

## NEARSHORE DATABASE UPDATE – August 20 to October 17

Dear Nearshore Partner,

You are receiving this note because you have indicated interest in ESRP funding, or have been identified as a primary sponsor of one or more records in the PRISM Nearshore Project Database. This database is broadly accessible and managed by The Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO).

*You must have a corresponding project record in the PRISM Nearshore Database for a project to be eligible for ESRP funding.*

These data are critical for estimating the demand on public funds for restoration and protection actions, thereby maintaining program funding that can support your project work. We greatly appreciate your support in maintaining the Nearshore Database.

ESRP project proposals and the associated PRISM Nearshore Database, will also be used as a source of project data to help identify large-scale restoration treatments that can be advanced through an anticipated 2010 Water Resources Development Act, as the first phase of a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Puget Sound ecosystem restoration authority. PSNERP anticipates this first wave of treatments may include 10-15 restoration sites with a cost of \$3-15M per site. Some sites may be larger or smaller. Sites may also be aggregations of related actions to achieve cumulative impacts. These large-scale restoration sites will include both combinations projects with substantial known benefit as well as experimental treatments to clarify future restoration analyses.

### TIMELINE

**August 20, 2008**      Nearshore Database opened for updates and additions  
**October 17, 2008**      Nearshore Database extraction to screen the 2008 ESRP RFP.

### SETTING UP A PRISM ACCOUNT

To review PRISM database records you will need to [download and install the PRISM application](#) to your computer. To add and modify records you will need [a PRISM user id and password](#).

### GUIDANCE FOR PRISM ‘PSNER’ RECORDS

The Nearshore Partnership uses the PRISM database differently than Salmon Recovery Funding Board Applications. Please be aware of the following:

1. Within PRISM, *Agency, Board, and Program* fields are all set to ‘PSNER’
2. **Funding agency is ‘Nearshore Partnership’**
3. All projects are kept in ‘potential’ status and only viewable by sponsors and related staff – **there is no need to ‘submit’ your record.**
4. **Only include projects that you would like to be viewed by the public**, should someone take interest, and **only include projects that could be the subject of a feasibility study.**

5. In the “program funding amount” field in the “project request tab”, **please provide an estimate of what level of funding would be necessary to bring the whole project to completion** based on existing estimates or best professional judgment. Please note that this is only an estimate, will be used for summarization, and will not constrain subsequent detailed applications.
6. For all projects that have been identified through a Lead Entity process, **assign that lead entity to the ‘Lead Entity’ role** in the ‘Project Roles’ section.
7. For all projects that have been identified through a MRC process, **assign that MRC a ‘Secondary Sponsor’ role** in the ‘Project Roles’ section.
8. Please **update question #4** on the questions tab, which indicates the project status using ESRP status categories as described in appendix D of the [ESRP Guidance](#).
9. Please **consider our ‘Project Scoping Guidance’** in [ESRP Guidance](#) concerning lumping or splitting ‘projects’.
  - Please separate acquisition and restoration projects unless the acquisition is primarily for the purpose of restoring the same site.
  - Only use the project type ‘assessment’ to describe projects that will not result in a proposed restoration or protection action. For projects where the assessment leads to a proposed action (AKA a “feasibility study”) use the ‘Restoration’ or ‘Acquisition’ types instead.
  - Describe “whole projects” including feasibility, design, implementation and evaluation phases.
10. **Limit records to 1 worksite or property** to facilitate easy transfer of data to Habitat Work Schedule (see below)
11. **Project descriptions** can be VERY concise, but precisely answering who, what, where and why, using numerical quantities where possible, and describing the project status and land ownership.
12. **Do not provide attachments** at this time.
13. The worksite cost estimate fields are being used to track management measures. **Only identify principle management measures that support principle project goals** – the primary location to indicate project financial need is in the project funding request tab (see #4 above).

### **MIGRATION TO HABITAT WORK SCHEDULE**

The nearshore database will remain in the PRISM platform for the 2008 Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program RFP process. Following the 2008 RFP, we will begin migration of the nearshore database to the Ekosystem platform currently housing the Habitat Work Schedule. This will occur as part of an attempt to consolidate habitat restoration and protection project management into a single flexible universally accessible location in support of coordinated ecosystem restoration. At that time we will contact all record managers in the Nearshore Database to learn how we can best facilitate the transfer of existing data.

### **NEARSHORE DATA STRUCTURE**

ESRP is coordinating with WDFW and the Ekosystem workgroup to define a standard data structure that will support regional restoration analysis, while minimizing the number of fields maintained by project sponsors.

For assistance with establishing or managing your PRISM records, please contact Jenna Norman, at [ESRP@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:ESRP@dfw.wa.gov), or 360-902-2658