

WRIA 13: Deschutes Salmon Habitat Recovery Lead Entity Request for Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) and Puget Sound Acquisition & Restoration (PSAR) Funds Project Proposals 2026

Letter of Intent Due Date:	January 30, 2026
Presentation of Project(s) Lead Entity:	February 11, 2026
Complete Proposals Due Date:	March 24, 2026
Site Visits to project site:	April 8, 2026
Ranking meeting presentation:	May 27, 2026

Background

The Washington State Legislature established the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) in 1999 to administer state and federal funding and to assist with a broad range of salmon-related activities. Its primary goal is to aid the recovery of salmonids (salmon, trout, and steelhead) by providing grants.

The Water Resource Inventory Area 13 – Deschutes Lead Entity is soliciting project proposals for salmonids habitat restoration and conservation projects in the Deschutes and associated watersheds (the boundaries of WRIA 13 include the streams that drain into Henderson, Budd and the eastern portion of Eld Inlets).

Some important points to consider:

- The SRFB funds projects that protect or restore salmonid habitat.
- Applicants must request at least \$5,000.
- Applicants must provide money or resources to match 15 percent or more of the grant (there are some exceptions).
- Applicants must demonstrate a commitment to 10 years or more of stewardship for the project.
- Projects must be finished within two to three years.

Projects must be identified on the current 4-year-work-program as high priority actions. The Technical and Citizen Committee members of the Lead Entity will evaluate and rank the proposals in accordance with RCW 77.85 and submit the final project list to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board for funding consideration.

The Salmon Habitat Protection and Restoration Plan for Water Resource Inventory Area 13 – Deschutes identifies and prioritizes projects that protect and restore habitat for salmonids that occur in the marine and freshwater environments of Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 13. The strategy is intended to focus freshwater restoration efforts towards the benefit of coho salmon, which are in a downward trend in South Puget Sound, and preservation of freshwater habitats for the benefit of coho and chum salmon. Chum salmon in South Puget Sound are healthy and it is the WRIA 13 Habitat Workgroup's intent to sustain these healthy populations.

Strategic goals:

1. Protect habitat through conservation easements and acquisition where the habitat is intact
2. Restore functions in areas where natural processes can be recovered, not just symptoms treated
3. Address gaps in our knowledge of fish populations, fish use, and condition of natural processes
4. Give priority to projects that directly benefit high priority salmonid stocks
5. Give priority to intact watersheds

**TABLE 4 (FROM WRIA 13 FRESHWATER PRIORTIZATION, 6-2021)
MATRIX OF EXISTING HABITAT CONDITION AND SALMONID POTENTIAL CATEGORIES**

Existing Habitat Condition Category	Highest (least degraded)	Houston Dr Snyder Cove	Ellis Green Cove	McLane - Lower McLane - Upper
	High	Adams – Upper	Dobbs Libby	McLane – Swift Woodard – Lower Woodard – Upper Woodland – Middle
	Medium	Adams – Lower Moxlie Schneider Woodland – Long Lake Woodland – Hicks and Pattinson Lakes	Woodland – Lake Lois	Percival – Lower Woodland – Lower
	Low (most degraded)	Indian		Percival – Black Lake Ditch Percival - Upper
		Low	Medium	High
Salmonid Potential				

**TABLE 5 (FROM WRIA 13 FRESHWATER PRIORTIZATION, 6-2021)
RESTORATION AND CONSERVATION PRIORITIES**

Reach	Restoration Priority	Conservation Priority
Adams – Lower	low	low
Adams - Upper	low	medium
Dobbs	medium	medium
Ellis	high	high
Green Cove	high	high
Houston Dr	low	medium
Moxlie	low	low
Indian	low	low
Libby	medium	medium
McLane - Swift Creek	high	high
McLane - Lower	high	high
McLane - Upper	high	high

Reach	Restoration Priority	Conservation Priority
Percival - Lower	high	medium
Percival - Black Lake Ditch	medium	medium
Percival - Upper	medium	medium
Schneider	low	low
Snyder Cove	low	medium
Woodard - Lower	high	high
Woodard - Upper	high	high
Woodland - Lower	high	medium
Woodland - Middle	high	high
Woodland - Lake Lois	medium	low
Woodland - Long Lake	low	low
Woodland - Hicks and Pattinson Lakes	low	low

The importance and size of the Deschutes River and its tributaries skewed the importance of all other freshwater systems. Therefore, the Deschutes mainstem and its tributaries are considered separately from other freshwater systems.

Deschutes Tributaries Restoration Priority Conservation Priority

Deschutes Tributaries RM 2-31	Deschutes - high	Deschutes - high
Deschutes Tributaries RM 31-41	Deschutes - highest	Deschutes - highest

Deschutes Mainstem - Reach Restoration Priority Conservation Priority

Deschutes RM 2-10	Deschutes - low	Deschutes - low
Deschutes RM 10-17	Deschutes - low	Deschutes - low
Deschutes RM 17-25	Deschutes - low	Deschutes - low
Deschutes RM 25-31	Deschutes - moderate	Deschutes - moderate
Deschutes RM 31-41	Deschutes - high	Deschutes - high

Eligibility

Eligible applicants for SRFB/PSAR funding include cities, counties, conservation districts, Indian Tribes, non-profit organizations, special purpose districts, and private landowners. Private landowners are eligible applicants for restoration projects only when the project takes place on their own land. Projects that are solely to fulfill mitigation requirements are ineligible.

The SRFB funds a range of projects, but ALL of them must address habitat condition or watershed processes that are important to salmonid recovery. The project may provide other benefits, such as flood control or education, but those benefits must be secondary. Projects are:

- Acquisitions
- Restoration
- Non-Capital Projects: Assessments, Designs, Inventories, and Studies
- Design-Only Projects with No Required Match
- Combination Projects

- Phased Projects

http://www.rco.wa.gov/documents/manuals&forms/Manual_18.pdf

Funding Availability

Pending the outcome of Federal and State budgets, it is anticipated the WRIA 13 Lead Entity will have approximately \$180,000 in potential 2026 SRFB funds, approximately \$666,000 in PSAR funds, and approximately \$270,000 in riparian funds.

Further Information

For more information about this opportunity, please contact Amy Hatch-Winecka at hwamy@trpc.org or 360.741.2524.



Deschutes WRIA 13 Salmon Habitat Recovery Committee
SRFB Letter of Intent Form

2026

Project Sponsor:	Type here to enter text
Sponsor Contact Info:	Type here to enter text
Project Name:	Type here to enter text
Key Partners:	Type here to enter text
Project Location: <i>Include watershed</i>	Type here to enter text
Project Description:	Type here to enter text <i>1500 character maximum</i>
Grant Funding Request:	Type here to enter text
Total Project Cost:	Type here to enter text
Expected total match and source:	Type here to enter text <i>A minimum of 15% match is required</i>
List what 4-YWP action and/or plan action the project addresses:	Type here to enter text
Fish species benefitted:	Type here to enter text
Specific benefit to fish:	Type here to enter text
How the project builds upon or relates to previous / current projects:	Type here to enter text
Constraints or uncertainties affecting the project:	Type here to enter text
Have you contacted DNR concerning ownership? 360.902.1100	Type here to enter text
In addition to answering the questions above, please provide:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) A general location map; 2) Detailed property or parcel map identifying all legal property boundaries and adjacent parcel ownership, aerial photos and designs as appropriate. 3) Provide a list of all potential stakeholders (landowners, adjacent landowners, and other interest groups 4) A cost estimate and draft budget, including a minimum of 15% match 5) Photographs of the site (in addition to aerials) 	
Letters of Intent are due on or before January 30, 2026 to:	
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