

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

Chairman, House Armed Services Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities; Member, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence; vice-chair of the New Democrat Coalition.

Fiscal Year 2010 Project Requests (Energy and Water Development)

Project Name: Biofuels Research and Development Infrastructure

Amount: \$1,000,000

Recipient: University of Washington

Address: 301 Gerberding Hall, Box 351230

City: Seattle

State: WA

Zip: 98195

Explanation: Funding for this project will allow the Center for Biofuels at the University of Washington to invest in equipment and infrastructure upgrades needed to develop new technologies for converting biomass into fuels. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will further the development of renewable and sustainable energy sources.

Project Name: Duwamish and Green River Basin Restoration

Amount: \$2,600,000

Recipient: US Army Corps of Engineers – Seattle District

Address: 4735 East Marginal Way South

City: Seattle

State: WA

Zip: 98134-2385

Explanation: Funding will complete the design and construction of restoration projects within the Duwamish/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 Name: Lower Puyallup River Alternatives Study

Amount: \$600,000

Recipient: US Army Corps of Engineers – Seattle District

Address: 4735 East Marginal Way South

City: Seattle

State: WA

Zip: 98134-2385

Explanation: This funding would be used to determine alternatives for addressing flood and related habitat issues of the Lower Puyallup River in Pierce County, WA. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will help to ensure that residents near the lower Puyallup River flood plain will be protected from future flooding.

Project Name: Mud Mountain Dam – Construction

Amount: \$400,000

Recipient: US Army Corps of Engineers – Seattle District

Address: 4735 East Marginal Way South

City: Seattle

State: WA

Zip: 98134-2385

Explanation: This project will help fund upgrades to fish trap and haul facilities and construction of the Mud Mountain diversion dam to better enable threatened Puget Sound Chinook salmon to pass to spawning habitat above Mud Mountain Dam. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because operation of the White River diversion dam is essential in the dam continuing to operate and maintain a safe level of the lower White River.

Project Name: Mud Mountain Dam – Operations and Maintenance

Amount: \$14,037,000

Recipient: US Army Corps of Engineers – Seattle District

Address: 4735 East Marginal Way South

City: Seattle

State: WA

Zip: 98134-2385

Explanation: Funding will support the existing diversion dam and trap and haul facilities, which ensures 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 if the fish passage facility does not function properly, Mud Mountain Dam will become an impassible barrier to salmon and other species, putting the sustainability of the dam into question.

Project Name: Power Grid Reliability

Amount: \$2,000,000

Recipient: Washington State University

Address: PO Box 641048

City: Pullman

State: WA

Zip: 99164-1048

Explanation: This funding will be used for research on problems of and potential solutions for power grid instability, insecurity, and lack of capacity. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will help develop effective smart grid technology that will be deployed and utilized to ensure we have a more reliable electrical grid system.

Project Name: Puget Sound and Adjacent Waters Restoration

Amount: \$2,000,000

Recipient: US Army Corps of Engineers – Seattle District

Address: 4735 East Marginal Way South

City: Seattle

State: WA

Zip: 98134-2385

Explanation: This funding will help implement restorations 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 tax payer funds because it is a vital element of salmon recovery in Puget Sound, and will improve ecosystems throughout the region.

Project Name: Puget Sound Nearshore Marine Habitat Restoration

Amount: \$2,600,000

Recipient: US Army Corps of Engineers – Seattle District

Address: 4735 East Marginal Way South

City: Seattle

State: WA

Zip: 98134-2385

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 is a vital element of salmon recovery in Puget Sound, and will improve ecosystems throughout the region.