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King County Flood Control District grants to go toward WRIA 10 White & Puyallup Rivers

Today the King County Flood Control District approved nearly \$233,000 in grants to support ongoing salmon recovery efforts in the White and Puyallup Rivers or Watershed Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 10. These funds were part of \$4.6 million the District approved as part of the Cooperative Watershed Management Grant Program.

“The protection of salmon and their habitat is one of my priorities on the King County Council,” said King County Flood Control District Supervisor Pete von Reichbauer. “The \$233,000 in grants will help us monitor the spawning and outmigration of salmon in the White and Puyallup Rivers, and help salmon specialists determine if our efforts to protect these habitats are working.”

“When we invest in restoring King County’s critical habitats we invest in the future of our region’s ecosystems,” said Reagan Dunn, Chair of the Flood Control District. “I look forward to seeing the results of these projects throughout our four major watersheds.”

Greenwater Phase 4 Design as sponsored by South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group will receive \$85,000 to go toward restoring river processes to benefit to adult spawning and juvenile rearing salmon populations on the Greenwater River. The Greenwater River is one of the largest producers of Spring Chinook, coho, pink, and steelhead in the upper White River watershed.

White River Juvenile Salmon Production Assessment as sponsored by the Puyallup Tribe will receive \$147,807. This project will monitor the outmigration of juvenile salmon on the White River to establish abundance estimates, run timing and biological characteristics of ESA listed salmon species, Chinook and steelhead.

Grant recipients participating in the Cooperative Watershed Management Grant Program must address high priority habitats or watershed processes that significantly influence productivity in each basin. To ensure high quality projects, only those that have been scientifically vetted and ranked competitively by their respective WRIA Forum are candidates for funding. Cities, towns, special districts, public schools, King County, federally recognized tribes and non-profits are eligible to apply for the grants.

The Flood Control District Executive Committee oversees project selections and King County’s Water and Land Resources Division administers the grant allocation process. The Flood Control District board will pursue on-going funding for future watershed management actions given the relationship between flood control and stormwater projects and cooperative watershed management.

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