



# BALANCING FISH, FARMS, AND FLOODS

## **Buffer Task Force - Snoqualmie Watershed**

Implement a buffer task force initiative to provide a riparian buffer strategy that balances salmon recovery with agricultural viability, and develop a long-term strategy for agricultural land management in the Snoqualmie Agricultural Production District. Current guidelines for planting riparian buffers lack flexibility for site- and waterway-specific modifications and have resulted in lost opportunities.

Exploring alternative buffer widths and related agricultural benefits or impacts may help open up pathways for locations and types of buffers that both improve salmon populations and have agricultural community support. Supports the Floodplains Implementation Strategy pathway for implementing corridor projects in floodplains and the Land Development/Cover Implementation Strategy pathway for the preservation of ecologically important lands within working lands and rural areas.

Vital Signs  
Improved

Estuaries,  
Chinook, Toxics in  
Fish, Freshwater  
Quality, and  
Economic Vitality

Freshwater and  
Estuarine  
Protection and  
Restoration

Integrated  
Planning

\$200,000

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