King County Farm, Fish, Flood 2.0 Buffer Task Force

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Snohomish Basin Salmon Recovery Forum
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150 ft. buffer

Farm A
51% within 150 ft buffer

Farm B
41% within 150 ft buffer
Buffer Task Force – nuts and bolts

Task Force identified as a priority from the Fish Caucus during Farm, Fish, Flood 1.0

Funded through a Snohomish Basin Near Term Action, funding from EPA National Estuary Program ($200,000)

Three key deliverables
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1: **Buffer best available science.** Research and document processes provided by variable width buffers in areas like the Snoqualmie Valley.

2: **Agriculture Issues Paper.** Paper addressing the pros and cons to planting buffers on agriculture lands.

3: **Buffer Decision Tool.** Overlay of scientific understanding, policy and local knowledge.
Accomplishments
Selected 9 person technical committee
Held 1:1 interviews with majority of Task Force members
Kick off meeting June 20th, 18 attendees
October 17, 2018, 23 attendees

Upcoming Work
Technical Team drafting Synthesis of Riparian Best Available Science to inform variable buffer widths
Technical Team working draft of Agricultural Issues Paper
Next meeting December 12
Draft Agenda for October meeting

- State of the Salmon
- Agriculture paper & BAS detailed outline
- How to sort the numerous waterways in the Snoqualmie APD