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Deer Lagoon project gets grant

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Island County will get grants totaling more than \$1.1 million to help salmon recovery efforts.

The Washington State Salmon Recovery Funding Board recently announced the awards of \$42.8 million in grant funding to protect and restore salmon populations. In Island County, projects on Whidbey and Camano islands will get \$1,143,187 in grants.

The Wild Fish Conservancy will receive a grant of \$171,650 to assess restoration projects in Deer Lagoon.

The Wild Fish Conservancy will look at what can be done to increase the amount and quality of salt marsh habitats open to juvenile salmon.

The conservancy will assess restoration strategies using hydrodynamic models that will simulate water elevations, erosion and deposition. The conservancy also will develop a partial design for a restoration project.

On North Whidbey, the Swan Lake Watershed Preservation Group will get

a grant of \$24,862. The group will use the grant to investigate options for opening the 100-acre, coastal marsh area of Swantown Lake to young salmon species, including Chinook salmon, as well as chum, pink and coho salmon, cutthroat trout and steelhead.

On Camano Island, the Nature Conservancy will get a grant of \$509,675 to permanently protect and restore 43 acres of important shoreline habitat in Port Susan Bay, including a 10-acre lagoon in Livingston Bay.

The Whidbey Camano Land Trust will get a grant of \$147,000 to complete preliminary designs and prepare construction permit applications for restoring habitat-forming processes at the Shorecrest lagoon and the along Dugualla Bay on north Whidbey.

The Whidbey Camano Land Trust will also get a grant of \$290,000 to buy 39 acres that includes a piece of Skagit Bay waterfront. Since 2000, the board has awarded nearly \$404 million in grants, funded by federal and state dollars, for 1,307 projects.