

Salmon Recovery Funding Board

POST APPLICATION INDIVIDUAL PROJECT COMMENTS

PROJECT INFORMATION

Panel Member

Name: **SRFB Review Panel**

Lead Entity: **Chelan**

Project

Location:

Project
Sponsor: **WRC**

Project

Number: **09-1623**

Project Name: **Lower Wenatchee Flow Enhancement**

Project

Number:

Date: **October 30, 2009**

OCTOBER COMMENTS (October 30, 2009):
(See September Comments)

SEPTEMBER COMMENTS (September 30, 2009):

Refer to Manual # 18, Appendix E-1, for projects that are not considered technically sound. In the “Why” box explain your reason for selecting this as a project of concern.

1. Is this a draft project of concern according to the SRFB’s criteria?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Why?

2. If YES, what would make this a technically sound project according to the SRFB’s criteria?

3. If NO, are there ways in which this project could be further improved?

4. Other comments.

There is a significant analysis of flow information in the application with varying results on benefits to fish spawning and rearing.

EARLY APPLICATION COMMENTS (Summer 2009):

Panel Member Name: **Pat Powers, Steve Toth**

Lead Entity: **Chelan**

Washington Rivers Conservancy

Project Sponsor:

Project Name: **Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement**

Date: **Site Review Date 6/25/9, Comment Form Date 7/9/9**

Project Location: **Wenatchee River**

Project Number: **09-1623**

1. Recommended improvements to make this a technically sound project according to the SRFB's criteria.

This project will increase flows in the Lower Wenatchee River by 15 cfs. Flows in the Wenatchee River reach 700 to 800 cfs in the fall months. This represents a 2% increase in flow. This water would be protected as an instream flow. The existing gravity surface water diversion would be replaced with a pumped system from the Columbia River. Estimated cost is \$4.9 million (\$167,500 SRFB). This project is dependent upon a stimulus funding request. This project is a rare opportunity to provide a significant amount of flow to the river and addresses the critical issue of summer low flows. The application would be strengthened by providing more details on habitat conditions in the lower Wenatchee River and the project's benefits to fish, such as the estimated increase in habitat or influence on water temperature.

2. If YES, what would make this a technically sound project according to the SRFB's criteria?

3. If NO, are there ways in which this project could be further improved?

4. Other comments.