

Logjams Upper Washougal River

Lower Columbia River Fisheries Enhancement Group offered grant to restore land for salmon recovery.

(Camas) – Lower Columbia River Fisheries Enhancement Group was awarded a grant of \$557,840.00 from the Salmon Programs. The grant was awarded by the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB), and will be used for the following:

The Lower Columbia Fish Enhancement Group will use this grant to install five logjams and about 260 single logs in the Upper Washougal River to collect gravel for spawning and rearing habitat for lower Columbia River summer steelhead, which the federal government has listed as threatened with extinction under the Endangered Species Act. This is the third phase of this project, and it will complete habitat restoration in this reach. The project is on property managed by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources and Longview Timber. The group will contribute \$248,940.00 in donation of equipment, labor and materials.

There were ninety-four applications submitted for consideration in the Salmon Program. Each project went through an evaluation process prior to being recommended for funding. The SRFB Board approved funding for projects on Friday, December 10, 2010.

Funding for the Salmon Program comes from funds administered by NOAA Fisheries. Lower Columbia River Fisheries Enhancement Group will leverage local contributions totaling \$248,940.00, with grant monies to implement the project. Total estimated project cost is \$653,580.00, 69% of the project total to come from SRFB, the remaining 31% to come from LCFEG. SRFB is the state's administrator of the grant program.

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