



No other state in the nation has accomplished the same level of restoration of shellfish growing areas as we have in Washington.

Moving forward with the targeted approach to shellfish project funding...

- Targeted approach is a change from the SCC's traditional funding model.
- In the past, entities seeking SCC capital funds would have projects scored and ranked based on a set of criteria that did not include geographic "clustering," resulting in projects scattered across a broad landscape.
- We anticipate the more targeted approach to Shellfish Program funding will maximize use of state funding and increase ability to re-open additional shellfish harvest areas and reduce ocean acidification.

Supporting implementation of the Puget Sound Action Agenda

- The SCC Shellfish Program supports the Action Agenda Strategic Initiative to "recover shellfish beds."
- The program also supports the 2016 Action Agenda Strategy 11 to "prevent, reduce, and control agricultural runoff," and the two associated sub-strategies:
 1. Target voluntary and incentive-based programs that help working farms contribute to Puget Sound Recovery.
 2. Improve water quality to prevent downgrade and achieve upgrades of important current tribal, commercial, and recreational shellfish harvesting areas.

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Targeted implementation of shellfish funding

Investing in shellfish recovery projects at a watershed-scale to build cumulative results



The Washington State Conservation Commission (SCC) uses the state-funded Shellfish Program to invest in the right projects, in the right places, for the right result:

- The Washington Legislature appropriated \$4.5 million to the SCC in the 2013-15 capital budget to fund conservation district projects that address ocean acidification and improve water quality in shellfish harvest areas. They appropriated an additional \$4 million to continue the program in 2015-17.
- The SCC takes a results-focused approach to administer program funds — priority is given to "project clusters" located within the same watershed, river system, or sub-basin where there's an identified resource concern.
- This targeted approach helps the SCC contribute to the Washington Shellfish Initiative — a partnership between state and federal government, Tribes, the shellfish industry, and non governmental organizations to advance shellfish goals for our state.



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13-15 and 15-17 biennium: Examples of completed, ongoing, and planned shellfish projects



TOTAL SCC INVESTMENT:
\$8.5 million
 PROJECTS FUNDED:
263

AREA OF DETAIL



Shellfish Districts

- Planned 15-17
- Ongoing 15-17
- Completed 15-17
- Completed 13-15

CLALLAM CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Priority area: Dungeness Bay

SCC FUNDING: \$330,310 | PROJECTS: 13

PRIMARY RESOURCE ISSUE ADDRESSED:

- Nutrient / bacteria loading

TYPES OF PRACTICES:

- Septic system repair and replacement
- Manure storage facilities

MASON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Priority area: Oakland Bay, Case Inlet, Totten Inlet

SCC FUNDING: \$424,046 | PROJECTS: 22

PRIMARY RESOURCE ISSUE ADDRESSED:

- Nutrient / bacteria loading

TYPES OF PRACTICES:

- Manure storage facilities
- Livestock exclusion fencing

PACIFIC CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Priority area: Willapa Bay, Pacific tidelands

SCC FUNDING: \$1,318,298 | PROJECTS: 70

PRIMARY RESOURCE ISSUE ADDRESSED:

- Surface water runoff to shellfish
- Erosion and sediment runoff

TYPES OF PRACTICES:

- Chemigation units
- Livestock exclusion fencing

WHATCOM CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Priority area: Portage Bay

SCC FUNDING: \$550,103 | PROJECTS: 10

PRIMARY RESOURCE ISSUE ADDRESSED:

- Nutrient / bacteria loading

TYPES OF PRACTICES:

- Manure transfer and storage systems
- Shellfish bed restoration and enhancement (for Lummi Nation)

SKAGIT CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Priority area: Samish Bay

SCC FUNDING: \$563,248 | PROJECTS: 33

PRIMARY RESOURCE ISSUE ADDRESSED:

- Nutrient / bacteria loading

TYPES OF PRACTICES:

- Septic repair and replacement
- Manure storage facilities
- Livestock exclusion fencing

KITSAP CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Priority area: Port Orchard Narrows, Rich Passage

SCC FUNDING: \$1,128,241 | PROJECTS: 28

PRIMARY RESOURCE ISSUE ADDRESSED:

- Surface water runoff to shellfish
- Nutrient / bacteria loading

TYPES OF PRACTICES:

- Stormwater infiltration
- Manure storage facilities

