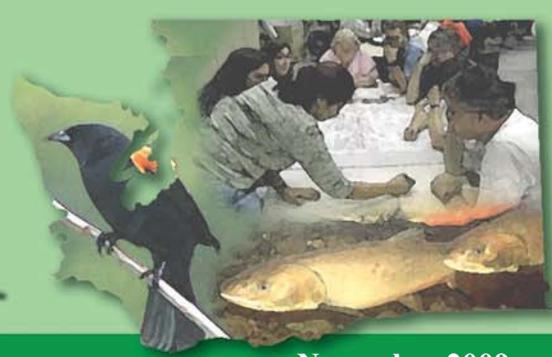


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New guidance for planners involved in salmonid protection and recovery

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A new online WDFW publication has just been released to assist local governments that are involved in planning for salmonids. There are many sources of best available science on watershed processes, riparian and wetland management, and related topics. However, little guidance is available to help planners translate scientific recommendations into meaningful language that can easily and practically be applied to local government planning programs.

Land Use Planning for Salmon, Steelhead and Trout was recently published to provide information on salmonid recovery efforts, sources of scientific guidance, and model policies and development regulations to help jurisdictions carry out salmonid recovery. Included also are examples of policies and regulations from jurisdictions throughout Washington State.

Five key habitat functions have been highlighted in this publication to inform salmonid-related planning efforts. These are flow regime (the amount, location and timing of water flow), water quality (temperature and chemistry), habitat structure (boulders, large woody debris, substrate size), food source (terrestrial and aquatic invertebrates, forage fish) and access (habitat connectivity). All these functions are influenced by in-stream physical characteristics as well as upland watershed processes that affect habitat. To address planning for these habitat functions, tools such as management of riparian areas and stormwater runoff are discussed, followed by specific policy and regulatory language.

Washington State has multiple efforts underway to recover salmonid populations, including federally approved regional salmon recovery plans and lead entity strategies that guide on-the-ground restoration and acquisition projects. Yet regional recovery projects are often disconnected from local land use planning initiatives. To bridge this gap, this publication provides recommendations to link local land use decisions with priorities identified in ESA regional recovery plans. It also serves as a planner's desk-top reference with numerous sources of salmonid-related planning and scientific resources.

This guidance aims to provide technical assistance that is applicable to the specific needs of local governments. It went through extensive review including internal vetting by a WDFW cross-program technical review team, external endorsement by the Washington State Aquatic Habitat Guidelines Program (a multi-state agency group) as well as a broad public review.

Local governments are in a unique position to restore and protect salmonid habitat in their planning programs to help return these iconic fish to thriving numbers. *Land Use Planning for Salmon, Steelhead and Trout* is a key resource for updating GMA plans and regulations (e.g., critical area ordinances) and for revisions of Shoreline Master Programs mandated by the SMA. This publication as well as a public comment response matrix is available online at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/habitat/plannersguide/index.html>. For more information about this publication, please direct your questions to Katie Knight at 360-902-2618 or katie.knight@fdw.wa.gov.



Sockeye Salmon

Photo from WDFW WildWatch Cam



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LandScope : a new online resource for the land-protection community and the public

By Chris Sato, *Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife*

[LandScope America](#) is a new collaborative project of [NatureServe](#) and the [National Geographic Society](#). It is an online conservation and educational resource for professionals as well as for the general public. Developed with the assistance of more than 140 public and private partner organizations, LandScope America is designed to increase the pace and effectiveness of conservation action and investment.

LandScope's aim is to encourage the public to explore important places and topics, focus and plan conservation efforts, and to take action to conserve open space. The website brings together maps, data and other information about the environment from many sources



Photo Courtesy of [CLT](#)

Columbia Land Trust's work at the Grays Bay estuary is one of the projects highlighted in LandScope's interactive mapping tool.

and presents them in dynamic and accessible formats. This comprehensive, user-friendly website incorporates interactive, data-rich maps portraying conservation priorities with photos, video, and stories about local conservation efforts and important places.

Washington was selected to be one of five pilot states where more extensive content has been included in the state's home page. [LandScope Washington](#) includes a step-by-step guide on how to identify priority places within a region or area of interest. [Identifying Priority Places: a Practitioner's Guide](#) can help local communities think about ways they can identify local places of ecological importance. In addition, Washington's LandScope page includes a number of links to existing tools that have been developed to identify [conservation priority](#) areas throughout the state.

Other useful LandScope features include a page directing viewers to a variety of non-regulatory tools that can be used to protect local and regionally important lands. This includes links to an assortment of federally funded programs, opportunities to work with local land trusts, as well as a variety of other [programs and resources](#) that are available to Washington landowners.

LandScope Washington also offers an interactive map that can be adjusted by the user for a customized look at many different types of conservation efforts across the state. New information is frequently being added to the map, so we encourage you to periodically view this [online](#) map to keep up with any new conservation activities that are going on locally. We also encourage users to suggest any additional conservation projects to be added to this interactive map.

Although many more features and functions will be coming soon, we are ready for you to try it out, comment, and help us improve the site. To share your thoughts, contribute information, or to make suggestions please go to <http://www.landscape.org/about/contact/>.

Conferences, workshops & training

- **2009 Washington Planners' Forums:**

Winter Forums

- Jan 21 – Southwest Wash. – Location TBD,Email Contact: [Joyce Phillips](#)
- Jan 15 – Olympic Peninsula – Location TBD,.....Email Contact: [Tim Gates](#)
- Jan 20 – Northwest Wash. – Burlington City Hall, Burlington.....Email Contact: [Doug Peters](#)
- Jan 28 – Eastern Wash. – Big Bend C.C., Moses Lake.Email Contact: [Dee Caputo](#)

Forums provide an opportunity for planners, planning commissioners and elected officials to talk about local issues, share ideas, and receive updates from state and federal agencies whose work may affect land use. Date and location are subject to change, so make sure to email the forum contact prior to attendance. Email the contact person for a copy of the agenda for upcoming forums.

- **New Partners for Smart Growth Conference**

Join us from February 4-6, 2010 in Seattle for the latest in smart growth. The program will include the latest research, cutting-edge implementation tools and techniques, best practices, model projects, policies and codes, and interactive learning experiences. The registration deadline is January 15, 2010.

- **State of the Salmon Conference**

Save the date. From May 4–7, 2010, the State of the Salmon Program will host an international conference in Portland, Oregon entitled: “Ecological Interactions between Wild and Hatchery Salmon.” Abstracts and registration information will be posted soon. Inquiries about this conference should be emailed to inquiries@stateofthesalmon.org.

- **APA's 2010 National Planning Conference**

Save the date. New Orleans, Louisiana plays host to the American Planning Association's National Planning Conference, April 10–13, 2010. Planners, students, and citizens are expected to enjoy sessions, mobile workshops, training seminars, and networking opportunities. More information about this conference can be found at <http://www.planning.org/conference/>.

- **2010 Western Planner / Planning Association of Washington Conference**

Save the date. This year's conference will honor the lasting legacies and living landscapes found throughout Washington. The conference will be held August 10–13, 2010 in Vancouver, Washington. Questions about the conference can be directed to Brian Frampton at (509) 888-3253 or bframpton@wenatchewa.gov.

- **Coastal Management Courses**

The Coastal Training Program (CTP) is a coordinated effort between several agencies to provide practical, science-based training to professionals who make decisions about coastal management in Washington. CTP offers valuable courses for shoreline planners and coastal resource managers. The upcoming course schedule can be found on [CTP's](#) website.

- **Short Courses/Planning Education**

Free three-hour workshops explain the legal basis of planning in Washington, basics of comprehensive planning and implementation, and the role of planning commissions. The upcoming schedule is on the [Department of Commerce's](#) website. Courses are scheduled at the request of communities and are open to the public. Everyone who attends receives a course manual. Call or email [Janet Rogerson](#) with questions at 360.725.3047.

Grant opportunities

- **Puget Sound Watershed Management Assistance Grants**

The Environmental Protection Agency will be issuing a competitive grant announcement, soliciting proposals under Puget Sound Watershed Management Assistance Program. The program will assist local and tribal governments as they implement the Puget Sound Partnership's Action Agenda, support protection and restoration of high value aquatic resources, and enhance local programs in areas threatened by growth. Successful proposals are expected to achieve measurable outcomes through protection and recovery of water quality and aquatic resources across watersheds. The deadline for submitting a proposal is January 5, 2010. Questions about this grant can be directed to Dan Steinborn at steinborn.daniel@epa.gov.
- **State Wildlife Competitive Grant Program**

Applications must address eligible issues identified in USFWS-approved State Wildlife Action Plans or emerging issues (such as climate change effects on Species of Greatest Conservation Need). Although only designated State fish and wildlife agencies can apply for and receive grant funds under this program, cooperative conservation projects are encouraged. The application deadline is January 8, 2010.
- **River restoration grants**

American Rivers, through its partnership with NOAA's Community-based Restoration Program, provides funding for dam removal or fish passage projects to individuals and organizations such as civic associations and conservation groups; state, local and tribal governments; and other commercial and non-profit organizations. The partnership funds projects that benefit anadromous fish and support the restoration of habitat for anadromous species. Applications are due by December 18 for project funding in 2010. Questions can be directed to Serena McClain at rivergrants@AmericanRivers.org.
- **Get your community involved in watershed restoration**

The Bonneville Environmental Foundation (BEF) supports science-based watershed restoration initiatives that demonstrate strong community engagement and strive to implement a long-term restoration approach. Awards range from \$5,000 to \$40,000 annually for up to a 10-year period. BEF accepts letters of inquiry on an open basis, and there is no official cycle for the review and solicitation of proposed Model Watershed Projects. Any individual, organization, tribe, or local government in the Pacific Northwest may submit a letter of inquiry.
- **Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office grants**

The Recreation and Conservation Funding Board administers several grant programs for recreation and habitat conservation purposes. Depending on the program, eligible project applicants include cities, towns, counties, and ports, Native American tribes, state agencies, and in some cases, federal agencies and nonprofit organizations.
- **Columbia Basin Water Transaction Program**

As a result of water withdrawals during the peak growing season, stretches of many streams and rivers run low – and sometimes dry – with significant consequences for imperiled salmon, steelhead, trout and other creatures. Using permanent acquisitions, leases, investments in efficiency and other incentive-based approaches, the CBWTP supports program partners in the Columbia Basin by assisting landowners who wish to restore flow.

The CBWTP is managed by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation working in partnership with the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). The majority of funding is provided by BPA in cooperation with the Northwest Power and Conservation Council.
- **Additional grant opportunities**
 - Click [HERE](#) to use the federal government's primary grant search engine.
 - The Association of Washington Cities has an electronic newsletter called "[Grant Alert](#)." Many grants are relevant to natural resource issues affecting cities throughout Washington.
 - The Washington Department of Commerce administers a website dedicated to grants relevant to GMA planning activities. Click [HERE](#) to view this page.
 - The Washington Biodiversity Project provides an overview of opportunities to receive grants and incentives for projects that lead to the conservation of Washington's biodiversity [HERE](#).

WDFW contacts for fish and wildlife planning

GMA and SMA Technical Assistance Web Page:

http://wdfw.wa.gov/conservation/habitat/planning/gma_sma/index.html

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