

One-time requests funded ongoing



2025 agency request to continue funding

In the 2023-2025 biennium, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) secured one-time funding for several initiatives. The agency is requesting ongoing funding for these initiatives to continue to build on this critical work. If funding is not secured, this work will conclude on June 30, 2025.

This funding aims to:

- Salmon and steelhead monitoring (\$1.6 million): Support critical fisheries monitoring conservation and recovery.
- Quagga and zebra mussel prevention (\$7.2 million): Address the \$100+ million annual threat to Washington's resources.
- Wildlife disease response (\$3.7 million): Increase capacity to monitor, assess, and reduce the prevalence of wildlife diseases, and to address the first confirmed case of Chronic Wasting Disease in Washington.
- Riparian systems assessment (\$2 million): Increase riparian habitat by 10% and enhance restoration efforts.
- Wolf recovery (\$1 million): Continue to implement non-lethal strategies for wolf-livestock conflicts and support wolf recovery.
- Streamflow policy support (\$1.1 million): Support streamflow policy by creating a strategic long-term vision for Washington's water management.
- Columbia River Endangered Species Act (ESA) permitting (\$1.4 million): Expand staffing for ESA-fishery permits and enhance conservation goals for fisheries.
- Pinniped predation (\$3.1 million): Manage pinniped predation on ESA-listed salmon and steelhead in the Columbia River, and monitor abundance and diet and evaluate non-lethal deterrence strategies in the Puget Sound and Washington coast.
- Toutle and Skamania hatcheries (\$1.9 million): Address funding shortfall for two hatcheries that produce 17 million salmon and steelhead in the Lower Columbia River.
- Dungeness crab fishery management (\$0.6 million): Ensure accurate data for Dungeness crab fishery management.
- Fish passage (\$0.8 million): Develop statewide strategy for fish passage barrier removal.
- Lake Washington sockeye predator support (\$1.4 million): Address predators that prey on sockeye in Lake Washington.
- Wolf Advisory Group (WAG) (\$0.3 million): Sustain WAG's inclusive wolf management strategies.

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