



Public Infrastructure and Conservation

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Council Initiated:

Yes

No

ECAF: 2023-0957
Ordinance: 23-085

Type:

- Contract
- Board Appt.
- Code Amendment
- Budget Action
- Other

Requested Handling:

- Normal
- Expedite
- Urgent

Fund Source:

- General Fund
- Other
- N/A

Executive Rec:

- Approve
- Do Not Approve
- N/A

Approved as to

Form:

- Yes
- No
- N/A

Subject: Salmon Barrier Removal

Scope: This Ordinance would approve an ILA with the Tulalip Tribes to implement portions of the Snohomish Cooperative Salmon Barrier Removal Project under RCW 39.34.030. Under the agreement, the Tribe would provide the County with funding to complete the following work:

- Sexton Creek Fish Passage - \$1,776,000: restore 1 mile of upstream habitat through the planning and replacement of an impassable culvert with a 26-foot span arch buried bridge.
- Lower Williams Creek Fish Passage - \$1,548,166: restore 0.21 miles of upstream habitat through the planning and replacement of two impassable culverts along Machias road. Planning phase will include outreach to property owners and project stakeholders.
- French Creek Fish Passage - \$2,873,142: restore access to 7.5 miles of upstream habitat through the planning and replacement of an impassable culvert with a 54-foot span bridge.

Duration: Execution through December 31, 2026

Fiscal Impact: Current Year Multi-Year N/A

The total award amount is \$6,197,308 over the term of the grant, and no match is required.

Expenditures	Current Year	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
Fund 415 (SWM)		\$544,000	\$5,653,308	\$0		\$6,197,308.00
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Total's	0	\$544,000.00	\$5,653,308.00	\$0.00	0	\$6,197,308.00

Authority Granted: Authorize 1) the Executive to sign the ILA, and 2) the DCNR Director to execute administrative amendments or amendments reducing or revising the scope of work under the agreement.

Background: The Tulalip Tribes have been awarded grant funds from the U.S. Department of Commerce National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Restoring Fish Passage through Barrier Removal Notice of Funding Opportunity under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) under Federal Award ID Number NA23NMF4630025 to implement the Snohomish Cooperative Salmon Barrier Removal Project. The grant identifies the County as a subrecipient, which requires the County and the Tulalip Tribes of Washington to enter an Interlocal Agreement for implementation.

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The County's goal is to remove four fish passage barriers and to restore fish access to approximately 8.7 miles of upstream habitat.

Action Requested: Move to GLS on September 13, 2023, to set time and date for a Public Hearing.