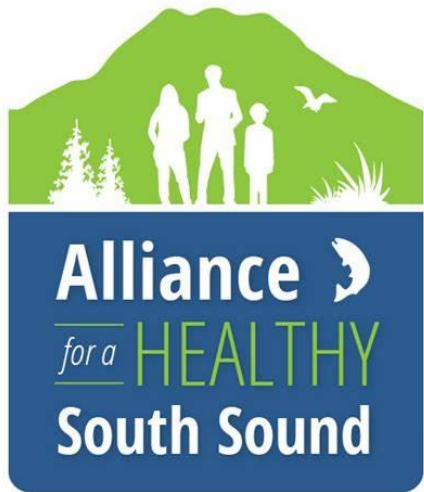




Alliance for a Healthy South Sound LIO Council Meeting

SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

In the chat, please share
your name, affiliation, and
what you most enjoyed this
summer!

Agenda

Time	Session	Speakers
10:00 AM	Welcome & Get Settled	Haley Morris
10:05 AM	Thurston County Net Ecological Gain Framework	Andrew Deffobis; Paul Cereghino
10:30 AM	2024 Riparian Workshop Follow-up • <u>Project Sponsor/Practitioner Panel</u> ○ Keith Folkerts (WDFW) - Riparian Data Engine ○ Rene Skaggs (PCD) - Riparian treatments • <u>Funder Panel</u> ○ Michelle Quast (Ecology) - Puget Sound Riparian Systems Lead Grants ○ Nick Norton (RCO) – Salmon Recovery Funding Board	Keith Folkerts; Rene Skaggs; Michelle Quast; Nick Norton
11:05 AM	AHSS LIO Updates • <i>Shoreline Armoring & Permitting Assessment</i> • <i>Floodplains & Estuaries Action Plan Next Steps</i> • <i>South Sound Science Symposium Preview</i> • <i>AHSS Shoreline Visioning Project</i> • <i>AHSS LIO Upland and Nearshore Mapping Tool Updates</i>	Haley Morris
11:15 AM	Round Robin	All
11:25 AM	Wrap-up & Next Steps	Haley Morris
11:30 - Adjourn and Enjoy the Day!		

Riparian Workshop Follow-up

SHARING SUCCESSES, CHALLENGES, AND UPDATES SINCE THE 2024
RIPARIAN WORKSHOP



PUGET SOUND
RIPARIAN
SYSTEMS LEAD

Update on Funded Projects

Alliance for a Healthy South Sound

September 16, 2026

Puget Sound Riparian Systems Lead

- \$25M Federal (EPA) funding
 - 6 year Agreement
- Coalition with State Conservation Commission and Bonneville Environmental Foundation
- Catalyze riparian restoration and protection in Puget Sound
- Accelerate long-term programmatic approaches to riparian management



Who we are



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Linda Lyshall Kristin Marshall
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Coalition between WA Dept. of Ecology, State
Conservation Commission, BEF, Snohomish CD, and PSI

Five Themes Identified Through Engagement Activities



1. Engaging private landowners to achieve more riparian restoration and protection
2. Long term site stewardship and monitoring
3. Support for native plants and propagation
4. Implementation and organizational capacity
5. Conservation and enhancement of intact, quality riparian areas



Six Investment Priorities

(not in order of priority)



- A. Reach-Scale Planning and Outreach
- B. Native Plant Materials
- C. Landowner Incentives
- D. Riparian Restoration Implementation
- E. Maintenance, Monitoring, and Adaptive Management
- F. Permanent Protection of Riparian Habitat





15 Projects Awarded Funding

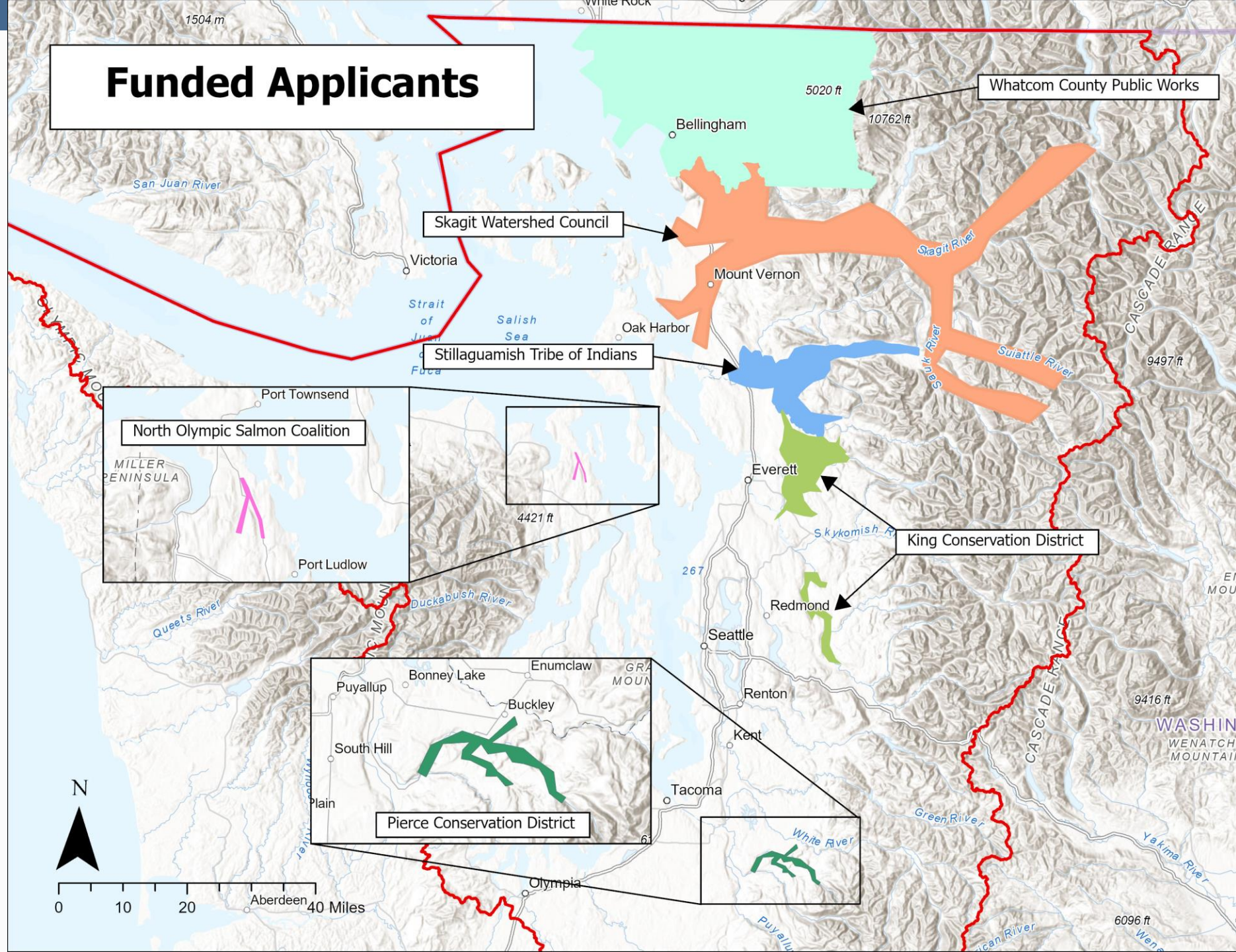
2025: Six projects --> \$12 million

2026: Nine projects --> \$4.4 million

Total = \$16.4 million in Puget Sound riparian grants



Funded Applicants



2025 Projects Awarded Funding

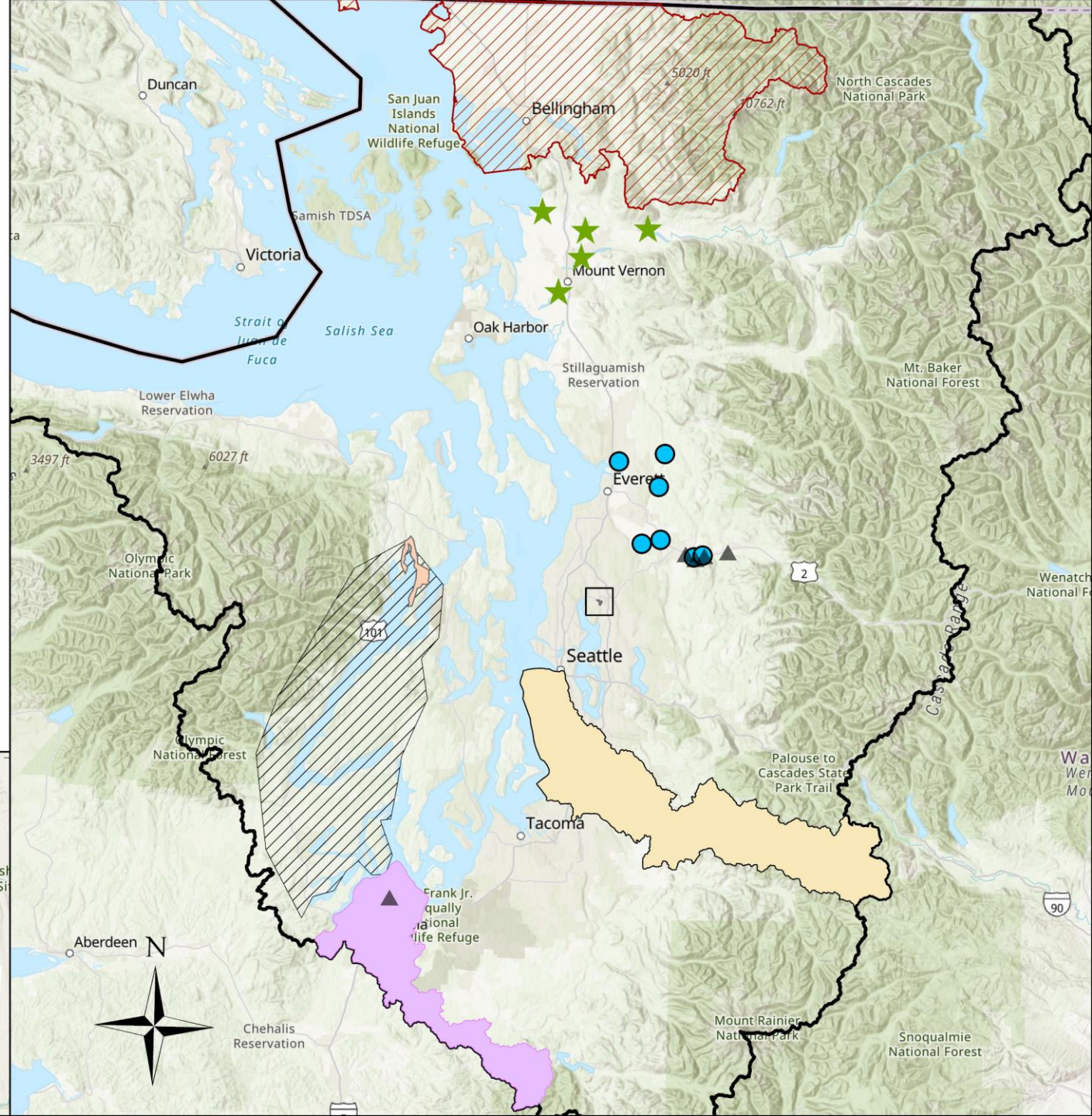
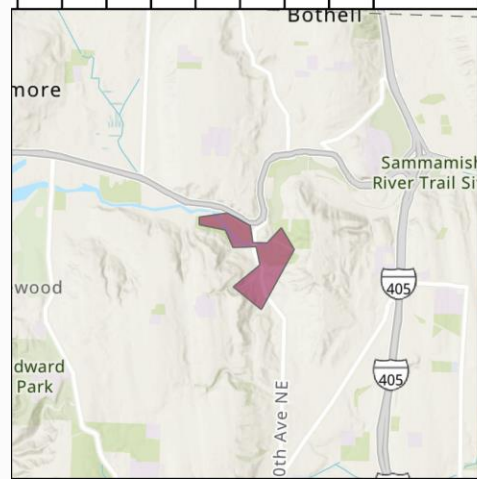


Project Name	Applicant Name	Award Amount	WRIA's
Stillaguamish Riparian Collaborative, Phase 1	Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians	\$2,182,564	3, 5, 6, 7
Skagit Basin Riparian Program Strategy Integration and Climate Adaptation	Skagit Watershed Council	\$1,370,054	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
Snohomish Basin Riparian Collaborative	King Conservation District	\$2,647,279	7
Enhancing Riparian Habitat Resilience in the South Prairie Creek Watershed	Pierce Conservation District	\$2,326,167	10
Nooksack Riparian Resilience Project (NRRP)	Whatcom County - Public Works Department	\$2,244,875	1
Innovating Solutions to Riparian Corridor Challenges in Chimacum Creek	North Olympic Salmon Coalition (NOSC)	\$1,229,060	17

Funded Applicants 2026

- Agroforestry Northwest ▲
- Sound Salmon Solutions ●
- Skagit Conservation District ★
- EarthCorps ■
- FreshwaterTrust ■
- Northwest Watershed Institute ■
- Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group ▨
- Whale Scout ■
- Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association ▨
- Eligible Areas Boundary □

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2026 Projects Awarded Funding



Project Name	Applicant Name	Proposal Amount	WRIAs
Snohomish Basin Riparian Implementation and Wildlife Solutions	Sound Salmon Solutions	\$476,618	7
Advancing Reach-Scale Riparian Investments in WRIA 1	Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association	\$599,991	1
Enabling Watershed-Scale Riparian Stewardship in WRIA 9	Earthcorps	\$591,660	9
Outcomes-Based Riparian Reforestation Pilot in Deschutes WRIA 13	Freshwater Trust	\$572,427	13
Skagit Riparian Engagement & Native Plant Capacity	Skagit Conservation District	\$437,828	1,3,4,5
Tarboo Creek-Dabob Bay Watershed Reach-Scale Planning and Outreach	Northwest Watershed Institute	\$260,000	17
Puget Sound Native Plant Development Project	Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group	\$350,920	14,15,16,17
Biocultural Restoration of Riverscape Forests & Wetlands	Agroforestry Northwest	\$598,600	7,9,11,14
Catalyzing Waynita-Sammamish Riparian Stewardship and Adaptive Management	Whale Scout	\$454,922	8



Stay Involved!

Upcoming Riparian Practitioner Workshop: Adaptive Management

Thursday, October 8, 2026, 9 am - 3 pm

Skokomish Community Center, then River Mile 5 Farm

Co-hosted by the Skokomish Indian Tribe and Mason Conservation District

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/riparian-workshop-adaptive-management-tickets-1998385106649?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Join our Listserv to receive program updates: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAECY/subscriber/new?topic_id=WAECY_340

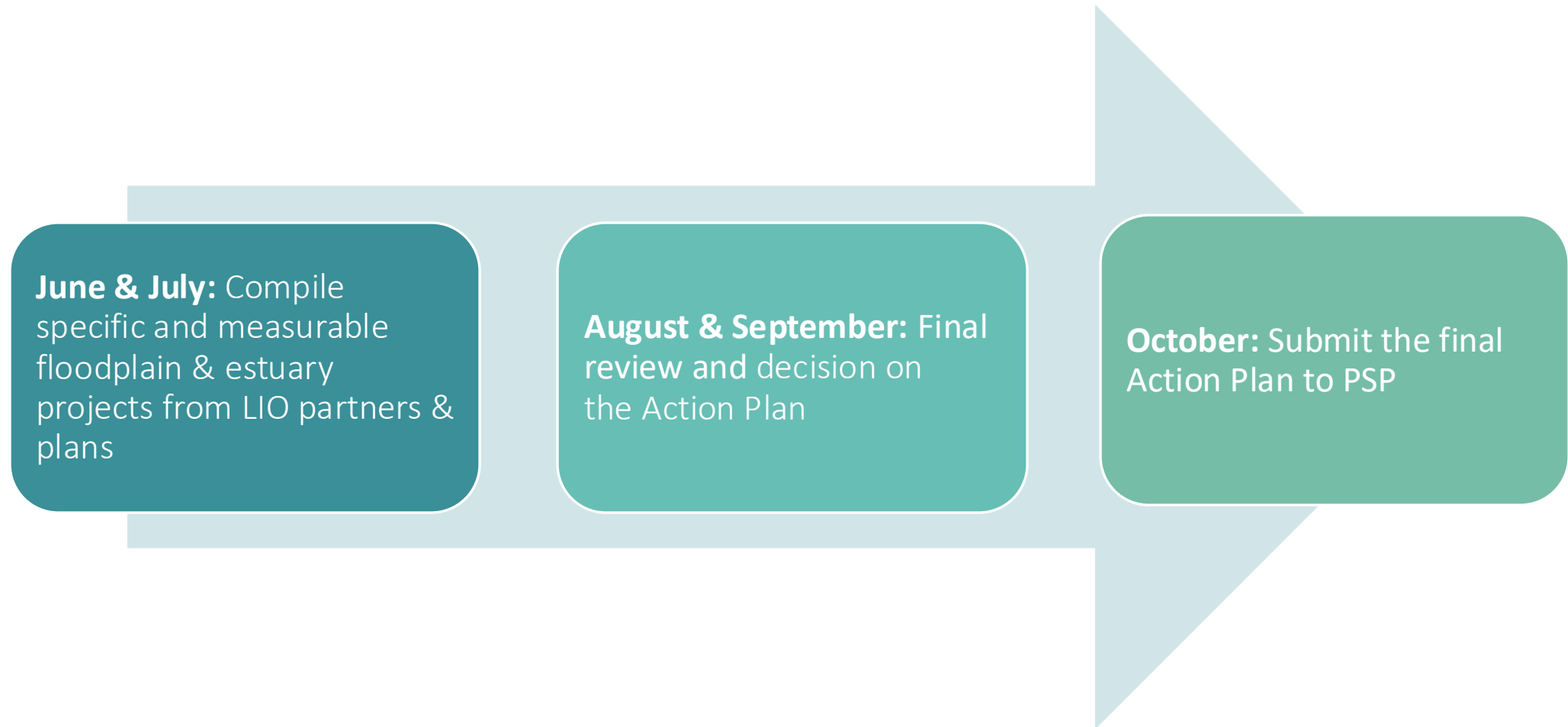
More details on funded projects on PSRSL website: <https://ecology.wa.gov/about-us/payments-contracts-grants/grants-loans/find-a-grant-or-loan/climate-resilient-riparian>



LIO Updates

- AHSS Floodplains & Estuaries Action Plan next steps
- Shoreline Armoring & Permitting Assessment
- South Sound Science Symposium Preview
- AHSS Shoreline Visioning Project
- AHSS LIO Upland and Nearshore Mapping Tool Updates

Floodplains & Estuaries Action Plan: Timeline



Project Overview

- **Project Leads:** HCCC is administering and managing the project on behalf of all six LIOs who contributed implementation funds. Herrera Environmental Consultants is the technical lead
- **Timeline:** Project ends June 30, 2027
- **Project Objectives:**
 - Shoreline Development Change Assessment
 - Shoreline Permit Analysis
 - Associate Permits with Shoreline Development Change

Shoreline Armoring & Permitting Assessment Project Update

Current Progress:

- Herrera has drafted the Assessment Methodology and received feedback from the Technical Workgroup
 - They are currently revising and finalizing the methodology
 - PSP will conduct Q&A on the methodology before the project can proceed
- LIO Coordinators will soon begin engaging County permit staff to obtain shoreline permit records
- Data analysis will begin in Fall 2026 (pending Q&A approval)

South Sound Science Symposium

Date: October 15, 2026

Location: Little Creek Casino
Resort, Shelton

2026 Focus: Emerging
research on ecosystem
status, trends, and
conditions to help inform
recovery, restoration, and
protection efforts in the
South Puget Sound region

Presentations will feature:

- Kelp research (DNR, and Squaxin Island Tribe)
- Integration of Science and Indigenous Knowledge in Collaborative Environmental Governance (UW Tacoma)
- Olympia Oyster Restoration (PSRF, WDFW, and NMFS)
- Contaminants of Emerging Concern (WDFW)
- Salish Sea Estuaries Avian Monitoring (Ecostudies Institute)
- Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly's Host Plan Resiliency (Ecostudies Institute)
- Nisqually Tribal Plant Gathering at Mt. Rainier (PLU)
- Seasonal and Long-term Toxin Production in a South Sound Lake (Ecology)
- Quantifying Stormwater Benefits of Native Tree Species (WSU)
- Evaluation of Tire and Roadway Chemicals in South Sound Streams (UW)
- Thurston County Stormwater Retrofit Prioritization (TRPC)

Shoreline Visioning Project

Purpose: Compile existing data sets to explore how watershed scale priorities for salmon and shoreline recovery align (or do not align) with county shoreline plans and codes to support shared planning and prioritization at the LIO scale.

Anticipated Deliverables:

- Project workplan & Memo describing users and use cases for project products (regular Tech Team meetings will contribute to this).
- Compiled list of potential data sources and sets with information on how each could be used. Anticipate this will be a combination of mapped data and narrative information.
- Meeting notes from outreach to up to six data stewards and experts as needed to understand pros/cons and specifics of available data and information.
- Mapped and narrative data summary including a project in GIS displaying compiled data sets and allowing overlays.
- Memo describing the updated shoreline vision and any related updates recommended for the South Sound Strategy.
- Final report on alignment (or lack of alignment) of AHSS shoreline vision with county codes and plans with recommendations for short- and long-term actions to increase alignment as well as other actions of AHSS and its partners to further the AHSS shoreline vision.

Squaxin Island Tribe and AHSS Mapping Updates

- ***Purpose:*** Recreating maps and targets to identify changes in status and progress toward targets by updating datasets in the Nearshore Project Selection Tool, Nearshore Catchment Analysis, and the Upland/Terrestrial Mapping Tool. These datasets will be combined into a “South Sound Strategy Tool.”
- ***Technical Team Mapping Subcommittee:*** This committee, a subset of the AHSS Technical Team will review criteria and scoring used to develop the model outputs for the nearshore models.
- ***Timeline:*** The South Sound Strategy Tool is anticipated to be completed in early 2027



Round Robin Announcements



Thank you for being here!

THE NEXT AHSS
COUNCIL MEETING
IS ON DECEMBER 17,
2026!