# North Pacific Coast (WRIA 20)
# SRFB 2026 Grant Round Application Packet

The Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) has started its annual grant round for regular projects. The exact amount allocated for projects in the North Pacific Coast is not yet known but is expected to be around $387,000 based on funding allocations in recent years. This cycle does not include a riparian grant round for the North Pacific Coast; the next riparian funding opportunity is anticipated in 2027. To submit a salmon habitat project application during this funding cycle you must contact your local Lead Entity for its application procedures and timelines.

NOTE: All applications must be submitted through a Lead Entity.


**PROJECT LOCATIONS**:
North Pacific Coast Lead Entity (NPCLE) projects must be located within the geographic boundary of Water Resource Inventory Area 20 (WRIA 20), which includes the highlighted portions of western Clallam and Jefferson counties and their nearshore as illustrated in the map above.

## BASIC APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR 2026

(Spring/Summer 2026)

(Applications must be entered online into PRISM after you get your Project # from the Lead Entity)

Completed Conceptual Project Forms must be submitted to the Lead Entity by **March 19, 2026**.

**General Instructions:**

1. To get a PRISM Project Number, fill out the Coast Salmon Partnership Habitat Restoration Conceptual Project Form (pages 7-10 of this application package) and submit it to NPCLE coordinator Anna Geffre, Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission (phone: (360) 438-1180 ext. 575; email: ageffre@nwifc.org). at any time prior to the deadline. We will then enter the basics of your project into the Salmon Recovery Portal (SRP) and obtain a PRISM Project Number for you. This is accomplished by our Communications and Data Technician, Rebekah Brooks (rebekahbrookscontracting@gmail.com).

2. After you get your PRISM project number from the Lead Entity you will be able to fill in the rest of your information using the online grant program PRISM. Here is the PRISM link on how to apply: https://rco.wa.gov/recreation-and-conservation-office-grants/apply-for-a-grant/prism/.

Here are links to the Salmon Recovery Grants Manual 18 (https://rco.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/SAL-Manual18.pdf) and application material https://rco.wa.gov/grant/salmon-recovery/. All required application forms and project proposal templates are included in Manual 18, and you may find links to all the forms and materials you will need in the Application Checklist as well.

Please check with the local salmon Lead Entity for their specific schedule of key dates, as it may differ slightly on some deadlines listed by SRFB https://rco.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/SAL-GrantSchedule.pdf. Specific NPCLE information can be found at https://www.coastsalmonpartnership.org/north-pacific-coast-lead-entity/.

Please contact Anna Geffre, 360-438-1180 ext. 575 (ageffre@nwifc.org) or Sasha Medlen, 360-819-3374 (sasha.medlen@rco.wa.gov ) for clarification or assistance in getting your project information into PRISM.

# North Pacific Coast Lead Entity
# SRFB 2026 Application Schedule
(Winter-Summer 2026)

| SCHEDULED ITEM | DATE |
|---|---|
| **Official Release of the NPCLE SRFB Request for Proposals** (SRFB online application open mid-January 2026) | **January 7** |
| **DUE DATE: Conceptual project forms submitted to Lead Entity Coordinator.** | **March 19** |
| **NPCLE March meeting:** Proposed project presentations with information available to NPCLE Technical and IG/Citizen Committee for initial review. | **March 17** |
| **DUE DATE: Complete applications submitted in PRISM two weeks prior to Site Visits.** | **April 16** |
| **NPCLE April meeting.** Initial overviews of all proposed projects submitted in PRISM | **April 21** |
| **SRFB Technical Review Panel Site Visits** | **April 30-May 1** |
| **NPCLE May meeting:** Full presentations on proposals by project proponents. | **May 19** |
| **Comment forms received from SRFB Review Panel** | **May 29** |
| **NPCLE June meeting:** Presentations on any project updates. Final Q & A between applicants and the Citizen and Technical Committees. Morning Technical Committee review of scoring criteria. | **June 16** |
| **DUE DATE: Final revised applications submitted in PRISM for Lead Entity scoring and ranking.** | **June 22, noon** |
| **Technical Committee final project scoring session.** | **July 14** |
| **NPCLE July meeting:** Citizens Committee/Initiating Governments rank and approve projects for submittal to RCO. | **July 21** |
| **Ranked project list submitted to SRFB by the Lead Entity Coordinator.** | **August 7** |

The Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) also offers "Successful Applicant Workshops" that can be of great assistance in understanding the SRFB policies and project application and management procedures. All applicants and grant recipients are encouraged to attend workshops at least once every other year. A recording of the 2025 workshop can be found here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r5Z6Royh3r8.

**Successful Applicants:**

Successful applicants contact the Lead Entity in the location of their proposed project as early as possible so that stakeholders have plenty of time to be informed and potential partners can collaborate. Lead Entity Technical Committee members can be especially helpful in the early stages of project development.

## Overview of the SRFB 2026 Grant Round NPCLE Proposal Requirements:

**(Applications must be completed and submitted in PRISM by April 16, 2026.)**

### NPCLE APPLICATION REVIEW CRITERIA:

The general evaluation criteria used by the NPCLE Technical Committee and Citizen Committee in reviewing projects proposed for the 2026 SRFB Grant Round include:

Project Strategy
Project Method
Habitat Quality
Habitat Quantity
Salmonid Life Histories
Species Diversity (current)
Riparian forest and native vegetation
Local Community Support
Sediment Control
Connectivity
Applicant is or has a project sponsor
Likelihood of satisfying the granting agency
Accuracy of budget
Urgency for immediate implementation
Qualifications

(A copy of the form used by technical reviewers for proposal evaluation follows on the next pages. Scorers will use a modified version of this form to score riparian projects.)

**Table 1. General SRFB Grant Project Ranking Matrix**

| PROJECT NAME / # : | | REVIEWER NAME: | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sponsor: | | | |

Reminder: Score assessment and design phases at an equal level of gain as implementation phases, as long as the project will clea
construction or restoration. If the project is phased, score it as a whole.

| CATEGORIES | | | SCORE |
|---|---|---|---|
| **PRIMARY PROJECT STRATEGY** (score only the single most appropriate strategy) | **Category Description** | **Score Range** | (Reviewer) |
| **Preservation/Protection.** | Obtains permanent protection from direct human impacts to habitat conditions through conservation easements or land purchase. | **0 to 10** | |
| **Assessment to define projects and/or to fill data gaps.** | Conducts archival and empirical studies to document or ground truth current conditions prior to identifying specific restoration actions. | **0 to 10** | |
| **Restoration of Processes - Long term** | Undertakes actions that support natural processes to permanently (longer than 10 years) recover habitat conditions. | **0 to 10** | |
| **Restoration of Physical Habitat - short term** | Undertakes engineered restoration of degraded habitat to immediately improve habitat conditions on a temporary time scale (<10 years). | **0 to 5** | |
| **Reconnect Fragmented / Isolated Habitats** | Undertakes actions that repair physical corridors and restores functions of previously connected habitat areas. | **0 to 10** | |

| **PROJECT METHOD TYPE** (score only as many as appropriate) | **Category Description** | **Score Range** | **SCORE** (Reviewer) |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Acquisition/Easement** | Project will use funds to purchase and/or a contractual agreement to maintain or improve salmon habitat conditions. | **0 to 4** | |
| **Fish Passage** | Remove stream-crossing structures or restore, upgrade and replace stream-crossing structures to allow migration of all fish life history stages and the natural movement of streambed material and large woody material. Consider the severity of the blockage. | **0 to 4** | |
| **Road Decommissioning** | Elimination of existing road(s) and reestablishment of natural channel configuration and natural habitat functions. | **0 to 4** | |
| **Drainage / Stabilization** | Increase water crossing structure (including but not limited to, bridges, culverts, crossdrains) sizes or numbers specifically to improve drainage and stability to avoid excess flow into any drainage, and/or stabilize segments in risk of failure. Consider the risk of failure and sediment delivery to the system. *Fish passage projects not applicable unless part of a larger package. | **0 to 4** | |
| **Floodplain & Wetland Connectivity** | Remove, relocate and re-design road segments, dikes, bank armoring, revetments and approach fills that are specifically impacting floodplain or wetland function and hydrology and/or reduces incision through increased vertical connectivity. | **0 to 4** | |
| **Large Woody Material Placement** | Design and place engineered/less-engineered woody material accumulations and logjam structures to enhance channel stability, stabilize spawning substrate, accumulate natural wood, and/or to protect significant habitat features for the maintenance of productive fish habitat. | **0 to 4** | |
| **Riparian Restoration** | Inventory and remove invasive species along banks and river bars within basins using appropriate methods for removal and control. Promote appropriate age and species composition of vegetation through thinning and replanting. Fence riparian areas from livestock, relocate parallel roads and other infrastructure from riparian areas. | **0 to 4** | |
| **Instream structure removal / abandonment** | Permanent removal of culverts, failed bridges, cedar spalts, and other anthropogenic instream blockages so that the channel returns to natural conditions leaving no structure behind. | **0 to 4** | |
| **Instream Structure Improvement/replacement** | Improvement **or replacement** of existing culverts, bridges, or other failed instream structures so that the channel returns to adequate function for the support of salmon habitat. | **0 to 4** | |
| **Other (methods not captured above)** | Unique or specific assessments, experimental techniques, quantitative and spatial modeling or the application of new technology. | **0 to 4** | |

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| **HABITAT AND BIOLOGY ADDRESSED** (Score low to high for how it is improved or maintained in excellent condition) | **Category Description** | **Score Range** | **SCORE** (Reviewer) |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Salmonid Habitat Quality** | Water quality, pool frequency, channel composition, LWM frequency, and instream biodiversity positively affected by the project. | **0 to 4** | |
| **Salmonid Habitat Quantity** | Total improved stream length/estuary area etc. after project completion. Reviewer may take into consideration percent of critical habitat positively affected by project. | **0 to 4** | |
| **Salmonid Life Histories** | Range of salmon life history stages addressed and positively affected by the project (e.g. spawning, rearing, migration, off-channel refugia). | **0 to 4** | |
| **Salmonid Species/Run Diversity (current)** | Diversity of salmonid species and runs positively affected by the project. Consider diversity relative to the other projects submitted for funding. | **0 to 4** | |
| **Riparian forest and native vegetation** | Are riparian areas healthy with native vegetation or will invasive species and/or restoration be addressed? | **0 to 4** | |
| **Sediment Control** | Anthropogenic or geomorphic- sediment issues and/or their restoration positively affected by the project. | **0 to 4** | |
| **Climate Adaptation** | Climate adaptation is formally incorporated into project benefits and addressed in the proposal description. | **0 to 4** | |
| **Salmonid habitat connectivity** | Improvement or maintenance of connectivity to functional or high quality habitat. | **0 to 4** | |

| **Likelihood of Success** (score applicant based on track record and resources) | **Category Description** | **Score Range** | **SCORE** (Reviewer) |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Applicant is or has an appropriate project sponsor.** | How complete and balanced is the project team? | **0 to 4** | |
| **Likelihood of satisfying the granting agency.** | How does this project address the funding requirements of the granting agency? | **0 to 4** | |
| **Accuracy and completeness of budget.** | Are projected expenses realistic relative to documented costs and are they adequate? | **0 to 4** | |
| **Urgency for immediate implementation.** | Are there timing issues for this projects success that make it more important to move forward now? | **0 to 4** | |
| **Qualifications** | Qualifications / track record of sponsor/partners | **0 to 4** | |
| **Local Community Support** | Is there endorsement (e.g support letters) of affected landowners, support by economic sectors, community awareness and adequate buy in? | **0 to 4** | |
| | | **TOTAL:** | 0 |

COAST SALMON PARTNERSHIP
HABITAT RESTORATION
CONCEPTUAL PROJECT FORM

| Project Information | |
|---|---|
| **Project Name** | |
| **Fund source seeking** | |
| **Landowner** (name, phone number and/or email) | |
| **Project Type** (bank protection/ restoration/acquisition/etc.) | |
| **Project Sponsor or Primary Contact** (name, phone number and/or email) | |
| **Brief Project Description** | |
| **Current Land Ownership** (private, public, other) | |
| **Approximate Scale of Project to be Restored/Protected, if known** (linear feet, acreage, etc.) | |
| **Project Location** | |
| River or creek name, road crossing, nearest street address, if applicable | |
| Latitude/longitude | |
| Stream | |
| Sub-Basin | |
| | |

| | Ecosystem Type to be Protected/Restored/Acquired | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Estuary (River Delta) | | Riparian (Stream side) |
| | In-stream | | Upland |
| | Wetland | | Off channel floodplain |
| | Other_____ | | N/A |

| | Resource Concerns Addressed (Choose All That Apply) | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Bank erosion | | Infrastructure protection |
| | Flooding/flood control | | Road maintenance |
| | Stormwater runoff | | Other _____ |

| | Habitat: Limiting Factor Addressed (Choose All that Apply) | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Habitat diversity | | Channel stability |
| | Habitat composition | | Width |
| | Floodplain connectivity/function | | Water quantity/flow |
| | Fish Passage | | Water quality |
| | Predation | | Sedimentation |
| | Food | | Temperature |
| | Non-habitat limiting factors | | Unknown |
| | Channel structure and complexity | | Other_____ |

| | Primary Aquatic Species Benefitting (Choose All that Apply) | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Bull Trout | | Rainbow Trout |
| | Chinook | | Sockeye |
| | Chum | | Steelhead |
| | Coho | | Cutthroat |
| | Pacific lamprey | | Mountain whitefish |
| | Largescale sucker | | Dace |
| | Redside shiner | | Northern pikeminnow |
| | Sculpin | | Three spine stickleback |
| | Olympic mudminnow | | Northern red-legged frog |
| | Northwestern salamander | | Long-toed salamander |
| | Pacific Tree frog | | Rough skin Newt |
| | Migratory birds | | Other_____ |

| Detailed Project Information (where applicable) |
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| Additional Information |
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| **Does this project link to any other recently completed or proposed restoration or protection projects?** (List all projects related to water quality, quantity, habitat, barriers, etc.) |
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| **Is there current or future potential landowner willingness to have a project done on this land?** |
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| **Would there be any educational opportunities associated with this project?** |
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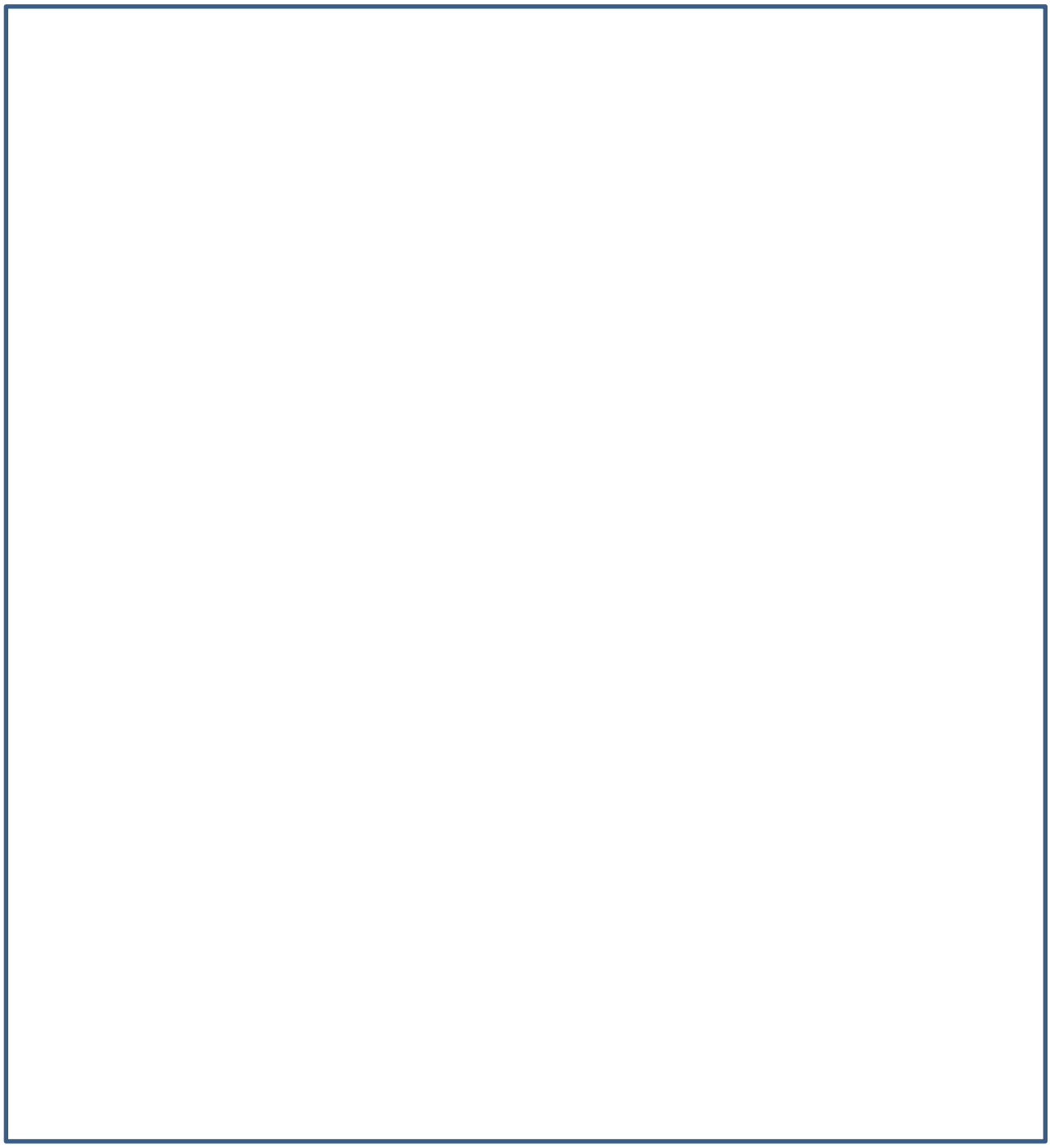
| Problem Statement | *(What is the problem? What ecological concerns or limiting factors does the project address? For bank protection projects, what are the reach-scale and site specific causes of erosion (see Bank Erosion Strategy)? Are there any known potential constraints (infrastructure, access limitations, etc.) or other project considerations? Please include the chapter and section of a recovery plan where this action is recommended as well as the recovery plan goal to which the project relates.* |
| Goals and Objectives | |
| Estimated Timeframe for Project Completion | |
| Rough Cost | |
| Estimate (required) | |
| Partner(s) | |
| If applicable, Secured Funding and Sources | |

**Draw the project site**

What to include in your drawing: Rivers, creeks, land use around creek, roads or stream crossings, what you are proposing to do on this land, etc.



** Optional: Attach photographs, maps, supporting documents

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