

Effective December 1, 2021

Request for Salmon Habitat Recovery Project Applications in Water Resource Inventory Area 21

The Quinault Indian Nation Lead Entity requests Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) Grant Applications for salmon recovery projects in Watershed Resource Inventory Area 21 (WRIA 21).

WRIA 21 is located on the central Washington Coast from Connor Creek in the south to Kalaloch Creek in the north and east to the crest of the Olympic Mountains (Figure 1). Watersheds include the Queets, Clearwater, Quinault, Raft, Moclips and Copalis, plus a dozen smaller coastal systems.

A guiding document for salmon habitat recovery in WRIA 21 is the Queets/Quinault Salmon Habitat Recovery Strategy (Strategy). The purpose of the Strategy is to help prioritize habitat restoration activities in watersheds that recover the highest priority salmon populations. The Strategy helps both new and returning project sponsors identify which types of projects have the best chance to secure a SRFB grant.

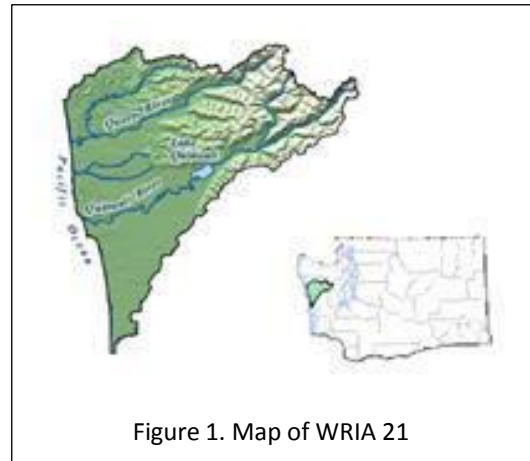


Figure 1. Map of WRIA 21

To download a copy of the Strategy, please visit the Quinault Indian Nation Lead Entity website:
<https://www.coastsalmonpartnership.org/get-to-know-us/quinault-indian-nation-lead-entity/>

Funding Availability: The SRFB typically allocates approximately \$340,000 in grant funding for salmon recovery projects in WRIA 21 each year. During this SRFB Grant Round additional funding allocation may be available due to the federal government's *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act*.

The minimum grant amount project sponsors can apply for is \$5,000 and while there is no limit to the maximum amount, most of the successfully funded projects are phased or scaled to fit within funding allocation constraints. SRFB grants are administered by the State of Washington Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO).

For more information about eligible projects and match requirements, please see Manual 18 for Salmon Recovery Grants: <https://rco.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/SAL-Manual18.pdf>

How to Apply: The Quinault Indian Nation Lead Entity follows a 4-step process for applicants to apply for a Salmon Recovery Funding Board grant:

Step 1: Prospective applicants must fill out a Project Information Form for their proposed project and submit it to the lead entity coordinator no later than **February 10, 2022** in order to initiate the SRFB grant application process and be eligible for SRFB grant funding.

Please visit the Quinault Indian Nation Lead Entity website to download the Project Information Form:
<https://www.coastsalmonpartnership.org/get-to-know-us/quinault-indian-nation-lead-entity/>

Step 2: Following review and approval of the applicants Project Information Form by the Lead Entity Coordinator, the information provided will be entered into an online database within five (5) business days. After entry, a project number will be provided to the applicant by email. The applicant will then be able to complete and submit their grant application using PRISM Online:
<https://rco.wa.gov/recreation-and-conservation-office-grants/apply-for-a-grant/prism/>

Step 3: Final grant application materials must be submitted in PRISM Online no later than **March 1, 2022**. Applicants who meet the deadline will be invited to attend and participate in a project site visit with SRFB Review Panel members and the QIN Lead Entity Technical Review Group **one day during the week of March 14, 2022**. Applicants must participate in the project site visit to remain eligible for SRFB grant funding.

Step 4: Applicants will receive technical comments and questions to address for their proposed project a few weeks after the project site visit. Applicants review and respond to technical comments and questions by updating their project applications in PRISM Online. Applicants submit must all final revised SRFB grant application materials in PRISM Online by 5 pm on **May 10, 2022**.

The Quinault Indian Nation Lead Entity SRFB grant application time schedule is as follows:

December 1, 2021	Request for Proposed Projects.
February 10, 2022	Deadline for submission of Project Information Forms to Lead Entity Coordinator.
March 1, 2022	Deadline for entry and submission of SRFB grant application materials in PRISM Online.
Week of March 14, 2022	Project site visits. The Lead Entity Coordinator will contact project applicants once the date is scheduled by RCO.
May 10, 2022	Deadline for submission of final revised SRFB grant application materials in PRISM Online.

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