
PROJECT: 16-1719 PLAN, BECKLER CONFLUENCE LWD DESIGN

Sponsor: Wild Fish Conservancy Program: Salmon Federal Projects Status: Active
Project Start Date: 12/08/2016 Agreement End Date: 11/30/2018

Final Report Status: Accepted 01/31/2019

Description

PROJECT AGREEMENT DESCRIPTION

Wild Fish Conservancy will develop preliminary designs (as described in Manual 18 Appendix D-2) for the construction of 7-10 engineered log jams in the confluence of the Beckler River and the South Fork Skykomish. The goal of the project will be to reconnect the lower Beckler River to its historic alluvial fan. Restoring historic structural elements (LWD) to the reach will alter sediment routing, sorting patterns, dissipate flood flows, and increase channel roughness. By altering the river in this way, it will increase habitat complexity in the reach, benefiting salmonid populations trapped and hauled above Sunset Falls by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). This project is a collaboration between the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Wild Fish Conservancy, and King County.

FINAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Over the course of this project WFC engineers and ecologists developed restoration treatment designs for the project site that include using Engineered Log Jams (ELJs) to capture and retain sediment in the mainstem of the Beckler river channel, which when implemented, will improve aquatic habitat diversity and reconnect the channel to its historic floodplain. The project site is located in the Mt. Baker Snoqualmie National Forest, near the confluence with the Skykomish River, just north of the town of Skykomish. The designs developed in this project are an important step towards the development of a restoration treatment for the alluvial fan of the Beckler River. The future restoration project will improve instream habitat conditions for all native fish species, including ESA listed Chinook salmon, Steelhead and Bull Trout, which all use this reach. The project will also improve connectivity between the river and its floodplain, likely resulting in the development of off channel habitat, which serves as important rearing habitat for coho salmon as well as flood refugia habitat for all juvenile salmonids.

Narrative

The major new lesson learned over the course of this project was that green (bathymetric) LiDAR applications were cost competitive with traditional surveys at the site. We solicited open bids from 2 traditional survey companies and 1 remote sensing survey firm. We were surprised when the remote sensing bid came in the lowest. The quality of the product and the ease of use of the data for our technical staff would have made even a 5% more expensive quote from the remote sensing firm a better deal. But as the lowest bid it was clearly the best choice. The topographic surveys would have required detailed data stitching to an existing LiDAR data set, whereas the remote sensing option developed bathymetry data and newer more detailed ground cover data in a seamless data set.

We did experience delays with the contracted hydraulic engineer. Their staffing issues led to a long delay in their ability to develop the hydraulic models for the project. But once the hydraulic models were run we were able to develop project designs fairly quickly.

Moving forward we anticipate that we will apply for funding for the permitting and construction phase of the project in 2019 and 2020. We hope to submit permit applications in the summer or fall of 2019 and to construct the project in the summer of 2020. If funding limits our ability to construct the entire project in one phase we will be able to split the project into two phases, constructing in the summers of 2020 and 2021.

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Worksites

Worksite #1: Confluence of Beckler River & SF Skykomish

Worksite Address (Optional)
Street Address Beckler Rd
City Skykomish
State, Zip WA

Worksite Details

Worksite #1: Confluence of Beckler River & SF Skykomish

Worksite Name Confluence of Beckler River & SF Skykomish

WORKSITE DESCRIPTION

The Alluvial fan of the Beckler River

Geographic Coordinates

From mapped point: Latitude 47.716663 Longitude -121.341130
For Directions: Latitude 47.718684 Longitude -121.343949

SITE ACCESS DIRECTIONS

Drive east on Highway 2 from Everett. The Beckler Road is the first left turn after the town of Skykomish.

Properties

| Worksite # | Worksite Name | Property Name | Sponsor Verified | RCO Verified | RCO Verified Map |
|------------|--|-------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|
| 1 | Confluence of Beckler River & SF Skykomish | Mt Baker Snoqualmie National Forest | | ✓ | N/A |

Planning Metrics

Current Agreement

Final

Worksite: Confluence of Beckler River & SF Skykomish (#1)

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Targeted salmonid ESU/DPS (A.23)

The salmon ESU (Evolutionarily Significant Unit) or steelhead DPS (Distinct Population Segment) name that the project is targeting. For species where ESU/DPS name is not known or determined, use the species name with unidentified ESU (e.g., Chinook salmon - unidentified ESU).

| | |
|---|---|
| No Salmon ESU or Steelhead DPS | No Salmon ESU or Steelhead DPS |
| ✓ Chinook Salmon-Puget Sound ESU | ✓ Chinook Salmon-Puget Sound ESU |
| Chinook Salmon-unidentified ESU | Chinook Salmon-unidentified ESU |
| Chum Salmon-Puget Sound/Strait of Georgia ESU | Chum Salmon-Puget Sound/Strait of Georgia ESU |
| Chum Salmon-unidentified ESU | Chum Salmon-unidentified ESU |
| Coho Salmon-Puget Sound/Strait of Georgia ESU | ✓ Coho Salmon-Puget Sound/Strait of Georgia ESU |
| Coho Salmon-unidentified ESU | Coho Salmon-unidentified ESU |
| Pink Salmon-Even year ESU | Pink Salmon-Even year ESU |
| Pink Salmon-Odd year ESU | Pink Salmon-Odd year ESU |
| Pink Salmon-unidentified ESU | Pink Salmon-unidentified ESU |
| ✓ Steelhead-Puget Sound DPS | ✓ Steelhead-Puget Sound DPS |
| Steelhead/Trout-unidentified DPS | Steelhead/Trout-unidentified DPS |

Area Encompassed (acres) (B.0.b.1)

Acres of land area affected by the planning and assessment activities (to the nearest 0.1 acre). For design projects, this is the project footprint. For assessments, this is the area to be assessed.

45.0

45.0

Targeted species (non-ESU species)

Select one or more of the fish species that this project will benefit.

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| None | None |
| Unknown | Unknown |
| Brook Trout | Brook Trout |
| Brown Trout | Brown Trout |
| ✓ Bull Trout | ✓ Bull Trout |
| ✓ Cutthroat | ✓ Cutthroat |
| Kokanee | Kokanee |
| ✓ Rainbow | ✓ Rainbow |
| ✓ Searun Cutthroat | ✓ Searun Cutthroat |

Miles of Stream and/or Shoreline Affected (B.0.b.2)

The miles of freshwater stream and/or marine shoreline affected (to the nearest 0.01 mile). For design projects, the miles in the project footprint. For assessments, the miles to be assessed.

0.50

0.50

Project Identified In a Plan or Watershed Assessment (C.0.c)

Name of the Recovery Plan that identifies the need or justification for conducting this project. If not identified in Recovery Plan, name the watershed assessment or other plan which justifies the need for the project. Use endnote citation format (Author, date, title, source, source address). If project was not identified in a plan, enter "none." (500 characters max).

Not Collected at Closure

Priority in Recovery Plan

Priority in Recovery Plan. How is the project prioritized or justified by the above plan? (i.e. addresses a priority action, occurs in a priority area, or targets a priority species). Include page reference. If project was not identified in a Plan, enter 'None'

Not Collected at Closure

Design for Salmon restoration

Projects include complete engineering or preliminary design.

Preliminary design

Preliminary engineering/design work for restoration projects.

Total cost for Preliminary design

\$104,976

Not Collected at Closure

Enter the cost (to the nearest dollar) of this work type, as close as you can reasonably get it.

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Priority in Recovery Plan (1222)

Priority in Recovery Plan. How is the project prioritized or justified by the above plan? (i.e. addresses a priority action, occurs in a priority area, or targets a priority species). Include page reference. If project was not identified in a Plan, enter 'None'

Name and Description of Plan (2297)

Name and brief description of the plan that was developed through the grant. If no plan was developed, enter "None".

Agency Indirect Costs

Funding provided for approved agency indirect costs.

Agency Indirect

Indirect costs based on approved rate.

Total cost for Agency Indirect

\$14,010

Not Collected at Closure

Enter your estimated indirect costs (if applicable). Note: If your project has more than one worksite, you should only complete this for the first worksite.

Overall Metrics

Current Agreement

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Completion Date

Projected date of completion

12/30/2018

12/30/2018

Estimated date the scope of work will be completed.

Project Goals

Goals, purpose, and expected benefits (A.17)

Short description of the goals and purpose of the project and how it is expected to benefit salmonids or salmonid habitat.

Planning Costs

*Final amounts include a pending billing
Date of Last Released Billing 11/05/2018*

Proposed

Final

Worksite: Confluence of Beckler River & SF Skykomish (#1)

SPLIT OUT FINAL TOTAL BELOW

\$118,986.00

\$117,088.71

Design for Salmon restoration Costs

\$104,976

\$108,429

Agency Indirect Costs

\$14,010

\$8,660

Difference

\$0

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Billed Summary

*Final amounts include a pending billing
Date of Last Released Billing 11/05/2018*

| Category | Project Agreement | | Expended | Totals To Date | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| | RCO | Total | | Non Reimbursable | Total Billed |
| Non-Capital | | | | | |
| Non-Capital Costs | | | 61,533.00 | 55,555.71 | 117,088.71 |
| Equipment | | | | | |
| Non-Capital Total | 61,533.00 | 117,086.00 | 61,533.00 | 55,555.71 | 117,088.71 |
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Sponsor Match

| | Proposed | Final |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Project Funding | | |
| PCSRF Federal Funds (A.10) | \$61,533.00 | \$55,379.70 |
| State Funds (A.11) | | |
| Pending Billing - RCO Share Approved | | \$6,153.30 |
| Sponsor Match: Monetary Funding | | |
| Amount of other monetary funding (A.12) | \$57,453 | \$55,556 |
| Source of other monetary funding (A.12.a) | | |
| Sponsor Match: Donated Un-paid Labor (volunteers) | | |
| Value of Donated Unpaid Labor (Volunteers) (A.13.a.2) | \$0 | \$0 |
| Source of Donated Un-paid labor contributions (A.13.a.4) | | |
| Number of hours volunteers contributed to the project (A.13.a.1) | <i>Collected at Closure</i> | 0 |
| Describe how the value of the volunteers was determined (A.13.a.3) | <i>Collected at Closure</i> | |
| Sponsor Match: Donated Paid Labor | | |
| Value of Donated Paid Labor (A.13.b.1) | \$0 | \$0 |
| Source of Donated Paid Contributions (A.13.b.2) | | |
| Sponsor Match: Other In-kind Contributions | | |
| Value of Other In-Kind Contributions (A.13.c.1) | \$0 | \$0 |
| Source of Other In-Kind Contributions (A.13.c.3) | | |
| Description of other In-Kind contributions (A.13.c.2) | | |
| Amount Total | \$118,986 | \$117,089 |
| Total Billed | | \$117,089 |
| Difference | | \$0 |

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Attachments

PHOTOS (JPG, GIF)

FILES AND PHOTOS

| File Type | Attach Date | Attachment Type | Title | Person | File Name, Number Associations | Shared |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------|--------|--------------------------------|--------|
| No attachments match filter criteria | | | | | | |

Certify & Submit

Status History

| Report Status | Date | User | Note |
|---------------|------------|------------------|---|
| Accepted | 01/31/2019 | Elizabeth Butler | Thank you Micah, nice job on the restoration design work! |
| Submitted | 01/31/2019 | Micah Wait | Thanks for your help in wrapping this up! |
| Draft | 01/10/2019 | Micah Wait | |

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PROPERTY: Mt Baker Snoqualmie National Forest (1: Confluence of Beckler River & SF Skykomish)

Property Basics

Acquisition Planning

Property Location

| | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Property Name | Mt Baker Snoqualmie National Forest | Property Description | |
| Property Address (optional) | | Associated Worksite | Confluence of Beckler River & SF Skyko |
| City | | | |
| State | Zip | | |

Landowner

Landowner Name US Forest Service (USFS)
Address (optional)
City
State **Zip**
Landowner Type Federal

Control and Tenure

Instrument Type Public Use Agreement
Timing Proposed
Term Type Fixed # of years
Yrs 10
Expiration Date
Note

Parcel Numbers

| County Name | Parcel Number | Mapped | Notes (optional) |
|-------------|---------------|--------|------------------|
| No parcels | | | |

Recording Numbers

| Instrument Type | Recording Number | Notes |
|-----------------|------------------|-------|
| | | |

RCO Notes

Property data verified by RCO Staff

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| File Type | Attach Date | Attachment Type | Title | Person | File Name, Number Associations | Shared |
|---|-------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|--|--------|
|  | 02/27/2017 | Land Ownership Certification Form | Land_ownership_cert Beckler_16-1719 | JoshL | Land_ownership_cert Beckler_16-1719.doc, 296150 Property: Mt Baker Snoqualmie National Forest | |