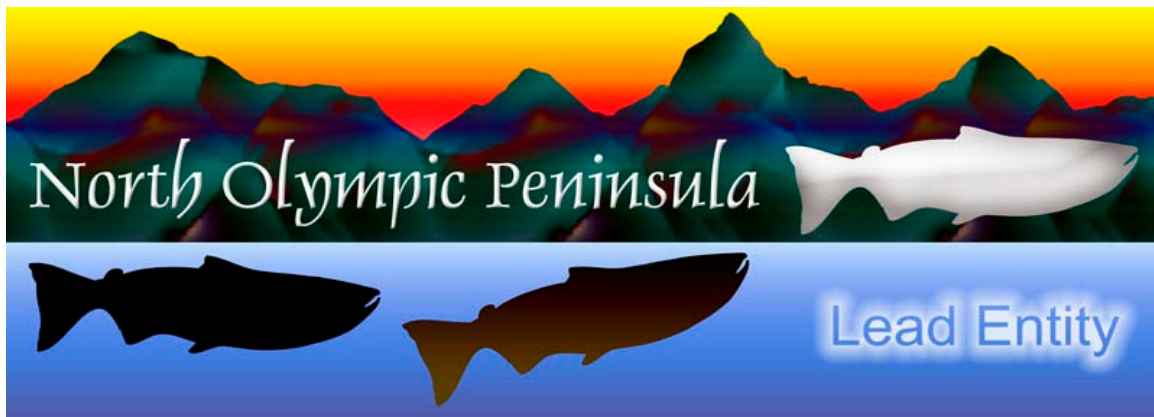




North Olympic Peninsula Lead Entity for Salmon

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OUR MISSION & WHO WE ARE:

The mission of the North Olympic Peninsula Lead Entity for Salmon is to work towards a future on the North Olympic Peninsula which includes a healthy Puget Sound ecosystem with thriving salmon populations that support ceremonial, subsistence, recreational and commercial fisheries.

1. **Our Goals Are:** To achieve fish stocks that are robust to changing conditions, self-sustaining over the long term, and capable of supporting harvests (ceremonial, subsistence, recreational, and commercial)
2. To implement the salmon recovery plans to protect and restore fish habitat on the North Olympic Peninsula.
3. Restore and maintain ecosystem function on the North Olympic Peninsula.
4. Instill ecosystem awareness.
5. Integrate efforts towards these goals with larger visions for overall salmon recovery and restoration of the Puget Sound ecosystem.

We work with our partners to advance restoration and to gain funding for needed salmon habitat and ecosystem restoration and protection projects and non-capital projects and programs which foster salmon recovery on the North Olympic Peninsula. Our geographic region spans the Strait of Juan de Fuca from Sequim Bay on Clallam County's eastern boundary west to Cape Flattery. It includes Water Resource Inventory Areas (WRIA) 17 west, 18 and 19.

Clallam County is the fiscal agent that carries the operating grant for the lead entity, which is a local, collaborative effort bringing together citizens, scientists, restoration practitioners, non-profit organizations and local city, county and tribal governments to work together to recover salmon. Our work is guided by our mission, goals and strategy as well as local and regional salmon recovery plans. Salmon recovery involves a complex set of actions and interactions and practical realities within each watershed.

We also work closely with our two salmon regional recovery organizations, the Hood Canal Coordinating Council and the Puget Sound Partnership, which oversee implementation of the Hood Canal Summer Chum Recovery Plan and the Puget Sound Chinook Recovery Plan, respectively. The WRIA 19 Salmon Recovery Plan guides recovery efforts along the Western Strait. Puget Sound Steelhead have been listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in WRIA's 17 & 18, and a draft recovery plan has been released.

Our work is scientifically vetted at local, state and federal levels. The proposed actions should be targeted, strategic, and prioritized, **so the highest priority projects are tackled in a sequential approach.** For example, when proposing projects, consider how the conditions both above and below the reach in which restoration work is proposed will impact the project and its chance of success.

Our organization, our regional recovery organizations and major project funders, such as Washington's Salmon Recovery Funding Board, Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration Funds, Floodplains by Design, and the Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board generally require that projects be part of existing work plans in order to be considered for funding. This includes projects seeking 2027 Salmon Recovery Funds, administered by the Salmon Recovery Funding Board and Puget Sound Acquisition & Restoration (PSAR) funding requested by the Puget Sound Partnership from the WA State Legislature during the 2027 State Legislative Session. The 2027 PSAR funds were allocated during the 2026 grant round as required. A request to the WA legislature for riparian funding is expected again this year so any riparian requests need to be on the workplan. Inclusion on our Work Plan **does not** ensure eligibility for funding.

Generally, additional grant applications and review processes are required to be considered for funding. **Not all proposed projects and programs on the work plan will be priorities for current funding.** The Lead Entity Group, after a review from the Technical Team, draws a prioritization line on the workplan's ranked project list. Projects have to be above that line in order to be eligible to apply for SRFB, PSAR, or Riparian funding.

The work plan is an important, evolving, strategic tool that guides planning, project prioritization, funding, and adaptively managed salmon recovery implementation. The work plan includes both capital and non-capital programmatic actions that reflect the most important watershed priorities to start or continue a recovery trajectory and meet implementation goals outlined in salmon recovery plans. The work plan generally contains restoration projects, protection projects, and ecosystem capital projects, as well as combination projects.

HOW TO SUBMIT A PROJECT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR OUR 2027 Four-Year WORK PLAN

CURRENT CALL TO ADD, UPDATE OR WITHDRAW PROJECT NARRATIVES FOR OUR 2027 WORKPLAN

Deadline: Thursday, October 8th, 2026- This is the deadline for our annual call to propose new projects to be considered for our 2027 Work Plan. The Plan will include capital and non-capital projects that could, with funding, be reasonably started within 2027-2030.

Please Note, if you wish to apply for 2027 grant funds, including SRFB and riparian funding; and any 2027 PSAR Funds, those projects MUST be on our 2027 Workplan so they need to be submitted Thursday, October 8th, 2026 Deadline.

Project sponsors who have projects on our existing four-year work plan may make significant changes or minor updates to those existing project write-ups. Project sponsors need to address all criteria upon which

their project proposals will be scored. See more information on this below. Project sponsors should review where their project was placed, and how the project fared in previous workplan technical scoring. For example, if scorers previously noted that the work plan description did not provide enough detail for scorers to make an informed decision about the project's merits, that project should be rewritten to include more specific project details.

All new projects and changes or updates to existing work plan projects must be submitted no later than Thursday, October 8th, 2026, via e-mail to the lead entity coordinator –

Shannon.weaver@clallamcountywa.gov

Submittals include a completed project narrative proposal and three attachments all due no later than October 8th, 2026.

THIS IS A FIRM AND FINAL DEADLINE AND NO NEW PROJECTS OR CHANGES TO EXISTING PROJECT NARRATIVES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE ABOVE DEADLINE. SO PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY.

If a capital project or non-capital programmatic action that is listed on the current work plan is no longer needed or appropriate or does not contain enough of the requested information, this is also the time period in which the project sponsor should e-mail the lead entity coordinator and request that it be removed. Or, if it is not a project which will advance in the next four years, but you expect it to in the future, please request that it be placed in our 7-year workplan appendix. Those projects will not be scored until they are proposed to be added back into the main, active project portion of the workplan.

When proposing projects, choose ones that target goals and objectives in our strategy as well in local recovery and watershed plans and, especially, in regional and ESA and other salmon recovery plans. Consider the watershed priorities. Make sure to show how these projects restore natural processes and further large-scale recovery and how they benefit salmon. Also, consider integration of management actions across habitat, hatchery, harvest and hydropower management to the best extent possible, as well as logical and defensible sequencing of actions (e.g., downstream culvert removal before upstream restoration).

IN ORDER FOR BOTH CAPITAL AND NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR INCLUSION IN THE WORK PLAN, THE FOLLOWING IS REQUIRED:

Early submittals are welcomed and may allow time for editing suggestions.

- Any project updates or new project descriptions must be submitted **via email**.
- A written **project narrative** in Word format, no smaller than size 11 font and no more than 2 pages.
- **Two j-peg photos** showing the project site. You can also include project graphics such as a map, conceptual design or other project graphic. These photos, graphics, and your written project narrative will be used in the public, online Salmon Recovery Portal data base.
- We need a **rough cost estimate** in your email with your workplan submittal. (do NOT include it in your Narrative). In your email, indicate a rough estimate for the entire project cost, as well as a cost estimate for various phases. Also, let us know in your email what year or years you intend to seek funding for each phase.

The narrative must explicitly address the following:

1. Project Title and Description
2. Why the Project is Needed (limiting factors to be addressed)
3. Benefit to Salmon (how does it address stock status & trends and lead to progress towards harvestable fish stocks) Also, Which ESA-listed stock and/or non-listed stock does this project benefit?
4. Which Salmon Recovery Plan Objectives does this Project Meet & How Does it Address Progress towards Recovery & Recovery Plan Implementation?
5. Explain how the Project advances Salmon Habitat Restoration or Protection and recovery of Ecosystem Functions? (Does it protect and/or restore fish habitat? Does it support restoration and maintenance of ecosystem functions and advance ecosystem awareness? Does it Restore formerly productive habitat?)
6. Address the project's spatial scale of influence- how far does the spatial scale of influence extend through a watershed or nearshore area?
7. Also address how far the project's temporal scale of influence extends through a watershed or nearshore area?
8. Explain the project's Timing Needs & Sequencing Requirements
9. Provide the Estimated Cost or Range of Estimated Cost
10. List the Watershed Prioritization Number & watershed area or which WRIA Nearshore the project is located in.
11. Other Key Information, especially any relationship to previous or current projects.
12. Please also address the relevant capital or non-capital scoring criteria not listed above which will be used to score the project proposal.

(Please note the following 3 program management criteria which are NOT used in workplan scoring but are used in grant round scoring. They include Likelihood of Benefits based on Approach, Reasonableness of Cost & Budget, and Likelihood of Benefits Based on Proposer's Capacity)

This maximum 2-page narrative proposal (plus allowable attachments) will be used by the North Olympic Technical Review Group members who will score ALL new & significantly updated project proposals. The narrative is the one opportunity to really educate and convince reviewers why this project is integral to achieving salmon recovery on the North Olympic Peninsula. The level of detail in the proposal may also indicate to a reviewer the prospective project's sponsor's potential ability to successfully complete such a project.

Note: if there are incomplete project proposals that remain on the workplan but lack the requested level of detail, those projects may be moved to the inactive portion of the work plan.

New Project Applicants are HIGHLY encouraged to review [our mission & goals](#), [recovery plans](#), and [2026 Four-Year Work Plan](#) to see project priorities, and former project narratives. Please look at the descriptions of high-ranking projects. The score sheets and comments by scorers on all projects also provide insight into how projects are scored.

Most of these documents can be found on the North Olympic LE section of the [Salmon Recovery Portal](#) located at: <https://srp.rco.wa.gov>

Then click on documents & links on the top right. Then click on Workplan Documents on the bottom left. Then click on the top document called NEW: 2026 North Olympic Peninsula Lead Entity Four-Year Work Plan.pdf

Please call or e-mail Lead Entity Coordinator Shannon Weaver at Shannon.weaver@clallamcountywa.gov cell: 360-406-0209 if you need assistance

The main knowledge from which the scorers make decisions is your narrative project proposal, plus your allowable attachments; so it is important to make that as compelling and comprehensive as possible.

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