

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 (Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies)

Project Name: Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge Estuary Restoration Project

Amount: \$3,000,000

Recipient: Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge

Address: 100 Brown Farm Rd

City: Olympia

State: WA

Zip: 98516

Explanation: This funding will be used to collect data and evaluate the impact of the Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge estuary restoration project in order to inform similar restoration efforts in the greater Puget Sound region. This is a good use of tax payer funds because the information will fill crucial science gaps to evaluate climate change impacts on the project and in Puget Sound estuaries, and ensure that future restoration projects in Puget Sound are successful and cost-effective.

Project Name: Puget Sound Ecosystem Research Initiative (PSERI)

Amount: \$4,000,000

Recipient: University of Washington

Address: 301 Gerberding Hall, Box 351230

City: Seattle

State: WA

Zip: 98195

Explanation: This funding will be used to create the Puget Sound Ecosystem Research Initiative (PSERI) and implement the PSERI Council, as commissioned by the Puget Sound Partnership (PSP). The PSERI Council will employ top research scientists and engineers to undertake research on critical Puget Sound restoration and protection issues. This is a good use of tax payer funds because effective integration of the science with the PSP Action Agenda will provide a new national model for executing science-based performance measures, targets, and research findings, and at the same time will lead to more effective protection and restoration of the Puget Sound.

Project Name: Regional Reclaimed Water Project

Amount: \$1,000,000

Recipient: City of Lacey

Address: 420 College Street SE

City: Lacey

State: WA

Zip: 98509

Explanation: This project will stabilize stream flows and improve fish habitat in a critical salmon-supporting stream on lower Puget Sound through the installation of conveyance piping and the construction of associated infiltration facilities and buffer areas. This is a good use of tax payer funds because it will significantly restore year-round flows to the headwaters of Woodland Creek, improving the salmon spawning habitat and enhancing Puget Sound receiving waters.