

**INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
AND  
SNOHOMISH COUNTY**

**THIS AGREEMENT** is made and entered into by and between the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) and Snohomish County

**IT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS AGREEMENT** to provide Snohomish County funding for a project to survey for and eradicate invasive *Spartina* species within Snohomish County.

**THEREFORE, IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED THAT:**

**STATEMENT OF WORK**

Snohomish County shall furnish the necessary personnel, equipment, material and/or service(s) and otherwise do all things necessary for or incidental to the performance of the work set forth in Attachment "A" which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

**PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE**

Regardless of the date of signature and subject to its other provisions, this Agreement shall begin on July 1, 2025 and end on June 30, 2027, unless terminated sooner or extended by WSDA as provided herein through a properly executed amendment.

**PAYMENT**

Compensation for the work provided in accordance with this Agreement has been established under the terms of RCW 39.34.130. The parties have determined that the cost of accomplishing the work herein will not exceed \$100,000.00. Only reasonable costs identified in Attachment "A", incurred directly related to the Snohomish County *Spartina* Survey and Eradication Program, will be reimbursed to Snohomish County under this Agreement.

Payment for satisfactory performance of the work shall not exceed this amount unless the parties mutually agree in writing to a higher amount prior to the commencement of any work that will cause the maximum payment to be exceeded. Compensation for service(s) shall be as set forth in accordance with the budget in Attachment "B" which is attached hereto and incorporated herein. The County's obligations after December 31, 2025 are contingent upon local legislative appropriation of necessary funds for this specific purpose in accordance with the County Charter and applicable law.

**BILLING PROCEDURE**

Snohomish County shall submit properly completed invoices quarterly to the WSDA Agreement administrator. Reference the WSDA Contract Number on all invoices. Payment to Snohomish County for approved and completed work will be made by warrant or account transfer by WSDA within 30 days of receipt of the properly completed invoice. If Contractor does not have an invoice template to request payment, Contractor can request a copy of a Certified State Invoice Voucher (Form A-19) from WSDA. Upon expiration of the Agreement, any claim for payment not already made shall be submitted within 30 days after the expiration date or the end of the fiscal year, whichever is earlier. **In no case can this be more than 10 days past the end of the biennium.**

**DUPLICATION OF BILLED COSTS**

The Contractor shall not bill the Agency for services performed under this contract, and the

Agency shall not pay the Contractor, if the Contractor has been or will be paid by any other source, including grants, for that service.

**FUNDING CONTINGENCY**

In the event funding from state, federal, or other sources is withdrawn, reduced, or limited in any way after the effective date of this Agreement and prior to completion of the work in this Agreement, the Agency may:

- a. Terminate this Agreement with 10 days advance notice. If this Agreement is terminated, the parties shall be liable only for performance rendered or costs incurred in accordance with the terms of this Agreement prior to the effective date of termination.
- b. Renegotiate the terms of the Agreement under those new funding limitations and conditions.
- c. After a review of project expenditures and deliverable status, extend the end date of this Agreement and postpone deliverables or portions of deliverables. Or,
- d. Pursue such other alternative as the parties mutually agree to writing.

**RECORDS MAINTENANCE**

The parties to this Agreement shall each maintain books, records, documents and other evidence that sufficiently and properly reflect all direct and indirect costs expended by either party in the performance of the services described herein. Documents must also support performance and costs of any nature expended in the performance of this Agreement. These records shall be subject to inspection, review or audit by personnel of both parties, other personnel duly authorized by either party, the Office of the State Auditor, and federal officials so authorized by law. All books, records, documents and other material relevant to this Agreement will be retained for six years after expiration of the Agreement and the Office of the State Auditor, federal auditors and any persons duly authorized by the parties shall have full access and the right to examine any of these materials during this period.

If any litigation, claim or audit is started before the expiration of the six (6) year period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved.

Records and other documents, in any medium, furnished by one party to this Agreement to the other party, will remain the property of the furnishing party, unless otherwise agreed. The receiving party will not disclose or make available this material to any third parties without first giving notice to the furnishing party and giving it a reasonable opportunity to respond, consistent with applicable laws. Each party will utilize reasonable security procedures and protections to assure that records and documents provided by the other party are not erroneously disclosed to third parties.

**RIGHTS IN DATA**

Unless otherwise provided, data that originates from this Agreement shall be "works for hire" as defined by the U.S. Copyright Act of 1976 and shall be owned by WSDA. Data shall include, but not be limited to, reports, documents, pamphlets, advertisements, books, magazines, surveys,

studies, computer programs, films, tapes and/or sound reproductions. Ownership includes the right to copyright, patent, register, and the ability to transfer these rights.

**INDEPENDENT CAPACITY**

The employees who are engaged in the performance of this Agreement shall continue to be employees of that party and shall not be considered for any purpose to be employees of the other party.

**AGREEMENT ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS**

This Agreement may be amended by mutual agreement of the parties. Such amendments shall not be binding unless they are in writing and signed by personnel authorized to bind each of the parties.

**SUBCONTRACTING**

"Subcontractor" means one not in the employment of a party to this Agreement, who is performing all or part of those services under this Agreement under a separate contract with a party to this Agreement. The terms "subcontractor" and "subcontractors" mean subcontractor(s) in any tier.

Except as otherwise provided in the Agreement, the Contractor shall not subcontract any of the contracted services without the prior approval of the Agency. The Contractor is responsible to ensure that all terms, conditions, assurances and certifications set forth in this Agreement are included in any and all Subcontracts. Any failure of Contractor or its Subcontractors to perform the obligations of this Agreement shall not discharge Contractor from its obligations under this Agreement.

**TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE**

Either party may terminate this Agreement upon 30 days' prior written notification to the other party. If this Agreement is so terminated, the parties shall be liable only for performance rendered or costs incurred in accordance with the terms of the Agreement prior to the effective date of termination.

**TERMINATION FOR CAUSE**

If for any cause, either party does not fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this Agreement, or if either party violates any of these terms and conditions, the aggrieved party will give the other party written notice of such failure or violation. The responsible party will be given the opportunity to correct the violation or failure within 15 working days of receipt of written notice. If the failure or violation is not corrected, this Agreement may be terminated immediately upon receipt of written notice of the aggrieved party to the other.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

WSDA may, by written notice to Snohomish County, terminate this Agreement if it is found after due notice and examination by the Director of the Department of Agriculture, and/or the designee authorized in writing to act on the Director's behalf, that there is a violation of the State Ethics Law, chapter 42.52 RCW; chapter 42.23 RCW; or any similar statute involving Snohomish County in the procurement of or performance under this Agreement. Unless stated otherwise, the signatory of this Agreement is the Director's designee.

In the event this Agreement is terminated as provided above, WSDA shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against Snohomish County as it could pursue in the event of a breach of the Agreement by Snohomish County. The rights and remedies of WSDA provided for in this clause

shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law. The existence of facts upon which the Director of the Department of Agriculture, and/or the designee authorized in writing to act on the Director's behalf, makes any determination under this clause shall be an issue and may be reviewed as provided in the "Disputes" clause of this Agreement.

### **DISPUTES**

In the event that a dispute arises under this Agreement, it shall be determined by a Dispute Board in the following manner: Each party to this Agreement shall appoint one member to the Dispute Board. The members so appointed shall jointly appoint an additional member to the Dispute Board. The Dispute Board shall review the facts, agreement terms and applicable statutes and rules and make a determination of the dispute. The determination of the Dispute Board shall be final and binding on the parties hereto.

### **GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE**

This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the state of Washington and the venue of any action brought under this Agreement shall be in Superior Court for Thurston County.

### **ASSURANCES**

The parties agree that all activity pursuant to this Agreement shall be in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, and regulations as they currently exist or as amended.

### **LICENSING, BONDING, INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE AND OTHER INSURANCE COVERAGE**

Snohomish County, shall ensure that all contractors hired to perform services under this Agreement shall comply with all applicable licensing and bonding requirements for the type of service to be performed, and with the provisions of Title 51, Industrial Insurance. Snohomish County shall also ensure that all contractors provide proof of an adequate amount of commercial general liability insurance coverage for the activities to be performed under any subcontract.

### **ORDER OF PRECEDENCE**

In the event of an inconsistency in the terms of this Agreement, or between its terms and any applicable statute or rule, the inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order:

- a. Applicable state and federal statutes and rules;
- b. Terms and conditions contained within this Contract;
- c. Plan of Work (Attachment A);
- d. Budget (Attachment B); and
- e. Any other provisions of the Agreement, including material incorporated by reference.

### **ASSIGNMENT**

Snohomish County is responsible for ensuring that all terms, conditions, assurances and certifications set forth in this Agreement are carried forward to any subcontracts. In no event shall the existence of any subcontract operate to release or reduce the liability of Snohomish County to WSDA for any breach in the performance of Snohomish County's duties.

### **WAIVER**

A failure by either party to exercise its rights under this Agreement shall not preclude that party from subsequent exercise of such rights and shall not constitute a waiver of any other rights under this Agreement. Waiver of any default or breach shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent default or breach. Any waiver shall not be construed to be a modification of the terms of this Agreement unless stated to be such in writing signed by an authorized representative of the party and attached to the original Agreement.

**SEVERABILITY**

If any term or condition of this Agreement is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the other terms or conditions of this Agreement.

**ALL WRITINGS CONTAINED HEREIN**

This Agreement contains all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties. No other understandings, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement shall be deemed to exist or to bind any of the parties hereto.

**CONTRACT MANAGEMENT**

The Agreement administrator for each of the parties shall be responsible for and shall be the contact person for all communications and billings regarding the performance of this Agreement.

The Agreement administrator for WSDA is: Chad Phillips, Spartina Coordinator  
Washington State Dept. of Agriculture  
Plant Protection Division  
PO Box 42560  
Olympia, Washington 98504-2560  
cphillips@agr.wa.gov

The Agreement administrator for Snohomish County is: Gregg Farris, Director  
Snohomish County  
Surface Water Management  
3000 Rockefeller Ave M/S 303  
Everett, Washington 98201

All communications between the parties relating to this Agreement and any billings and payments will be directed to those persons. Either party may change administrators by notifying the other in writing.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have executed this Agreement.

STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE

SNOHOMISH COUNTY

By: Greg Haubrich By: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Executive

Title: Assistant Director - Plant Protection Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**Plan of Work**  
**Snohomish County**  
**and its agent Snohomish County Noxious Weed Control Board**  
**Spartina Survey and Eradication**  
**July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027**

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Spartina is an extremely damaging biological invader with the potential to harm the ecosystems and economies of our state's estuarine waters. Snohomish County is an important partner in the fight to eradicate Spartina from Washington's shores. This agreement outlines services that Snohomish County and its agent, the Snohomish County Noxious Weed Control Board, are to perform to assist the coordinated Spartina eradication effort.

**County Spartina Control Crew Criteria:**

Snohomish County through its agent, Snohomish County Noxious Weed Control Board, will conduct survey and eradication work on the Spartina infestations along the shorelines of Snohomish County, Washington. Treatment of these sites is a continuation of efforts which began in 1996. Survey and eradication efforts will be prioritized to maintain control on previously controlled areas, preventing seed set and possible spread to adjacent areas, and surveying for and eradicating new infestations where found.

Minimum work specifications: two or more workers will be hired or contracted to eradicate Spartina infestations within Snohomish County. **The county coordinator will designate a lead with an aquatic license each field day. This person will be responsible for completing the daily treatment record.** Snohomish County Spartina control crews will use an integrated weed management approach, which incorporates where appropriate; manual, mechanical and herbicide application techniques. Applications of herbicide are limited to products with appropriate labels that are covered under the Aquatic Noxious Weed Control National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit.

All control methods will be employed consistent with the laws, rules and regulations of Washington State and Snohomish County, the *Noxious Emergent Plant Management Environmental Impact Statement* (EIS) first published in November 1993, and all subsequent amendments to the EIS.

Snohomish County, or subcontractors to Snohomish County, must enter into a contract with WSDA under which Snohomish County, or subcontractors to Snohomish County, act as limited agents to carry out noxious and quarantine weed control for WSDA under the "Aquatic Noxious Weed Control National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Waste Discharge General Permit" (NPDES permit) prior to the performance of any activity pursuant to this Agreement that discharges herbicides directly into streams or rivers, or indirectly into streams, rivers, estuaries, wetlands, along lake shorelines, or in other wet areas. Herbicide treatments may only occur at times allowed under provisions of the NPDES permit and must comply with conditions specified in such permit.

The crew will work closely with the weed board coordinator and the WSDA Coordinator, and be active in the field from July 1, 2025 to October 31, 2025 and June 1, 2026 to October 31, 2026. The work will be conducted on private and public property in cooperation with landowners.

County crews may also work in other counties with other county Spartina control crews. Spartina survey outside of these periods is encouraged if funding allows.

**Work Crew and Work Hours:**

The county Spartina control crew will work for the county noxious weed control board during the specified period, dedicating their time to Spartina control. Work hours will fluctuate with the tides. **The county Spartina control crew must be able and willing to adjust work schedules to accommodate tide, weather and the needs of cooperating control crews. This may include the need to be available for overtime and working on non-regular work days. In order for the Spartina control program to be a success crews must show up at agreed upon work times as tardiness negatively effects the greater multi-agency control effort.**

The Spartina crew leader will report directly to the Snohomish County weed coordinator. The Snohomish County weed coordinator will be responsible for coordinating the crew's workweek and for updating the WSDA Spartina control coordinator on progress. The crew leader will work in the field at all times with the crew, unless unforeseen circumstances require the crew leader to leave the crew unattended.

**Equipment:**

The Spartina control crew will use all available tools for survey and eradication, including manual removal and herbicide application equipment, to control Spartina infestations in Snohomish County.

**Expenditures:**

The funds provided for the county Spartina control crew will primarily go towards wages and benefits for the crew members, equipment and supply purchases, repair and maintenance. The funds will not fund any overhead costs including maps, computer programs, or other costs unless the expenditure is specifically authorized in writing by WSDA.

**Coordination:**

The Snohomish County Spartina Control Program will be coordinated with state, local and private control efforts. Permission will be obtained prior to conducting eradication activities on private lands.

**Deliverables:**

The County Noxious Weed Control Coordinator will submit one written report to the WSDA Agreement administrator each fiscal year, documenting the work conducted. The first report is due December 1, 2025 and the second is due December 1, 2026. Reports will include the following: date(s) of control and survey activities, the type of control and survey conducted, difficulties encountered, results of the control and survey effort, photo documentation of sites treated and/or surveyed. Additionally, point data, track line data and daily treatment areas must be recorded utilizing ESRI, Arc GIS Mobile. Final payment for each fiscal year under this Agreement will not be made until the report and all required data is accepted by WSDA.

These deliverables are separate from and in addition to any reporting requirements associated with extension of WSDA's coverage under the Aquatic Noxious Weed Control NPDES General Permit.



**ATTACHMENT B**  
**Budget**  
**Snohomish County**  
**and its agent Snohomish County Noxious Weed Control Board**  
**Spartina Survey and Eradication**  
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Total payment to Snohomish County will not exceed \$50,000.00 in fiscal year 2026 (i.e., July 1, 2025- through June 30, 2026). Any funds remaining can be spent in fiscal year 2027 (i.e., July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027).

1. Salary and benefits .....	\$90,000.00
2. Supply and equipment .....	\$5,500.00
3. Indirect costs at 5% of salaries and benefits .....	\$4,500.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>

Reimbursement for travel expenditures shall not exceed allowable costs as set forth in Washington State travel regulations, contained in the Office of Financial Management State Administrative and Accounting Manual, Chapter 10, Section 90.

**The County’s obligations after December 31, 2025 are contingent upon local legislative appropriation of necessary funds for this specific purpose in accordance with the County Charter and applicable law.**