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GF-S, \$481K

Watershed Steward
(\$191K FY23, \$163K Ongoing)

Fish Passage Barrier Survey
(\$200K One-time)

Water Quality Assessment
(\$60K One-time)

Partnership with Local Schools
(\$30K One-time)

Access the new [DNR Watershed Connect](#) interactive map.

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2022 DNR Legislative Priorities: Watershed Resilience Action Plan Implementation

The Washington Department of Natural Resources is committed to doing our part to recover salmon.

DNR is launching a Watershed Resilience Action Plan for the Snohomish Watershed (WRIA 7). This 10-year plan lays out a variety of critical actions to restore and protect habitat from the Puget Sound to the mountain headwaters – from tree to sea. DNR’s request for an investment in salmon in the 2022 session will provide essential new data that will drive future investments and provide benefits for salmon, people and communities.

DNR is asking for a legislative investment in critical salmon recovery projects prioritized in the Watershed Resilience Action Plan, including a **Watershed Steward** to lead and coordinate implementation of the plan, a **fish passage barrier survey** coordinated with small forest land owners, a **water quality assessment** to identify contamination harmful to salmon populations, and advancing opportunities to **partner with local schools** to have WRIA 7 serve as an outdoor classroom for salmon recovery.

Why WRIA 7?

Investing in WRIA 7 will address:

- Significant DNR-managed lands, both aquatic and terrestrial;
- Large percentage of federal forest lands which present opportunities for shared stewardship between DNR and the U.S. Forest Service;
- Urban forestry priority planting acres and environmental justice opportunities;
- Threat of conversion of working forestland to non-forest land use, especially small forest landowners;
- High number of fish passage barriers;
- Significant presence of derelict vessels and creosote in the estuary;
- Opportunities to protect kelp forests and eelgrass meadows in the nearshore.

