



## 2025 Spotlight Projects

### Lower Columbia Barrier Inventory Phase 2

#### *Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership*

The overall goal of this phase 2 assessment project is to improve the quality and accuracy of the Lower Columbia Barrier Inventory data and priorities to help meet the needs of local communities, counties, and the state for strategically implementing future barrier correction projects. Benefiting species include ESA-listed lower Columbia summer and winter steelhead, coho, chum, and fall and spring Chinook salmon across the entire Washington portion of the lower Columbia River region.



*Photo by Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership*

### Hardy Creek Reach 5 Floodplain Reconnection

#### *Cowlitz Indian Tribe*



*Photo by Cowlitz Indian Tribe*

The Cowlitz Indian Tribe in partnership with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, proposes to restore floodplain function to 4.25 acres of riparian habitat and 2,500 feet of Reach 5 of Hardy Creek, located in Pierce National Wildlife Refuge, Skamania County, WA. This project will also restore riparian function by installing over 4,500 native trees and shrubs with a focused effort to install live stakes within 1,750 linear feet of Hardy Creek floodplain. This collaborative will restore natural processes, habitat diversity and complexity to benefit ESA-listed species including lower Columbia steelhead, coho, chum, and Chinook salmon as well as out-of-basin fish.

## 2025 Lower Columbia Salmon Recovery Grant Round Summary



**22+ Stream Miles  
Designed or Assessed**



**10+ Stream  
Miles Treated**



**180+ Riparian  
Acres Restored**



**23+ Acres Off-Channel and  
Floodplain Reconnected**

### Funded Project List

The Washington Salmon Recovery Funding Board approved \$7,504,238 for 13 projects submitted by the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board for salmon and steelhead habitat work in the lower Columbia River region in southwest Washington. Grants awarded include projects in Clark, Cowlitz, Lewis, and Skamania Counties. Funded projects are listed below.

Project Title	Sponsor	Grant Amount
Lower Columbia Barrier Inventory Ph 2	Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership	\$ 142,636
Green River (NFT) – Shutz to Falls Design	Lower Columbia Fish Enhancement Group	\$ 499,295
Hardy Creek R5 Floodplain Reconnection	Cowlitz Indian Tribe	\$ 1,444,842
Wildboy Creek Ph 2 Design	Cowlitz Indian Tribe	\$ 122,037
NFT Old Beaver Creek Restoration	Lower Columbia Fish Enhancement Group	\$ 278,152
Dry Creek Habitat Restoration	Yakama Nation	\$ 954,578
Washougal Headwaters Reconnection Design	Cowlitz Indian Tribe	\$ 323,689
GMC 1.1 – Mulholland Helicopter	Lower Columbia Fish Enhancement Group	\$1,812,666
Cedar Creek Resilience	Lower Columbia Fish Enhancement Group	\$ 145,099
Dyer Creek Ph 2 Restoration	Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership	\$ 295,903
Schaefer Restoration Ph 3	Clark Public Utilities	\$ 854,358
Restoration in the Salmon Creek Watershed	Cascade Forest Conservancy	\$ 334,413
Cedar Creek Riparian Collaborative	Lower Columbia Fish Enhancement Group	\$ 296,570