

 **North Olympic Peninsula Lead Entity for Salmon**

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Tues. May 13, 2025

TRG Scoring Meeting Summary & Recommendation

During the May 13, 2025 Meeting of the North Olympic Lead Entity for Salmon’s Technical Team, Lead Entity Consultant Shannon Weaver went over her scoring analysis of their scoring of the 5 projects proposed for grant funding in the 2025 grant round. Besides reviewing all project scores, Technical Review Group (TRG) Members were reminded that there was also a cost overrun funding request for the Johnson Creek Triple Culverts. That project is estimated to have a funding shortfall between $600k and $1.9 million. The large discrepancy is related to the way in which construction is handled which is still being negotiated.

TRG Members were not asked to rescore this project, nor have they rescored other previously approved projects with funding shortfalls. This project was already scored in a previous round and approved by the Lead Entity for a million dollars in grant funding. Lead Entity Coordinator Cheryl Baumann reminded the group that we have an established practice of supporting previously approved projects and ensuring they have funding needed to complete the work.

The TRG agreed that all projects proposed for this round are technically sound, have benefit to salmon and are worthy of funding.

After much discussion, the TRG supported the following motion to the Lead Entity Group: They recommend funding down the list as scored and as funding is available, with 2026 SRFB funds allocated to Johnson Creek Triples if the project will begin construction in 2026.

TRG Voting in Favor: TRG Not in Favor TRG Abstaining

Eric Carlsen Jay Peterson Jamie Michel

Cathy Lear Ian Miller Nate Roberts

Jim Walton Dave Allen Danielle Zitomer

Mike Auger Coleman Byrnes

Latrisha Suggs

Owen French

Sean Halberg

Primary concern expressed by those not in favor had to do with committing 2026 funding when not knowing what new projects might be coming forth in that year’s grant round.

No other decisions were made at this meeting.

Submitted, May 13, 2025 by C. Baumann

With June 3, 2025 update documenting reason expressed behind non support of motion.