

SALMON RESTORATION FUNDS



APPLICATION SUMMARY:
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
INCENTIVES PROGRAM (EQIP)
applications are accepted on a
continuous basis.

APPLICATION EVALUATION PERIOD:

Applications will be evaluated
periodically as funding
becomes available. Check the
Washington NRCS website for
sign-up deadline information.

WHO MAY APPLY:

Agricultural producers and
owners of non-industrial
private forestland and tribes
are eligible to apply for EQIP.

FIND OUT MORE AT:
www.wa.nrcs.usda.gov

THE USDA NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS) WORKS TO PROTECT AND CONSERVE NATURAL RESOURCES ON OUR NATION'S PRIVATE LANDS.

Washington NRCS is allocating \$2 million in [Environmental Quality Incentive Program \(EQIP\)](#) financial assistance funding to support implementation of conservation projects that will lead to improvements for salmon throughout Washington State. The goal is to assist to private landowners in restoring salmon populations within the Puget Sound, Columbia River system, and coastal watersheds. By directing EQIP funding towards salmon restoration projects on tribal and private working lands, NRCS and its partner organizations will contribute to statewide recovery efforts. Restoring salmon provides opportunities for tribal use, increased food source for Puget Sound Orcas, sport-fishing, and watershed health. Funding will be obligated through individual EQIP contracts with eligible participants.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A CONTINUOUS BASIS

Agricultural producer, non-industrial private forestland owners and tribes are eligible to apply for EQIP. Eligible land includes cropland, rangeland, pastureland, non-industrial private forestland and other farm or ranch lands.

Initial funding has been evenly divided with \$500,000 allocated to four funding pools: Western Washington, Central Washington, Eastern Washington, and Tribal lands located statewide.

All projects require habitat enhancement activities that directly improve instream and/or riparian habitat for anadromous fish stocks (migrating to the ocean), or bull trout. One or more of the following activities are required to be considered for funding: correction of a man-made fish passage barrier, enhance instream habitat, fish screens for irrigation, improve instream flow, or restore/enhance riparian areas. Funding will not be provided for projects which benefit only resident fish populations. Projects that include technical assistance from project partner organizations will receive additional ranking points.

Applications will be accepted at your local USDA Service Center. Find your local NRCS office at <http://offices.usda.gov>

Visit your local USDA Service Center to apply or visit:
www.nrcs.usda.gov/getstarted.