

SALMON & STEELHEAD RECOVERY



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:
[WA NRCS website](#)

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

Washington NRCS provides financial assistance through the [Environmental Quality Incentive Program \(EQIP\)](#) to implement conservation projects that lead to improvements for salmon and steelhead throughout Washington State. The goal is to assist to private landowners and tribes in restoring salmon populations within the Puget Sound, Columbia River system, and coastal watersheds. With the help of partner organizations NRCS will contribute to statewide recovery efforts. Restoring salmon and steelhead 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.

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;
- Instream habitat enhancement;
- Fish screens for irrigation systems;
- Irrigation efficiency projects that improve stream flow in water limited stream reaches;
- Restore/enhance riparian areas

Applications will be accepted at your local USDA Service Center. To get started, find your local NRCS office using the [USDA Service Center Locator](#).