



Salmon play a vital role in Washington's environment, economy, and cultural heritage.

- At least 138 species, ranging from insects to orcas, depend on salmon for food.
- Salmon help support tens of thousands of jobs and millions of dollars in economic impacts each year in Washington.
- Salmon have played an integral part of religion, culture, and sustenance for tribes in the Pacific Northwest since time immemorial.

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Supporting local governments to achieve salmon recovery goals | \$1.3M

There is an urgent need to protect existing habitat and restore degraded and lost habitat to ensure the region's billions of dollars of investments in salmon protection and recovery have a chance to be successful.

Achieving salmon recovery goals directly depends on land use decisions made at the city and county levels. However, local governments need additional support and guidance to integrate considerations of salmon recovery more effectively into local plans.

Local governments focus primarily on voluntary restoration and may not directly tie patterns and plans for human development to the conditions necessary for salmon recovery.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is requesting additional staff capacity (8.5 full-time equivalent positions) to help local governments achieve salmon recovery goals and outcomes.

Focused initially on King, Kitsap, Pierce, and Snohomish counties, WDFW will assist local partners in revising their Comprehensive Plans and Critical Areas Ordinances during their next scheduled Growth Management Act (GMA) periodic update, which occurs only once every eight years.

WDFW needs this added capacity immediately, as King, Kitsap, Pierce, and Snohomish counties (and the cities/town within them) will begin working on their GMA updates in July 2022 to meet their June 2024 deadline.

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