

Legislative ORCA Budgets Summary

May 1, 2019

- The final legislative budgets provides \$933 million for actions related to implement the SRKW Taskforce recommendations. This is \$137 million less than the Governor’s proposal.
- The majority of the funding addresses recommendations for Prey.

Funding by Threat	(Dollars in Millions)	
Budget	Governor	Conference
Prey	\$ 783.23	\$ 635.79
Vessels	\$ 121.30	\$ 143.55
Contaminants	\$ 160.82	\$ 150.51
Science and Support	\$ 4.68	\$ 3.55
Total	\$ 1,070.04	\$ 933.40

- The final legislative budget provides \$18.3 M less than the Governor’s request in the operating budget, and \$152 million less in the Transportation budget. The capital budget includes \$33.7 million more than the Governor’s proposal in the capital budget.
- Major items funded in the final legislative operating budget includes:
 - \$13.5 M for increased hatchery production (broken out shown below)
 - \$11.5 M for state hatcheries
 - \$1.4 M for tribal hatcheries
 - \$600,000 to public utility districts
 - \$1.5 M for Vessel and commercial whale watching regulation
 - \$1.4 M for Oil Spill Tug escort
 - \$4.7 M for efforts to reduce toxic pollution
 - \$1.8 million for increased enforcement of state water quantity, and water quality laws
 - \$707,000 for Puget Sound Nonpoint Specialist to provide technical assistance to improve water quality.
 - \$750,000 for the Snake River Dam collaboration
 - \$640,000 for enforcement of HPAs.
 - \$524,000 to reestablish salmon runs above Chief Joseph dam
 - \$400,000 for evaluation of predators above McNary dam.
 - \$743,000 for Forage Fish surveys
 - \$720,000 for Zooplankton Surveys
- Major operating items not funded in the final budget include:
 - \$300,000 to fund the second year of the SRKW Taskforce
 - \$3 M for Local Source Control of Toxics
 - \$1.2 M for Pinniped management in Puget Sound

- \$1.2 M for Pinniped management in the Columbia River
- Capital funding in the final budget for habitat restoration totals \$435 million including:
 - \$75 M for SRFB grants
 - \$73 M for the Chehalis Basin Strategy
 - \$49.5 M for Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration Program (PSAR)
 - \$50.4 M for Floodplain by Design
 - \$10 M Estuary Salmon Restoration Program
 - \$12.4 M Coastal Restoration Grants
 - \$40 M for Columbia River Water Supply
 - \$40 M for Yakima River Water Supply
 - \$40 M for Streamflow restoration
 - \$26 M for Fish Passage Barrier Removal Board
- The legislature passed ESSB 5993 which changes the Hazardous Substance tax from a value to a volumetric based tax and raises additional revenue for toxic prevention and cleanup programs. This helps support:
 - \$50 M for Remedial Action grants
 - \$30 M for Stormwater grants
 - \$12.7 M for Puget Sound Toxic Site cleanups
- While the Governor provided \$75 M for hatchery improvements at WDFW facilities, the final budget provides \$40 M.
- The final transportation budget includes \$100 M of the \$275 M requested by the Governor for WSDOT to implement the next phase of fish passage barrier projects necessary to meet the requirements of the federal culvert injunction. It also provides \$140 million to acquire one new hybrid electric ferry and to convert two existing ferries to hybrid electric