What is this thing called “Surf Board?”
SALMON FUNDING RECOVERY BOARD = SRFB = Surfboard
Salmon Recovery Funding Board: Projects in WRIA 8
Presentation Objectives

- Brief description of the program
- How WRIA 8 has focused in the past
- Swift tour through past projects
- Quickly cruise what’s in store for Round 5
SRFB History & Composition

• Created in 1999 by the Legislature
• Composed of
  – Five citizens appointed by the Governor and
  – Five state natural resource agency directors
• The Board provides grant funds (State & Federal) to protect or restore salmon habitat and assist related activities.
• Works closely w/ Lead Entities (local watershed groups)
  – Voluntary organizations under contract with the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW).
  – Work to bring the best projects to SRFB for funding in its annual grant process.
WRJA 8 Focus

• Projects which benefit chinook have highest priority
  • sub-areas that have the greatest salmonid production potential (Cedar River, Bear Creek, Issaquah Creek)
  • sub-areas that are migratory corridors which all salmonids must go through (Nearshore, Ship Canal/Locks, Lake Union, Lake Washington, Sammamish River and Lake Sammamish)

• Historically (Rounds 1-4) linked to Near-Term Action Agenda, which contained Action Alternatives to address identified Factors of Decline. Judged on technical merit alone.

• In Round 5, based on Draft WRJA 8 Conservation Strategy and judged on technical merit in concert w/ fit of projects to strategy.
WRJA 8 SRFB Results: Rounds 1 - 4

- $3,376,523 million from SRFB for 14 projects in Cedar, Bear, and Issaquah areas
- Leveraged $ 7,115,393 million in other local, state, and federal funds
- Totals $10,491,916 in projects for salmon conservation projects
- Builds on existing programs, including
  - King Conservation District - Waterways 2000
  - Cedar River Legacy - Basin Planning
- Supported by lots of great science! (water quality, quantity, habitat assessments, spawning surveys, etc.)
Round 1
Bear Creek Waterways Reach D
($150,000 + $130,000 = $280,000)

- Acquisition of ~2.5 acres adjacent to 40 contiguous acres of natural resources park and open space property.
- 500’ of chinook stream & 400’ of class 2 stream.
- STATUS: One property closed. Offer in process on remaining property.
Round 1 & 2
Upper Bear Creek Conservation Area
($500,000 + $5,056,000 = $5,556,000)

- Acquisition of 791 acres of timber rights to protect natural flow regimes and high-quality habitat
- Partnership between the Cascade Land Conservancy, Snohomish County, and King County
- STATUS: COMPLETE
Round 3
Bear / Cold Creek Natural Area
($289,000 + $51,000 = $340,000)
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- Preserves ~ 5.6 acres of forested parcels, building on 157 acres protected in the Cold Creek Natural Area
- Importance of protecting natural processes in this area identified in Waterways 2000 and the WRIA 8 Reconn. Assessment
- Addresses limiting factors (altered hydrology and elevated water temp) in a core sub-area for chinook spawning and rearing
- Cold water (5-7 Celsius cooler) benefits all salmonids migrating up Bear Creek and the temperature-impaired Sammamish River
- Status: One property (3.12 a.) closed. Other property (2.5 a. offer issued. Awaiting response/acceptance.
Round 1
Cedar River - Taylor Creek Confluence
($170,000 + $30,272 = $200,272)

- Acquisition of ~ 7 acres of forested riparian floodplain on mainstem Cedar. Includes easements to wetlands.
- Confluence with major tributary is important for productivity, ecological process
- Integrates with Cedar Legacy habitat preservation program, basin plan priorities
- STATUS: COMPLETE
Round 2
Cedar River - Ricardi Reach
($212,500 + $37,500 = $250,000)
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- Reach targeted for protection is ~ 16 acres of forested floodplain spanning over 1,700 feet of river frontage on both sides of the river
- Northern portion of floodplain on right bank includes a spring-fed tributary
- Project builds on past flood buyout, habitat restoration, and donation of property
- STATUS: One .46 acre parcel acquired. Estate of remaining property (15 a.) considering property transfer. Appraisal in process on final parcel (2 a).
Round 2
Cedar River - Rock Creek Ravensdale Retreat
($200,000 + $383,00 = $583,000)
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• Acquisition of ~ 138 acres, including about 1 mile of Rock Creek
• Site includes forested and scrub-shrub wetlands, pond habitats and second growth coniferous forest
• STATUS: COMPLETE
Round 2
Cedar River - Dorre Don Reach
($170,000 + 55,500 = $225,00)

- Protection of ~ 6 acres of within Dorre Don reach, which includes side channels, floodplain wetlands, and riparian forest
- STATUS: New offer & purchase anticipated by 9/04.
Round 3
Cedar River - Jones Reach
($255,000 + $66,614 = $321,614)
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- Protect ~ 7.5 acres within the overall 35 acre reach
- Addresses limiting factors (loss of channel complexity, increased sedimentation, poor water quality, and degradation of riparian conditions) along the lower Cedar River mainstem, a core area for chinook spawning and rearing in WRIA 8.
Round 3
Cedar River Spawning/Rearing Channel Feasibility Study
($37,351 + $6,592 = $43,943)

- Feasibility and design of a spawning/rearing channel
- Addresses limiting factors (loss of channel complexity/connectivity and degradation of riparian conditions) in a core sub-area for chinook spawning and rearing
- Status: COMPLETE
Rd 4 Cedar Rapids Floodplain Reconnection
($424,000 + $75,000 = $499,000)
## Round 4

**Cedar Rapids Floodplain Reconnection**  
($424,000 + $75,000 = $499,000)

- Project location - Cedar River Mainstem RM 7.3-7.6  
- Objective is to reconnect river to floodplain, allow natural creation of off-channel and side channel habitats  
  - Remove bank armoring ~500-800 linear feet  
  - Strategic placement of LWD in floodplain  
  - Acquire additional 5 acres to provide space for river flows  
  - Maintain flood protection of road and downstream houses with setback revetment  
- Grant funds acquisition & restoration design  
- **Status**: Purchase negotiations underway. Surveys initiated. Restoration plans in process  
- **Application for restoration submitted in Round 5**
Round 2
Issaquah - Holder Creek
($200,000 + $214,618 = $414,618)

- Preserve ~ 124 acres on five properties along Holder Creek
- Protects approximately 4,850’ stream
- Links Tiger Mt. State Park and Taylor Mt. Forest Park
- STATUS: 97 acres closed. Remaining 27 acres offer ~ 6/04
  Close anticipated ~ 12/04
Round 3
Issaquah Creek / Carey Creek
($60,000 + $13,372 = $73,372)

• Protect 10 acres of riparian area and forested uplands through conservation easement and fencing
• Large woody debris, mature second growth forest, great pool-riffle ratio, wildlife habitat
• Landowner/spokesperson for working cooperatively w/ Co. in other conservation projects & programs.
• Status: COMPLETE
Round 4
Issaquah Creek/Log Cabin Reach
($708,672 + $995,925 = $1,704,597)

- Protection of 152 acres of mature forest, wetlands, riparian area on Mid-Issaquah Creek
- 1 1/4 mile riparian corridor along both sides of creek
What Happens in Round 5

- Applications were due April 20
- Project Sub-Committee Field Visit & Ranking Meeting occurred in May
- Six projects (totaling over $2.7 M) in Cedar River, Bear and Issaquah Creek, and Lake Washington shoreline have been ranked.
- Recommendation to WRIA 8 Steering Committee May 27
- Submit to SRFB in July
- Final Decision early December