



**Salmon Program
State Recovery Projects
Post-Evaluation Project Summary**

TITLE: North Fork Nooksack Recovery			NUMBER: 00-1787C (Combined)
			STATUS: Active
SPONSOR: Whatcom Land Trust			EVALUATION SCORE:
			BOARD RANKING:
COSTS:			SPONSOR MATCH:
Salmon State Projects	\$1,256,871	76%	Donated Labor
Local	\$391,330	24%	Donated Property Interest
Total	\$1,648,201	100%	

DESCRIPTION:

North Fork Recovery will perpetually conserve 443 acres of functioning high quality Chinook salmon habitats in the North Fork Nooksack watershed. The project will protect 2.7 miles of spawning habitat on two critical North Fork streams (Racehorse and Bear Creeks), preserve over 1 mile of holding habitat, conserve 3.25 miles of riparian recruitment zone, & restore 51 acres of riparian forest.

The project is located in rapidly developing residential & recreational areas of the North Fork Nooksack River. Five acre subdivisions, mini-farms, & large lot estates surround the undeveloped acquisition sites. Acquisition, restoration & protection of these tracts will preempt potentially harmful development & preserve functioning habitats & natural landscape processes critical to fresh water life stages of Chinook salmon.

Lummi Natural Resources (LNR), Nooksack Natural Resources (NNR) & the Whatcom Land Trust are partners in the project. LNR & NNR will provide restoration and monitoring services. Whatcom Land Trust will facilitate acquisitions and manage sites in perpetuity for salmon habitat.

The Land Trust, in partnership with DOE and LNR has protected over 300 acres of river corridor in the project area. Nooksack Recovery Team members have completed riparian restoration & logging road storm proofing projects in Racehorse Creek & North Fork Basin. North Fork Recovery is the most significant salmon recovery project ever undertaken in the North Fork Watershed.

LOCATION INFORMATION:

South of Kendall, off SR 542 (Mt. Baker Highway)

ST SALMON REGION:	Puget Sound North	LEAD ENTITY ORG:	Whatcom County Lead Entity
COUNTY:	Whatcom	WRIA:	Nooksack (1)

SCOPE (ELEMENTS):

Administrative costs	Architectural & Engineering	Riparian Habitat
Allowable land costs	Incidentals	Sales Tax

SALMON INFORMATION: (* in

Species Targeted

Bull Trout	Cutthroat (Not Warranted (04/99))
Chinook (Listed, Threatened (03/99))	Pink
Chum (Not Warranted (03/98))	Sockeye
Coho (Candidate (07/95))	Steelhead (Not Warranted (08/96))

Habitat Factors Addressed

Biological Processes	Riparian Conditions
Channel Conditions	Streambed Sediment Conditions
Floodplain Conditions	Water Quality

FISCAL YEAR: 2001

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