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Salmon recovery grants announced

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OLYMPIA (MCT)
— Groups in Chelan and Okanogan counties will get nearly \$2 million of \$30 million in Washington Salmon Recovery Funding Board grants. The grants, announced Monday, come from the federal Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund, and from the sale of state bonds.

The projects go to 28 counties and will provide more than 300 jobs during the next four years.

The projects include:

Chelan County projects:

Cascade Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group; \$243,553 for three projects to install logs in the White River, develop a plan to add nutrients to the upper Wenatchee River, and design a side channel for juvenile salmon in the Okanogan and Similkameen rivers in Okanogan County.

Chelan-Douglas Land Trust; \$530,000 to purchase

53 acres along the Entiat River critical for spawning, and 18 acres in the lower White Pine reach of Nason Creek to protect a floodplain and major spawning area.

Chelan County; \$565,660 for three projects to reconnect wetlands and floodplains disconnected by a railroad line, remove culverts in the upper Chumstick Creek, and replace culverts in Coulter Creek.

Okanogan County projects:

Methow Conservancy; \$286,072; purchase conservation easements on 60 acres along the upper Methow River.

Methow Salmon Recovery Foundation; \$142,715 to purchase nearly one acre on the Methow River north of Twisp with side channel habitat and a floodplain and all or part of \$.3 acres on the Twisp River to protect a floodplain.

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife; \$185,000 to purchase 25 acres and a conservation easement along the Methow River, about 3 miles south of Twisp to protect a floodplain.