

News from U.S. Rep. Adam Smith (WA-09)

Chairman, House Armed Services Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces;
Member, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence; vice-chair of
the New Democrat Coalition.

Fiscal Year 2011 Project Requests (Energy and Water Development)

Project Title: Duwamish and Green River Basin

Amount: \$13,120,000

Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Seattle District

Address: 4735 East Marginal Way South

City: Seattle

State: Washington

Zip: 98134

Explanation: Funding will complete the design and construction of restoration projects within the Duwamish and Green Ecosystem Restoration Program. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because it assists in the recovery of the Endangered Species Act federally-listed Chinook salmon, as well as the economic advancement and environmental sustainability of the region.

Project Title: Howard Hanson Dam

Amount: \$44,000,000

Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Seattle District

Address: 4735 East Marginal Way South

City: Seattle

State: Washington

Zip: 98134

Explanation: This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the Seattle District has identified additional temporary emergency repair measures to greatly reduce the interim risk of flooding until the full capability of the Howard Hanson Dam is restored. This project would implement these repairs by extending the temporary grout curtain over the abutment and allow the dam to store higher levels of water for an interim period of time until permanent repairs can be completed.

Project Title: Mud Mountain Dam, Operations and Maintenance

Amount: \$3,441,000

Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Seattle District

Address: 4735 East Marginal Way South

City: Seattle

State: Washington

Zip: 98134

Explanation: Funding will support the existing diversion dam and trap and haul facilities, which ensure threatened Puget Sound Chinook salmon are able to be passed to spawning habitat above Mud Mountain Dam. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because proper function of the fish passage facility is necessary to prevent the Mud Mountain Dam from becoming an impassible barrier to salmon and other species, putting the sustainability of the dam at risk

Project Title: Puget Sound and Adjacent Waters Restoration

Amount: \$7,375,000

Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Seattle District

Address: 4735 East Marginal Way South

City: Seattle

State: Washington

Zip: 98134

Explanation: This project will help implement restoration projects in the Puget Sound that are consistent with fish recovery efforts and benefit the inland marine waters in Northwest Washington State. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because it is a vital element of salmon recovery in Puget Sound, and will improve ecosystems throughout the region.

Project Title: Puget Sound Nearshore Marine Habitat Restoration

Amount: \$1,500,000

Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Seattle District

Address: 4735 East Marginal Way South

City: Seattle

State: Washington

Zip: 98134

Explanation: This project will identify and help implement the most cost-effective habitat restoration projects in the near-shore, estuary and marine areas of Puget Sound. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will support a vital element of the salmon recovery effort in Puget Sound, and will improve ecosystems throughout the region.

Project Title: Puyallup River General Investigation

Amount: \$600,000

Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Seattle District

Address: 4735 East Marginal Way South

City: Seattle

State: Washington

Zip: 98134

Explanation: The study will evaluate the range of options available to develop new, multi-jurisdictional flood protections. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because it would determine alternatives for addressing flood and related habitat issues of the Puyallup River in Pierce County, WA.