

## Budget Items, Allocation, and Description *from Climate Commitment Act Funds Only*

Item	House	Senate	Budget	Description
<b>Natural Resources</b>	<b>\$152,556</b>	<b>\$251,935</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Description</b>
Carbon Sequestration Projects	\$0	\$83,000	Operating	For the purchase of property to be managed for increased carbon sequestration and carbon storage through sustainable harvests and as replacement trust lands for existing encumbered forested state trust lands and for structurally complex, carbon dense, forested state trust lands that may be transferred from trust status. The amount provided in this subsection is also to be used to carry out additional silvicultural activities on state trust lands and to hold a series of forest policy discussions.
Salmon Riparian Restoration Program / Grants	\$3,000	\$43,000	Operating	Ongoing funding is provided for outreach, identification, and implementation of salmon riparian habitat restoration projects that are appropriated through the capital budget. One-time funding is provided for tree planting projects for riparian restoration.
2023-25 Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board (16 separate projects), Family Forest Fish Passage Program, and Other Fish Barrier Removal Projects	\$31,004	\$26,962	Capital	Funding is provided for fish barrier removal projects, prioritized by the Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board, based on watershed and transportation project considerations related to maximizing the benefit of barrier removal; to correct five fish barriers that have been identified at Ocean City State Park to comply with the United States vs. Washington No. C70-9213 Culvert Injunction; for a grant to Skagit County for fish barrier removal projects; for grants to assist small, family-forest

				landowners to continue the replacement or removal of forest road stream crossing structures, primarily culverts, that are barriers to fish passage, allowing salmon, trout, and other fish to access upstream habitat.
Riparian Restoration and Easement Projects	\$41,531	\$18,531	Capital	Funding is provided to develop and implement a voluntary riparian grant program to fund the protection and restoration of critical riparian management zones; Funding is provided as match for federal funds to implement projects under the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) to private landowners, including funding for technical assistance. CREP projects include: planting shade trees along streams to reduce water temperatures necessary for juvenile salmonid survival; installing fencing to exclude livestock and agricultural activities from stream beds; installing stream crossings to prevent disturbing stream sediments; and enhancing connected wetlands to improve fish rearing habitat.; Funding is provided for the Forest Riparian Easement Program, which acquires 50-year riparian conservation easements from small forest landowners to mitigate the economic impacts of increased riparian buffer regulatory requirements.
2023-25 Floodplains by Design Programs (Quillayute River, Sugar Channels, Samish Basin)	\$0	\$13,109	Capital	Funding is provided for technical assistance and projects to restore natural floodplain conditions by preserving open spaces, improving long-term community flood resilience, reducing flood risks to infrastructure, and development and improving habitat conditions for salmon and other species. Floodplains by Design combines flood hazard reduction actions with salmon recovery, and river and habitat restoration.
HCP Habitat Thinning	\$0	\$10,000	Operating	One-time funding is provided for habitat enhancement activities

				that are part of the state trust lands habitat conservation plan, such that habitat growth will be enhanced, carbon will be sequestered and timber volume will be produced.
Fire Wise Grants to Loc'l Govt	\$0	\$10,000	Operating	One-time funding is provided for increased forest health treatments statewide, with priority for local government and private landowners to reduce forest fuel loading in areas deemed high-hazard for wildfire risk.
Species Conservation-Climate	\$0	\$10,000	Operating	One-time funding is provided for climate sensitive species conservation and recovery, such as seastars and mountain ecotone species.
Urban Forest Assistance	\$0	\$5,991	Operating	Ongoing funding is provided for assistance to local communities to increase their capacity for urban forestry activities and programs
2023-25 Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration	\$0	\$5,007	Capital	Funding is provided for grants that protect and/or restore salmon habitat in the Puget Sound basin, with a particular emphasis on Chinook salmon. The program is managed jointly by the Puget Sound Partnership and the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO).
53. Reduce Nooksack Basin Flooding	\$4,002	\$4,002	Operating	Ongoing funding is provided for reducing flood-related damage in the Nooksack River basin, including local and state project planning and implementation through the Nooksack Transboundary Task Force and coordination with British Columbia.
Coastal Hazards Assistance	\$3,914	\$3,914	Operating	The Washington Coastal Marine Advisory Council developed a set of recommendations on coastal hazards, such as flooding and sea level rise, in 2021. Ongoing funding is provided for several of the council's recommendations, including (1) expanding data analysis

				to assess vulnerabilities within coastal communities, (2) delivering coordinated state-level technical assistance, and (3) increasing local capacity to design and implement on-the-ground projects.
Natural Areas Program	\$3,356	\$3,356	Operating	Ongoing funding is provided for additional scientific and land management staff for mapping biodiversity and forests at risk of conversion, developing species and ecosystem data, and implementing land management activities.
Snohomish Watershed Strategy	\$2,864	\$2,864	Operating	A combination of ongoing and one-time funding is provided for various Snohomish watershed salmon recovery efforts, including investment in kelp and eelgrass stewardship, implementation of a large woody debris program, aquatic restoration grants, and culvert removal.
2023-25 Forestry Riparian Easement Program (40000139) - 26 Projects	\$2,469	\$2,469	Capital	Funding is provided for the Forest Riparian Easement Program, which acquires 50-year riparian conservation easements from small forest landowners to mitigate the economic impacts of increased riparian buffer regulatory requirements.
Reforestation Strategy	\$2,066	\$2,066	Operating	A combination of ongoing and one-time funding is provided for reforestation activities, including strategy development, mapping, seed collection, and increased public nursery capacity.
101. Carbon Sequestration Strategy	\$2,004	\$2,004	Operating	
Riparian Education & Outreach	\$0	\$2,000	Operating	A combination of one-time and ongoing funding is provided to the State Conservation Commission to develop and implement an educational communication plan to landowners and the public in urban, suburban, rural, agricultural and forested areas regarding the importance of riparian buffers and the actions they can take to maintain riparian area protection.
2023-25 Rivers and Habitat Open	\$1,660	\$1,660	Capital	Funding is provided to implement the Rivers and Habitat Open

Space Program (RHOSP)				Space Program, which purchases permanent conservation easements from forest landowners to protect riparian forest land buffers, channel migration zones and for forested critical habitat for state-threatened or endangered species that are protected by Forest Practices rules.
Evaluation of Carbon Offsets	\$0	\$1,500	Operating	One-time funding is provided to evaluate market opportunities and make recommendations for high quality carbon dioxide removal projects on public lands and as an offset compliance pathway for compliance entities under the Climate Commitment Act.
State-Owned Lands Carbon Sequestration / Carbon Sequestration Projects	\$10,000	\$500	Capital	Funding is provided for a new program that will use Climate Commitment Act funding to support carbon sequestration on state-owned lands.
Salmon Recovery Funding Board Grants	\$33,040	\$0	Capital	Funding is provided for the Salmon Recovery Funding Board to implement a Riparian Grant Program, intended to complement the existing salmon recovery grant program. Funding is provided for projects that protect or restore salmon habitat, and for other salmon-recovery programs and activities across the state. This funding focuses exclusively on protecting and restoring salmon habitat statewide. These funds are also used to match federal funds and to leverage other non-state funds.
Capitol Lake Long-Term Management Planning (30000740)	\$3,902	\$0	Capital	Funding is provided for the design and permitting of an estuary restoration in the Capitol Lake Basin in Olympia, WA.
Forest Treatments	\$3,166	\$0	Operating	Funding is provided for treatments on forested trust lands in western Washington.
Local Government Salmon Recovery	\$2,747	\$0	Operating	Funding is provided to assist local governments in addressing salmon recovery through their comprehensive plans and

				development regulations under the Growth Management Act.
Climate and Clean Energy	\$1,433	\$0	Operating	To identify and reduce the state park system's carbon emissions, funding is provided to complete an agency greenhouse gas inventory; identify park sites for renewable energy installation projects; and assess the impacts of climate change on infrastructure, cultural sites, and natural resources.
Riparian Coordinator	\$398	\$0	Operating	