## Amendment Request Information[[1]](#footnote-1)

**Amendment Type** *(Check box for type(s) of amendment requested.)*

☒ Scope (*change of location, change in metrics*)

☒ Time extension: **3-31-2024**

☐ Cost (*increase, decrease, match change*)

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| Project name: | Point No Point Estuary Restoration Design Project |
| Project number: | 20-1524 P |
| Date of request: | 12-18-2023 |
| Sponsor(s): | Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group |
| Lead Entity: | WSPER |
| Current end date: | 12-31-2023 |
| **Requested Time Extension** | 3-31-2024 |

**Funding** (*Grants manager may need provide information for this section*)

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|  | **Current Amount** | **Biennium/ Year of Funding** | **Amount Remaining** | **Share** | **New Funding Amount** | **New Share** |
| Salmon State | $61,337 | 2021 | $0 | 16.87% | $ | % |
| ESRP | $254,509 | 2020 | $16,434 | 70% | $ | % |
| PSAR | $15,437 | 2021 | $15,437 | 4.25% | $ | % |
| Sponsor match | $32,302 |  | $ | 8.88% | $ | % |
| Project total | $363,585 |  | $ |  | $ |  |

**All Requests**

* **Brief project summary:** Mid-Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group will complete physical investigations as well as landowner and community outreach to inform and develop several preliminary design alternatives for estuary restoration at Point No Point in Kitsap County. The design alternatives will explore options allowing tidal inundation and fish access to up to 32 acres of freshwater wetlands that were historically salt marsh and have been cut off from saltwater for the last hundred years by dikes and a tidegate. This project is the top ranked project out of 420 potential Puget Sound Chinook recovery nearshore habitat projects on the Puget Sound Kitsap County shoreline, according to a study completed in 2016. Early feasibility assessment, early stakeholder engagement, and conceptual design work have been completed for the project. This phase will collect additional site information needed to flesh out a restoration design concept to develop design alternatives and compare the alternatives including a full hydraulic analysis to determine changes to groundwater and seawater, and effects of Sea Level Rise on the designs. Additional community and stakeholder outreach will be conducted to develop and evaluate preliminary design alternatives and select a preferred design alternative to be developed to a permit ready design.
* **Current project progress:** *(what tasks are complete and timeline for remaining tasks):* Hydraulic analysis has been completed, a more robust outreach plan has been followed than was originally scoped, and an Alternatives Analysis Report was presented to the County, to funders and subject matter experts, and to the Community for review and comment. But the project’s proximity to infrastructure and challenges already facing the local community necessitate additional information be gathered to inform project viability and address landowner questions and concerns prior to selecting and moving forward on a design alternative. Point No Point experienced multiple King Tide events in 2022, severe neighborhood flooding in late December of 2022 (and related trauma), and a small number of adjacent property owners have registered strong opposition to the project. Understanding how this project fits within the suite of challenges and potential actions in the community is essential context to proceed. In addition, Mid-Sound must combat disinformation being spread regarding the project, which complicates and undermines our efforts to provide factual information to affected landowners and community members, tribes, funders, decision-makers, and the community at large. It is clear that a more robust analysis of stormwater within and adjacent to the project footprint is needed before a preferred alternative can be chosen. For these reasons, funding limitations have been put in place: ESRP & SRFB Review Panels do not authorize the completion of preliminary designs at this time. Stormwater engineering is beyond the scope of the original design project, and outside of the expertise of our coastal engineering team, but within the PROPOSED NEW PROJECT MILESTONES, revisions will be made to the existing Report that speak to stakeholder concerns, and document Next Steps for a future funding cycle to address.

**Time Extensions : Mid Sound requests an extension of the current grant (expiring Dec 31, 2023) to March 31, 2023**

* **Reason and justification for delay:** Additional time is required to prepare the deliverables included in the re-scoping suggested during the ESRP/SRFB meeting with Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group, Blue Coast Engineering, ESRP & SRFB on 12/8/2023.
* **Proposed new project milestones** (*see next page for “uncertainties”)*:

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| TASKS | TARGET DATE |
| Request Skillings Connolly stormwater model owned by County; extract data. Determine whether existing data is suitable for modeling of current conditions, or if budgeting for stormwater sub-contractor will be required in the next phase. | January 31, 2024 |
| Revise Alternatives Analysis Report to reflect scope change: Feasibility   * Supplement existing stormwater discussion with any useful data gleaned from the Skillings Connolly stormwater model. * Address SRFB and ESRP comments from the Alternatives Analysis Review that do not require additional survey work. * Prepare Report Appendix, titled Public Comment Summary:  Include 5 or more community concern “buckets”, and provide response.   + Draft Review (MSFEG/BCE)   + Final draft to prism * Prepare Report Appendix, titled NEXT STEPS. This road map will list next steps (both technical and non-technical) required to determine project viability, select a preferred alternative, and proceed with design, if warranted.   + Draft Review (MSFEG/BCE)   + Final draft to prism | February 9, 2024 |
| February 16, 2024 |
| February 23, 2024 March 1, 2024 |
| March 8, 2024 March 15, 2024 |
| Mid Sound will prepare a stand-along memorandum summarizing Community Outreach.   * + Draft Review (MSFEG/BCE)   + Final draft to prism | March 8, 2024  March 15, 2024 |

* **Uncertainties:** *Blue Coast will revise the feasibility report to address many of the SRFB and ESRP comments, but not all.  For instance, further groundwater analysis will not be completed at this time, but will be listed as one of the “next steps”.  The extent to which Blue Coast addresses the stormwater-related comments at this phase will depend upon the value of the stormwater data (to the current footprint and application) gleaned from the County’s existing Skillings Connolly report.*
* **Number of time extensions that have been previously requested for this project:** 1

**Cost Increases -** No cost increase requested at this time.

* Reason and justification for cost increase (*include any uncertainties*):
* Actions taken to control costs or limit the cost increase: (*include any other funding sources pursued*)
* Number of cost increases that have been previously requested for this project:

**Scope Changes**

* **Description of, and reason for, scope change:** Mid Sound requests that the Lead Entity approve changing the current PRELIMINARY DESIGN GRANT to a FEASIBILITY GRANT. This scope change represents a plan, arrived at collaboratively with the ESRP & SRFB Review Boards in conversation with Mid Sound and Blue Coast Engineering on Dec 8, 2023. This Scope Change (including the Proposed New Deliverables) is intended to fulfill the requirements of the grant, in lieu of the fact that Preliminary Designs are no longer among the approved deliverables.

**Thank you for your consideration,**

**-lisa**

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1. Please use the amendment matrix in Manual 18 to determine if a request needs lead entity approval. For cost increases using Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration funds, provide this template to the Puget Sound Partnership for its approval. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)