

# U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Restoration and Recovery Programs Washington Fish and Wildlife Office



Oregon Spotted Frog



Shoreline restoration

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## Let us help you conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service offers restoration and recovery programs to help private citizens, Tribes, State and Federal agencies, and non-governmental organizations restore and conserve fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats. The Washington Fish and Wildlife Office is the first point of contact for many of these programs. Contact us to discuss your project so we can work with you to assess whether our programs can assist in project development and implementation.

To facilitate proposal submittals for our habitat restoration and recovery programs, we have developed a Notification of Funding Availability process. You can learn more information about this and several of our programs listed below by going to our website at: <http://www.fws.gov/wafwo/funding.html>

## Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program

### Purpose:

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program is a national voluntary habitat restoration program that provides financial and technical assistance to private landowners, Tribes and other conservation partners. The program focuses on restoring habitat for threatened and endangered plant and animal species, migratory birds, and anadromous fish.

### Eligibility:

Any private or Tribal landowner is eligible. The program cannot fund projects that occur on state or federal lands. Partnerships with other agencies or organizations are encouraged to increase project effectiveness. Cooperators sign an agreement to retain project components for at least 10 years but otherwise retain full control of their land.



Golden paintbrush

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## Area:

Focus habitats and areas in Washington include Puget Sound prairie and oak woodlands, eastern Washington shrub-steppe, habitat adjacent to Western Washington National Wildlife Refuges, the Methow and Yakima watersheds, the Columbia Plateau and the Channeled Scablands/Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge Stewardship Area.

## Typical Projects:

Priority projects are on the ground actions that benefit native, threatened Puget Sound prairie species (Mazama pocket gopher, streaked horned lark, Taylor's checkerspot butterfly, golden paintbrush), Oregon spotted frog, sage grouse and their associated habitats. The program also supports the removal of invasive species and replanting with native species, and forest, riparian, wetland and stream habitat restoration.

## Financial Information:

The Notification of Funding Availability is released in annually. The program strives for an equal match of cost share or in-kind services. Awards typically range from \$15,000 to \$25,000.

## Contacts:

USFWS PFW State  
Coordinator:  
Ginger Phalen 360/753-5819

Western Washington:  
USFWS, J.F. (Paco) Rodriguez  
360/753-4066

Central Washington:  
USFWS Gregg Kurz  
509/665-3508

## Web:

<http://www.fws.gov/wafwo/funding.html>



Greater Sage Grouse

## Puget Sound Coastal Program

### Purpose:

The Puget Sound Coastal Program was established in 1991 to protect, restore, and enhance the natural resources of Puget Sound, an Estuary of National Significance under the National Estuary Program. The program works with partners to protect, restore, and enhance fish, wildlife and plant resources in Washington's coastal watersheds.

### Eligibility:

Any federal, state, Tribal, local or non-governmental entity is eligible.

## Area:

Focus areas for the program are North Puget Sound and the Eastern Straits of Juan de Fuca, South Puget Sound and Hood Canal, and Willapa Bay.

## Typical Projects:

Large and small coastal habitat restoration projects are implemented with a variety of partners. The program is flexible in the type of projects funded. Projects include planning and implementing coastal habitat restoration and protection projects; assessing threats and status of coastal resources, including climate change impacts to assist with their management and; conducting outreach and education activities to help promote the stewardship of Washington's coastal resources.

## Financial Information:

The Notification of Funding Availability is released in annually. The program seeks a 50% or greater cost share in federal or nonfederal match, cash, or in-kind contribution. Awards typically range from \$25,000 - \$50,000. Technical assistance in planning, project design, environmental compliance and implementation is available from the USFWS.

## Contacts:

USFWS, Puget Sound Program  
Coordinator:  
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### Chehalis Fisheries Restoration Program

**Purpose:**

The Chehalis Fisheries Restoration Program provides funding for projects to restore Chehalis River fisheries resources.

**Eligibility:**

Any private landowner, non-profit organization, or local, Tribal, state or federal agency may apply. Partnerships with other agencies or organizations are encouraged to increase the leverage of funds. Any proposal that would restore fisheries populations is considered.

**Area:**

Chehalis River and Grays Harbor Basins.

**Typical Projects:**

Projects involving habitat restoration, environmental assessment, and education and outreach. Funded projects have included fish passage barrier corrections, removal of invasive species and replanting with native species, riparian and off-channel fish rearing habitat, restoring wetlands for fish use, and monitoring of fish use of these habitats.

**Financial Information:**

The Notification of Funding Availability is released in annually. Awards typically range from \$10,000 to \$50,000. Private individuals and groups strive for a 25% cost share match while larger companies must provide a 75% cost share match. Technical assistance is available.

**Contact:**

USFWS, Chehalis Fisheries Program Coordinator:  
Miranda Plumb 360/753-9560

**Web:**

<http://www.fws.gov/wafwo/funding.html>

### National Fish Passage Program

**Purpose:**

The goal of the National Fish Passage Program is to restore native fish and other aquatic species to self-sustaining levels by reconnecting habitat that has been fragmented by man-made barriers. All projects are voluntary and done in cooperation with willing partners.

**Eligibility:**

The program partners with agencies, tribes, private organizations and landowners.

**Area:**

Western Washington watersheds (WRIA's 1-29).

**Typical Projects:**

Removal of fish passage barriers such as undersized or elevated culverts, dams, water diversion structures, and other impediments to fish passage, and replacement with adequately-sized fish passable structures.

**Financial Information:**

The Notification of Funding Availability is released in annually. Awards typically range from \$20,000 to \$80,000.

**Contact:**

USFWS, Miranda Plumb  
360/753-9560

**Web:**

<http://www.fws.gov/wafwo/funding.html>

### Western Native Trout Initiative

**Purpose:**

The Western Native Trout Initiative is the Northwest's part of the National Fish Habitat Action Plan, a nation-wide strategy that harnesses the energies, expertise, and existing partnerships of state and federal agencies and conservation organizations. The goals of the program include: protect and maintain intact and healthy aquatic systems, prevent further degradation of fish and aquatic habitats, and increase self-sustaining aquatic systems that support a broad natural diversity of fish and other aquatic species.

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## Eligibility:

Any private landowner, non-profit organization, or local, Tribal, state, or federal agency. Target species in western Washington include coastal cutthroat trout, lamprey and bull trout.

## Area:

Western Washington watersheds (WRIA's 1-29)

## Typical Projects:

Funded projects have included riparian planting, invasive species removal, fish passage barrier correction, and wetland and estuary restoration.

## Financial Information:

Awards typically range from \$10,000 to \$50,000 each.

## Contact:

USFWS, Miranda Plumb  
360/753-9560

## Web:

<http://www.fws.gov/wafwo/funding.html>  
<http://www.fishhabitat.org/>

## Pacific Marine and Estuarine Fish Habitat Partnership

### Purpose:

The goals of the Pacific Marine and Estuarine Fish Habitat Partnership program is to work with partners to protect, enhance, and restore ecological processes and habitats within estuaries and nearshore marine

environments to sustain healthy native fish communities and support sustainable human uses that depend on healthy fish populations.

## Eligibility:

Any private landowner, non-profit organization, or local, Tribal, state, or federal agency.

## Area:

Marine and estuarine tidal and subtidal waters of the state of Washington.

## Typical Projects:

Priorities are to protect, restore, and enhance juvenile fish habitat in nearshore marine and estuary habitats; tidal wetland-intertidal-subtidal-nearshore connectivity; and water quality and quantity in estuaries and nearshore marine environments.

## Financial Information:

Awards typically range from \$10,000 to \$50,000 each.

## Contact:

USFWS, Miranda Plumb  
360/753-9560

## Web:

<http://www.pacificfishhabitat.org/>



Pygmy rabbit

## Recovery Implementation Program

### Purpose:

The Recovery Implementation Program coordinates with federal, state, Tribal and private partners to restore habitat and recover species listed under the Endangered Species Act throughout Washington. The Recovery Program funds high priority recovery actions that achieve species recovery, actions that may preclude the need to list candidate species and actions that conserve the ecosystems upon which these species depend.

### Eligibility:

Private landowners, non-governmental organizations, municipalities, Tribes, and state or federal agencies.

### Area:

Washington

### Typical Projects:

On-ground actions, habitat restoration, education, outreach, research, assessment, and other

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activities that help recover priority endangered and threatened species, and preclude the need to list candidate species.

#### **Financial Information:**

The Notification of Funding Availability is released in annually. There is no requirement for cost share, however projects that include cost share may be prioritized. Awards typically range from \$10,000 -\$80,000.

#### **Contact:**

USFWS, Recovery Implementation Program  
Coordinator:  
Ginger Phalen 360/753-5819

#### **Web:**

<http://www.fws.gov/wafwo/funding.html>

### **Tribal Wildlife Grant Program**

#### **Purpose:**

Provide a competitive funding opportunity for [Federally recognized Tribal governments](#) to develop and implement programs for the benefit of wildlife and their habitat, including species of Native American cultural or traditional importance and species that are not hunted or fished.

#### **Eligibility:**

Any Federally-recognized Tribe.

#### **Area:**

Statewide/Nationwide

#### **Typical Projects:**

Habitat restoration, environmental assessment, and other efforts to protect fish, wildlife and their habitats or to address the effects of climate change.

#### **Financial Information:**

The maximum award under this program is \$200,000. Matching funds are not required for these grants, but may help a proposal score higher.

#### **Contact:**

USFWS Ann Froschauer  
360/753-4370

#### **Web:**

<http://www.fws.gov/nativeamerican/grants.html>

### **Traditional Section 6 Conservation Grants to States**

#### **Purpose:**

Provide financial assistance to States to participate in a wide array of voluntary conservation projects for candidate, proposed, or listed species under the Endangered Species Act.

#### **Eligibility:**

States with whom the USFWS has a current cooperative agreement and, through those States, private landowners, communities and local governments.

#### **Area:**

Statewide/Nationwide

#### **Typical Projects:**

Inventories, monitoring, radio telemetry, captive breeding, re-location efforts and surveys.

#### **Financial Information:**

All applicants must partner with the Washington Department of Natural Resources or the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. Cost share requirements range from 25% for single states to 10% if two or more states implement a joint project.

#### **Contact:**

USFWS, Ted Thomas  
360/753-4327

#### **Web:**

<http://www.fws.gov/endangered/grants/>

### **National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grants**

#### **Purpose:**

The National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program focuses on protection and restoration of pristine and threatened coastal wetlands through partnerships between federal, state and local organizations.

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**Eligibility:**

State agencies with in coastal areas and designated by state governors are eligible to apply. The agencies may form partnerships with Tribes, local governments or conservation groups to carry out projects.

**Area:**

Coastal counties of Puget Sound and the Pacific Coast.

**Typical Projects:**

Acquisition and restoration of Critical, declining wetland habitat in coastal areas that provide habitat for threatened and endangered species, migratory birds and fish, including salmon and anadromous trout.

**Financial Information:**

Project proposals compete nationally for approximately \$15-18 million each year. Applicants must provide a 25% non-federal cost share. More than the minimum cost share increases a proposal's competitiveness. Awards range from several hundred thousand dollars to a maximum of \$1 million. Technical assistance is available.

**Contact:**

USFWS, Ginger Phalen  
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Pacific Coast Joint Venture  
Lora Leschner  
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**Web:**

[USFWS-WSFR National Coastal Wetlands Grant Program](#)

### Habitat Conservation Planning Assistance

**Purpose:**

Provide financial assistance for the development of Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs) that provide conservation for imperiled species and regulatory certainty for land management activities.

**Eligibility:**

Individuals or groups developing HCPs may apply for funds. All applicants must partner with the Washington Department of Natural Resources or the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

**Area:**

Statewide/Nationwide

**Typical Projects:**

Planning and development of Habitat Conservation Plans that will be used in support of obtaining a federal incidental take permit.

**Financial Information:**

Proposals compete nationally. Non-federal cost share of 25% minimum or 10% if two or more States support a joint project. Technical assistance is available.

**Contact:**

USFWS, Marty Acker  
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**Web:**

<http://www.fws.gov/endangered/grants/grant-programs.html>  
For Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife information associated with this grant program:  
[http://wdfw.wa.gov/grants/section6/current\\_activities.html](http://wdfw.wa.gov/grants/section6/current_activities.html)

### Habitat Conservation Plan - Land Acquisition

**Purpose:**

Protect threatened or endangered species habitats to complement conservation benefits of associated HCPs.

**Eligibility:**

Individuals or groups interested in securing land for endangered, threatened, proposed, or candidate species may apply for funds. All applicants must partner with the Washington Department of Natural Resources or the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

**Area:**

Statewide/Nationwide

**Typical Projects:**

Purchase of lands from willing sellers to expand the conservation benefits of approved HCPs and support threatened or endangered species.

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## **Financial Information:**

Minimum 25% non-federal cost share required (cash or in-kind). More than the minimum cost share increases a proposal's competitiveness.

## **Contact:**

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## **Web:**

<http://www.fws.gov/angered/grants/grant-programs.html>

For Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife information associated with this grant program:

[http://wdfw.wa.gov/grants/section6/current\\_activities.html](http://wdfw.wa.gov/grants/section6/current_activities.html)

## **Recovery Land Acquisition**

### **Purpose:**

Permanent acquisition and conservation of land that contributes to the recovery of USFWS-listed species by supporting approved federal recovery plans.

### **Eligibility:**

Individuals or groups interested in securing land for endangered, threatened, proposed, or candidate species may apply for funds. All applicants must partner with the Washington Department of Natural Resources or the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

## **Area:**

Statewide/Regional

## **Typical Projects:**

Acquisition of land from willing sellers that will support the recovery of threatened or endangered species.

## **Financial Information:**

Proposals compete regionally. Minimum 25% non-federal cost share required (cash or in-kind). More than the minimum cost share increases a proposal's competitiveness.

## **Contact:**

USFWS, Marty Acker  
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## **Web:**

<http://www.fws.gov/angered/grants/grant-programs.html>

For Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife information associated with this grant program:

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