved project (SUB-RECIPIENT CANNOT DELEGATE OR TRANSFER THIS RESPONSIBILITY TO A SUB-AWARDEE).
3. Ensure that any sub-awards comply with the standards in Section 210(a)-(d) of OMB Circular A-133, and are not used to acquire commercial goods or services for the sub-awardee.
4. Ensure that any sub-awards to 501(c)(4) organizations do not involve lobbying activities;
5. Monitor the performance of sub-awardees, and ensure sub-awardees comply with all applicable regulations, statutes, and terms and conditions which flow down in the sub-award;
6. Obtain DFW's consent before making a sub-award to a foreign or international organization, or a sub-award to be performed in a foreign country; and
7. Obtain approval from DFW for any new sub-award work that is not outlined in the approved work plan in accordance with 40 CFR Parts 30.25 and 31.30, as applicable.

14. Federal Employees

No Subcontract or grant funds may be used to provide any Federal Employee transportation assistance, reimbursement, and any other expense.

15. DUNS and CCR Requirements

- A. Requirement for Central Contractor Registration (CCR)/System for Award Management (SAM). Unless you are exempted from this requirement under 2 CFR 25.110, you as the recipient must maintain the currency of your information in the SAM until you submit the final financial report required under this award or receive the final payment, whichever is later. This requires that you review and update the information at least annually after the initial registration, and more frequently if required by changes in your information or another award term.
- B. Requirement for Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) numbers. If you are authorized to make subawards under this award, you:
 1. Must notify potential subrecipients that no entity (see definition in paragraph C of this award term) may receive a subaward from you unless the entity has provided its DUNS number to you.
 2. May not make a subaward to an entity unless the entity has provided its DUNS number to you.
- C. Definitions. For purposes of this award term:
 1. Central Contractor Registration (CCR)/System for Award Management (SAM) means the Federal repository into which an entity must provide information required for the conduct of business as a recipient. Additional information about registration procedures may be found at the System for Award Management (SAM) Internet site <http://www.sam.gov>.
 2. Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number means the nine-digit number established and assigned by Dun and Bradstreet, Inc. (D&B) to uniquely identify business entities. A DUNS number may be obtained from D&B by telephone (currently 866-705-5711) or the Internet (currently at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>).
 3. Entitv. as it is used in this award term, means all of the following, as defined at 2 CFR part 25, subpart C:
 - a. A Governmental organization, which is a State, local government, or Indian tribe;
 - b. A foreign public entity;
 - c. A domestic or foreign nonprofit organization;
 - d. A domestic or foreign for-profit organization; and
 - e. A Federal agency, but only as a subrecipient under an award or subaward to a non-Federal entity.
 4. Subaward:
 - a. This term means a legal instrument to provide support for the performance of any portion of the substantive project or program for which you received this award and that you as the recipient award to an eligible subrecipient.
 - b. The term does not include your procurement of property and services needed to carry out the project or program (for further explanation, see Sec. --.210 of the attachment to OMS Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations").
 - c. A subaward may be provided through any legal agreement, including an agreement that you consider a contract.
 5. Subrecipient means an entity that:
 - a. Receives a subaward from you under this award; and

- b. Is accountable to you for the use of the Federal funds provided by the subaward.

16. Fly America Act

The Contractor agrees to comply with 49 USC 40118 (the "Fly America" act) in accordance with the General Services Administration's regulations at 41 CFR Part 301-10, which provide that recipients and subrecipients of Federal funds and their contractors are required to use U.S. Flag air carriers for U.S. Government-financed international air travel and transportation of their personal effects or property, to the extent such service is available, unless travel by foreign air carrier is a matter of necessity, as defined by the Fly America Act. The Contractor shall submit, if a foreign air carrier was used, an appropriate certification or memorandum adequately explaining why service by U.S. flag air carrier was not available or why it was necessary to use a foreign air carrier and shall, in any event, provide a certificate of compliance with the Fly America requirements. The Contractor agrees to include the requirements of this section in all subcontracts that may involve international air transportation.

17. Recovered Materials

The Contractor agrees to comply with all the requirements of Section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as amended (42 USC 6962), including but not limited to the regulatory provisions of 40 CFR Part 247, and Executive Order 12873, as they apply to the procurement of the items designated in Subpart B of 40 CFR Part 247.

18. Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act

All contracts and subgrants in excess of \$2000 for construction or repair awarded by recipients and subrecipients shall include a provision for compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (18 U.S.C. 874), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR part 3, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States"). The Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient shall be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he is otherwise entitled. The recipient shall report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

19. Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 276a to a-7)

When required by Federal program legislation, all construction contracts awarded by the recipients and subrecipients of more than \$2000 shall include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 276a to a-7) and as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Governing Federally Financed and Assisted Construction"). Under this Act, contractors shall be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the minimum wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors shall be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The recipient shall place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation and the award of a contract shall be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The recipient shall report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

20. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 327-333)

Where applicable, all contracts awarded by recipients in excess of \$2000 for construction contracts and in excess of \$2500 for other contracts that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers shall include a provision for compliance with Sections 102 and 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 327-333), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR part 5). Under Section 102 of the Act, each contractor shall be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than 1 1/2 times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. Section 107 of the Act is applicable to construction work and provides that no laborer or mechanic shall be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

21. Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement

Contracts or agreements for the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work shall provide for the rights of the Federal Government and the recipient in any resulting invention in accordance with 37 CFR part 401, "Rights to Inventions made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

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22. FY12 APPR ACT: Unpaid Federal Tax liabilities and Federal Felony Convictions

This award is subject to the provisions contained in the Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012, HR 2055, Division E, Sections 433 and 434 regarding unpaid federal tax liabilities and federal felony convictions. Accordingly, by accepting this award the recipient acknowledges that it (1) is not subject to any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability, and (2) has not been convicted (or had an officer or agent acting on its behalf convicted) of a felony criminal conviction under and Federal law within 24 months preceding the award, unless EPA has considered suspension or debarment of the corporation, or such officer or agent, based on these tax liabilities or convictions and determined that such action is not necessary to such action is not necessary to protect the Government's interests. If the recipient fails to comply with these provisions, EPA will annul this agreement and may recover any funds the recipient has expended in violation of sections 433 and 434.

23. CIVIL RIGHTS OBLIGATIONS

a) GENERAL

This term and condition incorporates by reference the signed assurance provided by the recipient's authorized representative on: 1) EPA Form 4700-4, "Preaward Compliance Review Report for All Applicants and Recipients Requesting EPA Financial Assistance"; and 2) Standard Form 4248 or Standard Form 424D, as applicable. These assurances and this term and condition obligate the recipient to comply fully with applicable civil rights statutes and implementing EPA regulations.

b) STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

In carrying out this agreement, the recipient must comply with:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination based on race, color, and national origin, including limited English proficiency (LEP), by entities receiving Federal financial assistance.
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities by entities receiving Federal financial assistance; and
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, which prohibits age discrimination by entities receiving Federal financial assistance.

If the recipient is conducting an education program under this agreement, it must also comply with:

- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities operated by entities receiving Federal financial assistance.

If this agreement is funded with financial assistance under the Clean Water Act (CWA), the recipient must also comply with:

- Section 13 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in CWA-funded programs or activities.

c) REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

The recipient agrees to comply with all applicable EPA civil rights regulations, including:

- For Title IX obligations, 40 C.F.R. Part 5; and
- For Title VI, Section 504, Age Discrimination Act, and Section 13 obligations, 40 C.F.R. Part 7.
- As noted on the EPA Form 4700-4 signed by the recipient's authorized representative, these regulations establish specific requirements including maintaining compliance information, establishing grievance procedures, designating a Civil Rights Coordinator, and providing notices of non-discrimination.

d) TITLE VI-LEP, Public Participation and Affirmative Compliance Obligation

- As a recipient of EPA financial assistance, you are required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act to provide meaningful access to LEP individuals. In implementing that requirement, the recipient

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agrees to use as a guide the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) document entitled "*Guidance to Environmental Protection Agency Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons.*" The guidance can be found at http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2004_register&docid=fr25jn04-79.pdf

- If the recipient is administering permitting programs under this agreement, the recipient agrees to use as a guide OCR's Title VI Public Involvement Guidance for EPA Assistance Recipients Administering Environmental Permitting Programs. The Guidance can be found at <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/pdf/06-2691.pdf>.
- In accepting this assistance agreement, the recipient acknowledges it has an affirmative obligation to implement effective Title VI compliance programs and ensure that its actions do not involve discriminatory treatment and do not have discriminatory effects even when facially neutral. The recipient must be prepared to demonstrate to EPA that such compliance programs exist and are being implemented or to otherwise demonstrate how it is meeting its Title VI obligations.

Programmatic Conditions:

1. Semi-Annual FEATS Performance Reports

Sub-Recipient is required to submit performance reports every six months, unless a different reporting frequency is outlined in the Scope of Work, using the reporting tool supplied by DFW. Sub-Recipient agrees to include brief information on each of the following areas:

a comparison of actual accomplishments to the outputs/outcomes established in the assistance agreement work plan for the period;
the reasons for slippages if established outputs/outcomes were not met;
additional pertinent information, including when appropriate, analysis and information of cost overruns or high unit costs.

Reporting periods are from October 1 to March 31 and April 1 to September 30. Performance reports are due to DFW 15 calendar days after the end of each reporting period.

2. Final Performance Report

In addition to the periodic performance reports, the sub-recipient will submit a final performance report to DFW within 60 calendar days after the expiration or termination of the award. The report shall be submitted to the DFW Grant Manager and must be provided electronically. The report shall generally contain the same information as in the periodic reports, but should cover the entire project period.

3. Recognition of EPA Funding

Reports, documents, signage, videos, or other media, developed as part of projects funded by this Agreement shall contain the following statement:

"THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN FUNDED WHOLLY OR IN PART BY THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY UNDER ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT PC 00J29801 TO WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE. THE CONTENTS OF THIS DOCUMENT DO NOT NECESSARILY REFLECT THE VIEWS AND POLICIES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, NOR DOES MENTION OF TRADE NAMES OR COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS CONSTITUTE ENDORSEMENT OR RECOMMENDATION FOR USE."

4. Copyrighted Material

EPA has the right to reproduce, publish, use, and authorize others to use copyrighted works or other data developed under this assistance agreement for Federal purposes.

DFW acknowledges that EPA may authorize another grantee to use copyrighted works or other data developed under this Agreement as a result of: a) the selection of another grantee by EPA to perform a project that will involve the use of the copyrighted works or other data or; b) termination or expiration of this agreement.

5. Peer Review

The results of this project may affect management decisions relating to Puget Sound. Prior to finalizing any significant technical products the Principal Investigator (PI) of this project must solicit advice, review

and feedback from a technical review or advisory group consisting of relevant subject matter specialists. A record of comments and a brief description of how respective comments are addressed by the PI will be provided to the DFW Program Manager prior to releasing any final reports or products resulting from the funded study.

6. Quality Assurance Requirements

Acceptable Quality Assurance documentation must be submitted to the Grant Program within 30 days of acceptance of this agreement or another date as negotiated with the DFW grants manager. The National Estuary Program (NEP) Quality Coordinator supports quality assurance for EPA-funded NEP projects. No work involving direct measurements or data generation, environmental modeling, compilation of data from literature or electronic media, and data supporting the design, construction, and operation of environmental technology shall be initiated under an agreement until DFW or the NEP Quality Coordinator has approved the quality assurance document. The sub-recipient will submit all Quality Assurance documentation to the following address. Please copy the Grant Program on all correspondence with the NEP Quality Coordinator.

Thomas H. Gries, NEP Quality Coordinator
Department of Ecology
Tgri460@ecy.wa.gov
360.407.6327

7. Environmental Data and Information Technology

Sub-recipients are required to institute standardized reporting requirements into their work plans and include such costs in their budgets. All environmental data will be required to be entered into the EPA's Storage and Retrieval data system (STORET). The best method (local or state consolidated) for reporting will be determined on a project-by-project basis between the DFW grant manager and sub-recipient. More information about STORET can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/STORET>.

Additional Term and Condition for Agricultural Landowners

Riparian Buffer Term for Agricultural Landowners

"To be eligible for NEP implementation funding, provided directly or through a subaward, a private agricultural land owner whose property borders fresh or estuarine waters must establish and maintain a riparian buffer on all water courses on the property consistent with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) guidelines for Riparian Buffers Along Agricultural Water Courses in NW Washington and NRCS guidance on the NMFS guidelines. A land owner may be excluded from meeting this requirement if the funding is used solely for removal of shoreline armoring, onsite sewage system repair or replacement, engineered dike setbacks, or culvert or tide-gate replacements that provide for fish passage at all life stages. In some cases, the NMFS recommendations are framed in terms of ranges of buffer widths rather than point estimates, and expressed as probabilities of achieving desired outcomes. Local conditions and local circumstances matter, and may affect the choice of the riparian buffer most effective at achieving salmon recovery. Buffer widths may be less than specified in the table in cases where there is a scientific basis for doing so and all affected tribes in the watershed agree to deviations from the NMFS guidelines or where there are physical constraints on an individual parcel (e.g. transportation corridors, structures, naturally occurring