

CHEHALIS BASIN STRATEGY: CHEHALIS BASIN BOARD 2019-2021 CAPITAL BUDGET INVESTMENT PRIORITIES

The Washington State Legislature approved a \$73.2 Million 2019-2021 Capital Budget appropriation to continue aggressively pursuing the Chehalis Basin Strategy.

The 2019-2021 Capital Budget provides \$23.7 Million for the Chehalis Basin Board to complete development of a long-term capital investment strategy by:

- Integrating the detailed actions needed over the long-term to reduce catastrophic flood damage and restore aquatic species habitat, and identifying outcome measures as required by statute.
- Completing the **Aquatic Species Restoration Plan**, which will detail the targeted actions and locations needed over the long term to restore and protect several hundred miles/acres of priority habitat and support larger, more resilient populations of native fish, including Chinook salmon.
- Completing the **state and federal EISs** on the proposed flood retention facility near the Chehalis River headwaters and levee improvements at the Chehalis-Centralia Airport to inform the Board's long-term strategy recommendation in 2020 before the next capital budget cycle.
- Completing the **forest practices phase two evaluation** of the relationship between contemporary forest practices and streamflow in the Basin.
- Continuing support for core Office of Chehalis Basin (OCB) operations and staffing, agency and tribal staff participation, and public involvement and outreach for all actions and activities under the Chehalis Basin Strategy.



Chehalis Basin Board



Rendering of Proposed Flood Retention Facility



Aerial View of Chehalis Basin



Aquatic Species Habitat on Newaukum River

The 2019-2021 Capital Budget also provides \$49.5 Million for the next phase of near-term on-the-ground projects to restore aquatic species habitat and reduce flood damage (see map at right).

For More Information

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Chehalis Basin Strategy 2019-2021 On-the-Ground Investment Priorities

