



Funds Distribution Report

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Organization's General Goals:
Educate and engage the community in habitat restoration and watershed stewardship to enhance wild salmonids.

Date of Award:	Level:
2017 Q4	\$500 to \$2,500

Specific Use for This Award:
This award was used for administrative and program expenses. For more information, please read the attached report from Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group.

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Junior Stream Stewards Project Report
Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions
Q4 2017 14.2
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During 2017-18 school year, Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group (SFEG) engaged 550 students in 5 school districts (5 schools, 21 classes total) in the Junior Stream Stewards watershed education program within the Skagit and Samish River watersheds. With each class, SFEG conducted 6 classroom lessons and 2 watershed field trips for each of the 5 participating schools in the Junior Stream Stewards program. Students toured their home watershed, dissected salmon, designed and implemented a riparian planting project, and learned to identify benthic macroinvertebrates. Students at some of the schools also expressed what they've learned through artwork, which was turned into bookmarks distributed throughout our community.

During the spring, riparian restoration projects were completed at two sites in the Skagit River Watershed, in partnership with the Skagit Land Trust and Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. A third project was completed on Skagit Land Trust land adjacent to and in partnership with Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation. Students planted native trees and shrubs, removed invasive plants, and potted new plants at the SFEG nursery for use in future restoration efforts. The wide distribution of projects provided extensive learning opportunities for the participants as well as a diverse restoration benefit to fish and wildlife. All of the projects are on public land. In addition to wildlife benefits of riparian restoration, these sites have been enhanced for the benefit of hikers, birders, fishermen, and general outdoor enthusiasts.

Two volunteers through Washington Service Corps placed with SFEG and one education intern acted as assistant instructors during the school year. In addition, several individual volunteers assisted with classroom and field instruction.

The Junior Stream Stewards program and its growing partnerships have enabled local teachers to bring to their students locally relevant, academically sound curriculum and hands-on experiences that would otherwise not be possible.



7th grade students at La Conner Middle School investigate salmon organs after dissection in the classroom in October.



A La Conner Middle School student embraces a muddy experience during service learning projects in March.



Concrete Middle School students planting trees at a Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest property along the Cascade River in March.