



2018 Forum Highlights




Cooperative Watershed Management Grant Allocation

- The Forum's Cooperative Watershed Management (CWM) grant program funded by the King County Flood Control District (FCD) allocated **\$898,791 to 16 conservation projects**:
 - 2 In-stream Habitat Restoration projects
 - 7 Riparian Restoration and Invasive Weed Control projects
 - 2 Assessment projects
 - 1 Technical Assistance project
 - 1 Restoration Maintenance project
 - 3 Education and Planning programs

*Since 1998, with funding from the King Conservation District and KC Flood Control District, the Forum has allocated **\$12.4M to 258 projects, leveraging approximately \$35.5M** from other funding sources.*

Capital Project Implementation

- Project partners implemented **significant restoration projects** in 2018, including:

-  Adopt-A-Stream Foundation completed stream restoration, riparian planting and large wood debris placement along Griffin Creek at King County's Griffin Creek Natural Area.
-  King County's Tolt San Souci Floodplain Restoration Project removed a 450 foot revetment along the Tolt River, reconnecting 60 acres of floodplain and up to 5,400 feet of historic side channels.
-  King County removed 300 feet of recently exposed levee at Tolt MacDonald Park



Tolt San Souci Levee Removal

Project Assistance and Coordination

- Developed a **strategic 10-year Salmon Habitat Project List** charting the course of project implementation through 2025.
- Served on the Project Selection subcommittee for WRIA7's **2018 Salmon Recovery Funding Board grant round**, allocating \$3.1 million. In the Snoqualmie/South Fork Skykomish Watersheds, King County's Barfuse/Hafner Floodplain Restoration Project was recommended to receive \$1M.
- Hosted a **Snohomish Basin Project Working Group** meeting, with 18 participants.
- Provided **grant writing and fundraising services** to watershed partners on 8 project proposals.
- Provided **project assistance and project site visits** to the City of North Bend, City of Snoqualmie, Snoqualmie Tribe, Tulalip Tribes, King County, Forterra, Wild Fish Conservancy, and Ducks Unlimited.

Technical and Policy Initiatives

- Helped advance **technical studies** to inform future projects: installing temperature probes on the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River; conducting Chinook yearling sampling; identifying reaches for future coho urban runoff syndrome surveys; and sampling water quality in the Snoqualmie River Fall City area to identify sources of harmful bacteria.
- Participate in a multi-jurisdictional coalition, Snoqualmie Coordination Advisory Team (SnoSCAT), organized around temperature issues in the Snoqualmie Watershed with a particular interest in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie.
- Provided technical input to assist with the completion of the **Snoqualmie River habitat survey report**.
- Provided **comments letters** on proposed changes to the federal Endangered Species Act and the state Southern Resident Killer Whale Task Force proposal.
- Participated in the City of Duvall's Tree Ordinance advisory committee meetings.
- Secured \$200,000 in funding for **Buffer Task Force**, led the formation of the task force, and supported the **Fish, Farm, Flood 2.0** effort by staffing the oversight committee and two task forces.
- **Represented Snoqualmie Forum's interests in multi-stakeholder processes** at the local and regional scale. Key initiatives this year included:
 - 🐟 Co-Chaired the Snohomish LIO Implementation Committee and developed a prioritized list of Near Term Actions for the Puget Sound Action Agenda;
 - 🐟 Co-Chaired the Snohomish Basin Salmon Recovery Technical Committee;
 - 🐟 Secured a membership seat for the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum on the Snohomish Basin Salmon Recovery Forum, and appointed primary and alternate representatives; and
 - 🐟 Represented the Forum on the WDFW Snoqualmie Wildlife Area Advisory Committee.

Information Sharing and Outreach Efforts

- Hosted the annual **project tour** of City of North Bend, City of Snoqualmie and King County priority projects in the Upper Snoqualmie Watershed (40 participants).
- Produced two Snoqualmie Watershed Forum **e-newsletters** in April and September, with a third in the works for December.
- Developed and shared **legislative priorities** to support state and federal funding for watershed health.
- Created **Status of Salmon in the Snohomish/Snoqualmie Basin**, a 2-page flyer with salmon return and outmigrant numbers, as well as tips for improving watershed health.
- Promoted and distributed the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum **poster**.
- Conducted a **communications survey** focused on meeting topics and areas for outreach and behavior change.
- Sponsored three new salmon viewing sites in the Snoqualmie Valley as part of the annual **Salmon SEEson** program.

