

# Aquatic Species Restoration Plan (ASRP): Part of an Ambitious Strategy for a Resilient Future



The ASRP is a key element of the Chehalis Basin Strategy to address two of the basin's greatest challenges: **1) the devastating decline of salmon and other aquatic species; and 2) catastrophic flooding.** Habitat degradation from climate change and other human-related impacts threaten the viability of aquatic species. The ASRP provides a science-informed plan and collaborative approach to identify and implement actions to restore and protect aquatic habitats throughout the Chehalis Basin.

## A Collaborative Approach

The ASRP uses **a collaborative approach** toward implementation to ensure projects are technically viable, locally supported, and making progress toward meeting program and strategy goals across the basin. **Local organizations work with landowners and restoration professionals** on Regional Implementation Teams to identify and develop projects. **Guided by priorities**,<sup>1</sup> projects are funded on a continuous basis, allowing flexibility to act on opportunities as they arise while ensuring the highest-priority activities are addressed first.

## Goals and Outcomes

Since 2015, approximately \$58 million dollars has been invested in ASRP project development, design, and implementation. Of this total, approximately \$32.2 million dollars supported on-the-ground restoration actions across Grays Harbor, Thurston, and Lewis counties. **The ASRP is on track to meet its 2021–2023 biennial goal to restore 9 miles of river habitat and 400 acres of floodplain habitat.**

	Grays Harbor County (\$17.5 million)	Thurston County (\$3.5 million)	Lewis County (\$11.3 million)	Total
River miles restored	4.8	1.1	2.6	<b>8.5</b>
Acres of floodplain restored	137	101	30	<b>269</b>
Acres of habitat protected	156	102	38	<b>295</b>
Miles made newly accessible through barrier corrections	73	0.5	32	<b>106</b>
Acres of invasive vegetation treated	223	20	40	<b>283</b>
Acres of native plants installed	76	67	45	<b>188</b>

The Chehalis Basin Board will continue to evaluate the components of a long-term Chehalis Basin Strategy in the 2023–2025 biennium. The ASRP will continue to implement projects with available funding until a finalized strategy with legislative support is in place to support long-term implementation.

1. <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2213001.html>; [https://chehalisbasinstrategy.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/ASRP\\_Near-Term\\_Implementation\\_Update\\_1-13-2022\\_Tagged.pdf](https://chehalisbasinstrategy.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/ASRP_Near-Term_Implementation_Update_1-13-2022_Tagged.pdf)

