

WRIA 1 WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD

REQUEST FOR PROJECTS – 2019 GRANT CYCLE

Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB)

Letter of Intent Due: March 15, 2019

Draft Applications in PRISM: May 17, 2019

SRFB Projects

WRIA 1 SRFB grant proposals are submitted through the WRIA 1 Watershed Management Board as the lead entity for salmon recovery in Water Resource Inventory Areas (WRIA) 1. Whereas the WRIA 1 Salmon Recovery Program and associated plans and studies are broader than Chinook, the current focus for salmon recovery is on recovery of the North Fork/Middle Fork and South Fork Nooksack early chinook populations. Therefore, grant proposals for the 2019 SRFB grant round must have a primary benefit to Nooksack early Chinook. The technical basis for proposed projects is found in the following [WRIA 1 Salmon Recovery documents](http://salmonwria1.org/resources/documents) (<http://salmonwria1.org/resources/documents>): the *2005 WRIA 1 Salmonid Recovery Plan*, associated habitat assessments and studies.

The amount of funding available for the 2019 SRFB grant cycle is not known at this time. Funds typically available through SRFB are approximately \$643,103; it is not expected that 2019 funding will exceed that amount.

Considerations for Potential Project Sponsors:

- 1) Projects that demonstrate a high magnitude of benefit for Nooksack early Chinook have the highest likelihood of funding success. The best available science on importance of geographic areas and restoration strategies for recovery of the North Fork/Middle Fork and South Fork Nooksack early chinook populations is the WRIA 1 Salmonid Recovery Plan and associated habitat assessments and studies. The 2019 SRFB Grant Restoration and Protection Matrices is one of the documents used by the WRIA 1 Combined Review Team to evaluate magnitude of benefit to Chinook. Project sponsors may present a science-based justification for how projects that do not fit within the matrices or that are not identified in the matrices as Tier 1 or Tier 2 benefit Nooksack early Chinook (e.g., change in priority tier, different strategy, different location, etc.).
- 2) Projects should be consistent with the *WRIA 1 Salmonid Recovery Plan*, associated habitat assessments and studies.
- 3) For the 2019 grant round, proposals will be accepted for up to 10% of the SRFB allocation for Nooksack chinook population monitoring (e.g., radio-tag or PIT-tagging studies) that will inform development of freshwater survival estimates for a Nooksack Chinook Life Cycle Model. **Proposals for monitoring must also meet Manual 18 requirements for monitoring proposals; it is the responsibility of the project sponsor to read and understand these requirements.**
- 4) Projects must meet requirements in the current SRFB Manual 18, Salmon Recovery Grants. (www.rco.wa.gov/documents/manuals&forms/Manual_18.pdf). **It is the responsibility of the project sponsor to read and understand the requirements.**
- 5) All projects submitted through the 2019 grant cycle must have clearly identified objectives that address Nooksack early Chinook limiting factors and clearly explain how the project will achieve the stated objectives. Local and state technical review will focus on this element of the project proposals.

Important steps and dates in the WRIA 1 grant application process are listed in the Grant Timeline (attached). Please review this timeline and the SRFB Grant Process (attached) because they identify required work sessions, site visits, and deadlines for draft and final applications and process expectations.

Letters of Intent to submit a proposal are due in electronic format by 5:00 pm March 15. Submit to WRIA 1 Watershed Management Board c/o Becky Peterson, genevaconsulting@comcast.net.