

## Launch of “Habitat Protection and Restoration Projects” Grant Round

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In the 2015 Washington State Legislature approved funding for near term habitat projects consistent the Chehalis Basin Strategy recommended by the Governor’s Chehalis Basin Work Group. A Call For Proposals was assembled by a technical committee of the Chehalis Basin Lead Entity Habitat Work Group (HWG), and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), with assistance from Anchor QEA.

The call for proposals is focused on priority habitat restoration in the near-term while a comprehensive Aquatic Species Restoration Plan is being developed in parallel to address long-term restoration strategies. Specifically, this call for proposals solicits projects to support Near-term Habitat Restoration and Protection (NTHRP) in Watershed Resource Inventory Areas (WRIAs) 22 and 23 during the 2015 to 2017 biennium (i.e., through June 2017). The purpose of NTHRP funding is to restore or protect habitat functions within WRIA 22 and 23 to maintain or increase the abundance and diversity of “target” native aquatic species such as salmonids, other fish species, and non-fish species. This project is not intended for mitigation for future flood reduction actions or flood control structures.

### Restoration and Protection Project Application Schedule

- November 17, 2015 Advertise notice of availability of funding and HRP Call for Proposals.
- January 8, 2016 Deadline for submitting project proposal packages
- January 8 to February 5 Projects reviewed and prioritized by Lead Entity with assistance from DFW.
- February 9, 2016 Successful applicants will be notified.
- March 2016 to June 2017 Substantial project work will need to be completed within this time period.

More information can be found at <http://www.chehalisleadentity.org/news/launch-of-near-term-restoration-projects-grant-round/>