

Riparian Grant Program



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Update and Request

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Background

2 new appropriations 23-25 biennium

\$25m for a voluntary riparian grant program

\$3m for related outreach

Detailed budget proviso direction

New programmatic guidelines needed

SCC's Work Group

CD Representatives: Ryan Williams, Evan Bauder, Craig Nelson, Kristin Marshall, Walt Edelen, David Marcell, Drew Schuldt, Frank Corey, Emmett Wild, Zachary Bergen

Agency Representatives: Evan Sheffield & Kelly McLain (WSDA), Ben Rau (ECY), Tom O'Brien (WDFW), Nick Norton (RCO)



Timeline

7 work group meetings: Sept – Nov 17th

Draft guidelines published for comment –
Nov 20th

45-day review & comment period –Jan 2nd

Extension to Jan 17th

Comment Themes So Far

- Biennium/FY barrier to multi-year contracts
- Questions!
- Tiered incentive's structure
- Buffer widths
- Eligible practices





QUESTIONS?

Requested Action

Commissioners direct staff to schedule a special Commission meeting in February to take action on the final Riparian Grant Program guidelines.



Thank you!

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