

**THE TULALIP TRIBES OF WASHINGTON**  
**RESOLUTION 2022 - 205**

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**Authorization to apply for Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife Estuary and  
Salmon Restoration Program Learning Grant**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors is the governing body of the Tulalip Tribes under the Constitution and Bylaws of the Tribes approved by the United States Commissioner of Indian Affairs and the Secretary of the Interior on January 24, 1936, pursuant to the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984, 25 U.S.C. 5123); and

**WHEREAS**, the Tulalip Board of Directors under Article VI, Section 1. (L) Art. VI, Sec. 1 of the Tribal Constitution desire to safeguard and promote the community's peace, safety and general welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tulalip Tribes Natural Resources Department is applying for funding assistance managed by the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program; and;

**WHEREAS**, these funds grant will be used to conduct a study on the Meadowdale Beach Park Restoration Project, the project will study changes in beach and stream geomorphology and fish use after the replacement of a culvert under the rail road with a 100 foot rail road trestle to connect an embayment and stream with the Puget Sound, near Edmonds, Washington; and.

**WHEREAS**, the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program agreement will provide approximately \$120,000 in grant funds toward the implementation of the project, between 2023 and 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program Learning Grant application has a requirement of \$36,000 (30%) in match, which will be provided by a EPA National Estuary Program Grant (\$20,000) we are already approved for and (\$20,000) from Snohomish County staff and consultant fees for conducting some monitoring work and coordinating the study effort; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors of the Tulalip Tribes of Washington approves the Natural & Cultural Resources Department application for funding to the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program Learning Grant and approves the required match funding of 30% for a maximum of \$40,000 to come from an already secured EPA NEP grant funds and Snohomish County staff and consultant funds already allocated for the monitoring study should this project be awarded.

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**ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of the Tulalip Tribes of Washington at a regular board meeting assembled on the 6th day of May, 2022, with a quorum present, by a vote of 6 For, 0 Against, and 0 Abstain.

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Teri Gobin

Teri Gobin, Chair

ATTEST:

Debra L. Posey

Debra Posey, Secretary



## **Resolution to Apply for 2022 WDFW Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program (ESRP) Learning Grant Funds**

We are requesting approval to submit an application to the WDFW Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program (ESRP) Learning Grant, which requires a 30% match. The application is seeking \$120,000 in grant funds and we are looking to provide \$40,000 in match to make the grant competitive for funding.

The restoration project that will be studied involves the removal of an undersized box culvert under the rail road tracks and replacing it with a 100 foot trestle to restore a natural stream mouth and is scheduled to be completed in 2022. We are applying to the WDFW ESRP Learning Grant to get additional funding for the study of the geomorphic changes that will occur at the site and monitoring changes in juvenile salmon use of the site.

This project is the first where a coastal stream mouth is being restored along the water front railroad line. Results of this study will be used to inform future similar restoration projects in the future and evaluate if this type of project is feasible given the ecological and geomorphic constraints along the waterfront railroad.

The study effort is being coordinated between the Tulalip Tribes, Snohomish County, and other agencies and groups such as USGS and Sea Grant. Snohomish County has allocated \$80,000 annually for the monitoring effort with some of those funds being allocated to a consultant to coordinate monitoring efforts. We have been using EPA National Estuary Program grant funds to conduct pre-restoration monitoring of the site and have secured future EPA NEP funds to continue this work in 2023 and 2024. Both Snohomish County and EPA NEP funds will be used as match for this grant if we are awarded it. The grant requirement is for 30%, or \$36,000 match and we will be offering \$40,000 in matching funds to make our grant application more competitive.

This funding is one of the few sources of grant funding available for studying the outcomes of this restoration project which are critical for justifying similar future restoration projects and to inform future restoration designs for restoration work along the waterfront railroad corridor.

The resolution is being submitted by Todd Zackey, Marine & Nearshore Program Manager in the Environmental Division of the Natural and Cultural Resources Department.

Other Staff involved in the project are Kurt Nelson, Devin Robinson, Jonathan Grindell, Michael Abrahamse, and Michelle Totman.