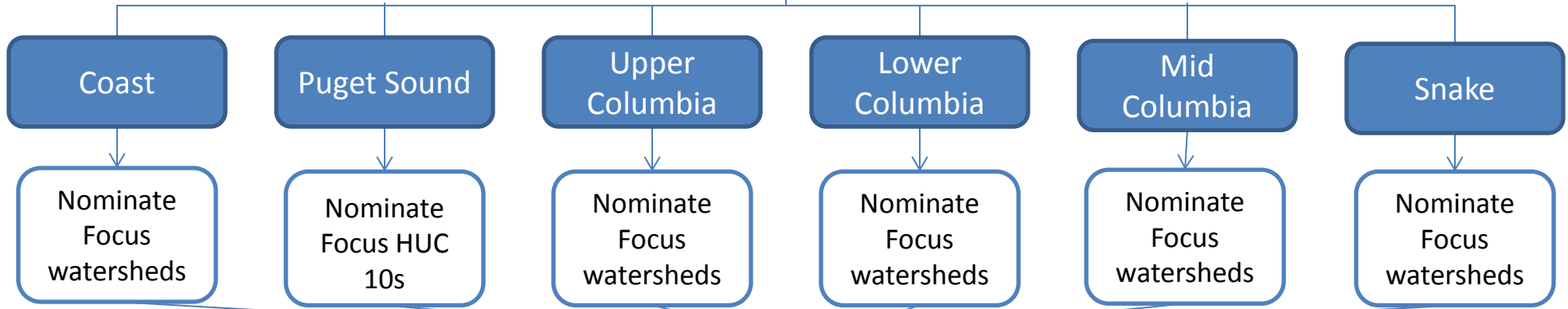


**Workflow Timeline for Finalized FBRB Project List:**

<b>FBRB Grant Program Project List Timeline</b>			
<b>Action:</b>	<b>Start Date:</b>	<b>Delivery Date:</b>	<b>Responsibility:</b>
<b>Outreach and coordinating with Salmon Recovery Regions</b>		Jun-15	WDFW and FBRB Members
<b>Regions assess and nominate focus watersheds</b>	Jun-15	Sep-15	Salmon Recovery Regions
<b>Approve nominated focus watersheds</b>	September '15 Board Meeting		FBRB
<b>Assess selected focus watersheds: Field work and GIS</b>	Sep-15	Oct-15	WDFW
<b>Determine project areas within selected focus watersheds: Includes external review and coordinating with Regions</b>	Oct-15	Dec-15	WDFW
<b>Approval of project areas</b>	December '15 Board Meeting		FBRB
<b>Send out 'call for projects' announcement for Coordinated Track</b>	Jan-16	Feb-16	FBRB
<b>Initial pre-scoping and landowner permissions of both grant pathways (watershed and coordinated)</b>	Jan-16	May-16	WDFW
<b>Initial approval of projects of both grant pathways</b>	May '16 Board Meeting		FBRB
<b>Feasibility, cost-estimates, additional scoping – includes engineering review</b>	Mar-16	Jul-16	WDFW
<b>Approval of project list</b>	August '16 Board Meeting		FBRB
<b>Finalized project list for Governor's office</b>	Aug-16	Sep-16	WDFW and FBRB Members
<b>Briefing materials provided to Legislature as required in HB 2251</b>		Dec-16	FBRB and WDFW

# Recovery Regions



FBRB Reviews and approves focus watersheds by Recovery Region

WDFW and FBRB identify project areas within focus watersheds

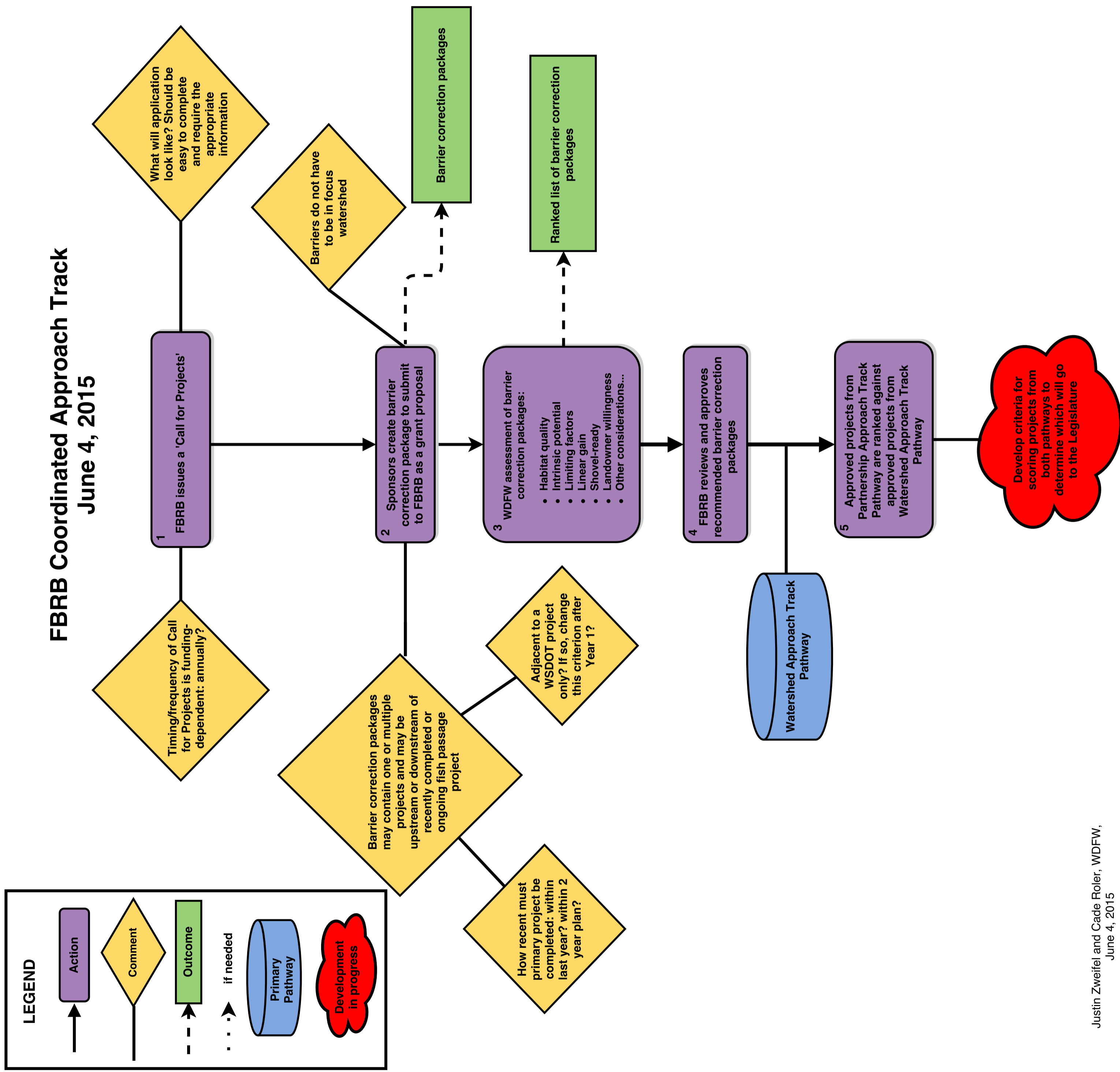
Watershed Approach Track

Coordinated Approach Track

**Project Evaluation Criteria**  
Top projects from Watershed Approach Track are ranked against top projects in Partnership Track

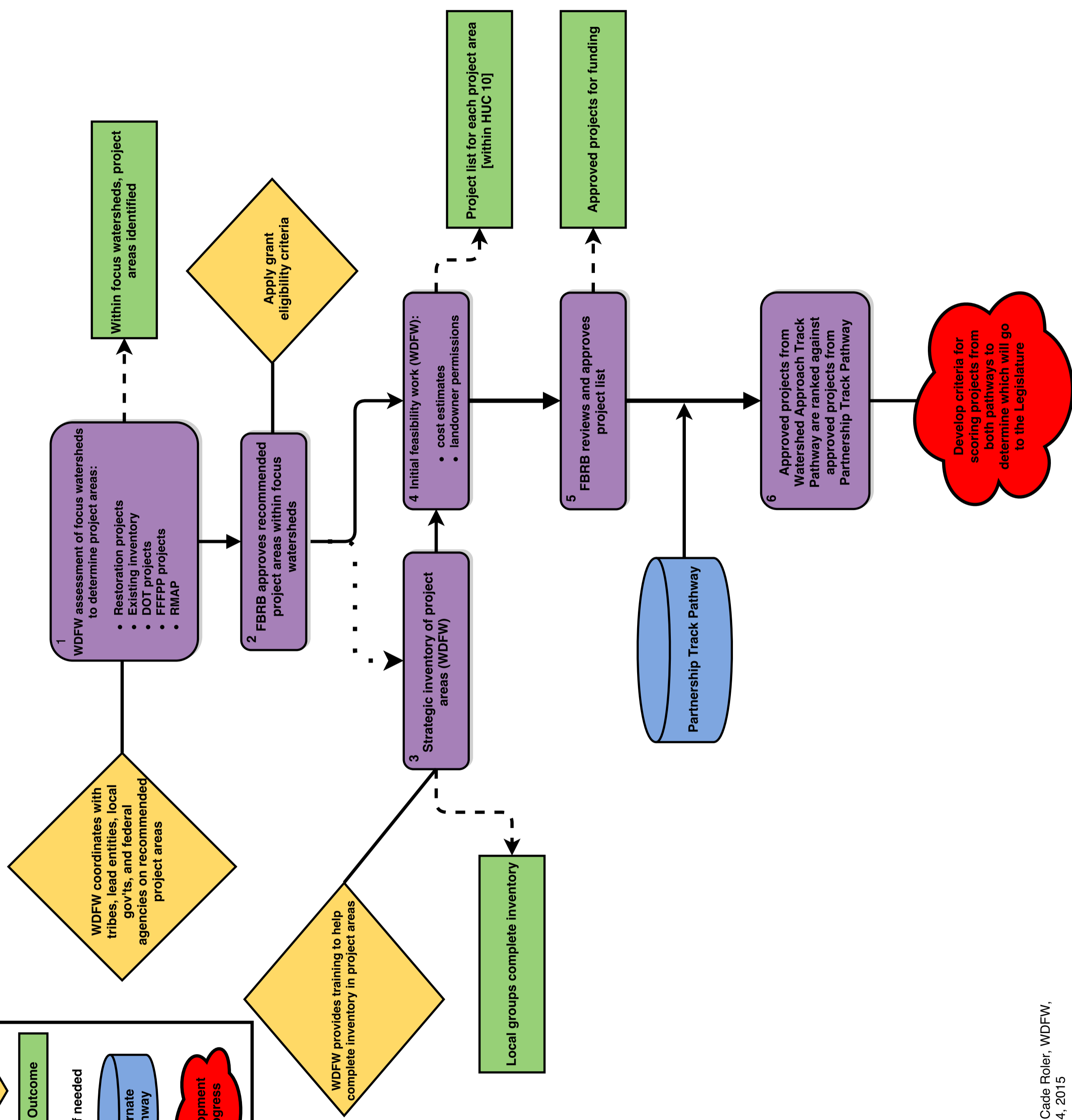
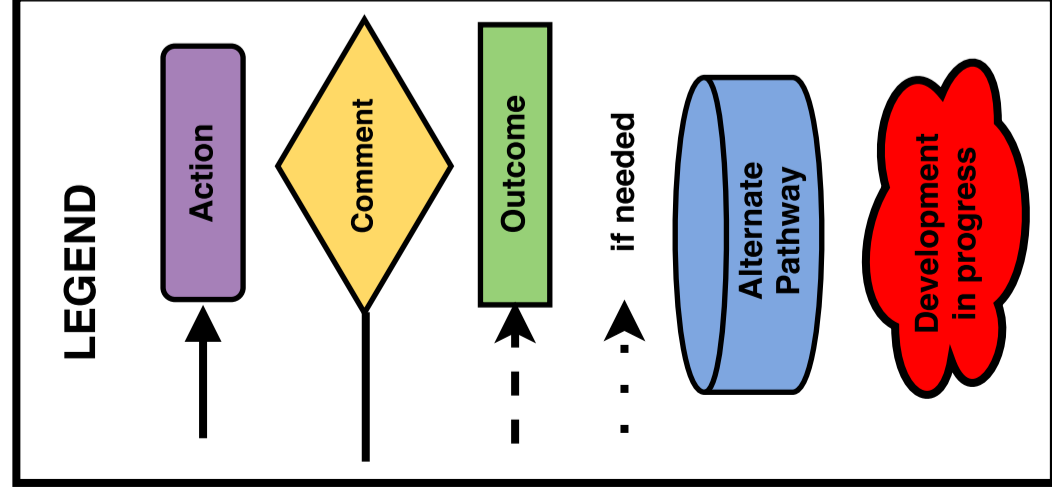
List of top ranked projects is presented to Legislature for funding

# FBRB Coordinated Approach Track June 4, 2015



# FBRB Watershed Approach Track

## June 4, 2015



# Fish Barrier Removal Board

## *Draft Work Plan*

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In 2014, the Washington State Legislature created the Fish Passage Barrier Removal Board to develop a coordinated barrier removal strategy and provide the framework for a fish barrier grant program. The board is established by Chapter 77.95 RCW.

### **Mission**

The duty of the board is to identify and expedite the removal of human-made or caused impediments to anadromous fish passage in the most efficient manner practical through the development of a coordinated approach and schedule that identifies and prioritizes the projects necessary to eliminate fish passage barriers caused by state and local roads and highways and barriers owned by private parties.<sup>1</sup>

### **Values**

The board values all aspects of salmon recovery and the existing structure developed under the 1999 Salmon Recovery Act, and provides a statewide fish barrier removal strategy and program funding recommendations to the legislature. The board will ensure that the processes to identify, prioritize and fund projects are based on maximizing the opening of high quality habitat through a coordinated investment strategy that prioritizes projects necessary to eliminate fish barriers owned by state and local government, tribes, private parties, and others. This investment strategy values (1) opening high quality salmon habitat that can contribute to salmonid recovery, (2) coordinating with others doing barrier removals to achieve the greatest cost savings, and (3) correcting barriers located furthest downstream.

To achieve the mission, goals, and values the Board will:

- Improve coordination of existing fish passage programs to increase the benefits of barrier removal among multiple jurisdictions.
- Expedite the removal of barriers in the most efficient manner practical through economy of scale and streamline permitting processes.
- Facilitate collaboration, coordination, and communication among state, federal and local agencies, tribes, regional salmon recovery organizations, salmon recovery lead entities, regional fisheries enhancement groups, conservation districts, restoration contractors, landowners and other interested stakeholders on fish passage improvement programs and projects.
- Expedite implementation of on-the-ground projects by identifying and addressing institutional hurdles.
- Educate and increase the public and agency awareness of fish passage issues to develop support for solving problems and preventing new ones.
- Seek funding sources for fish passage projects within Washington and administer a strategic funding program to further the Board's mission once funding is secured.

### **Goals & Actions**

The board provides support to local fish passage programs based on its priorities, available resources, and

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<sup>1</sup> RCW 77.95.160 (2) (a)  
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emergent opportunities.

**Goal 1: The Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife shall chair and administer a Fish Passage Barrier Removal Board (FBRB).**

- A. *Action:* The WDFW will organize, chair, and provide staff support for the Fish Barrier Removal Board.<sup>2</sup> The membership of the Board will include, as specified in the statute, other state agencies, the governor's salmon recovery office, tribes, and representatives of local governments.

*Responsible Party/Timeline:* WDFW/Ongoing

- B. *Action:* Internal communication: Create clear communication to describe board role and duties. Some of this has already been accomplished, including Board by-laws and meeting notes. Additional items to develop include a communication strategy, work plan, fact sheet, and webpage.

*Responsible Party/Timeline:* FBRB/Ongoing

- C. *Action:* Internal communication: The Board will review its bylaws on an annual basis.

*Responsible Party/Timeline:* FBRB/annually beginning June 2015

- D. *Action:* The Board should review, on an annual basis, the current membership of the FBRB and consider adding members as appropriate. The Board will consider how to determine when new members are needed.

*Responsible Party/Timeline:* Chair and FBRB/annually beginning June 2015

- E. *Action:* The Board will develop and implement an annual work plan.

*Responsible Party/Timeline:* FBRB/By June 2015 with annual updates

**Goal 2: The Board will strive to operate transparently and reach out to interested parties in developing and implementing its programs.**

- A. *Action:* In order to gain support for the Board's activities and build momentum, the Board will identify communication strategy elements and timeframes for implementing them. Elements may include developing key messages; identifying target audiences for each type of messaging; coordinating with other fish barrier removal programs; deciding how to share information developed by this Board; connecting with other entities including the federal government, tribes, the inter-tribal fisheries commissions, and railroads; and deciding on an education and information strategy. Several key implementers should be specifically addressed, including state agencies, tribes, and local governments. Low cost early activities should also be considered and included in the strategy. The strategy should be reviewed annually by the Board.

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<sup>2</sup> RCW 77.95.160 (1): "The board must be composed of a representative from the department, the department of transportation, cities, counties, the governor's salmon recovery office, tribal governments, and the department of natural resources. The representative of the department must serve as chair of the board and may expand the membership of the board to representatives of other governments, stakeholders, and interested entities."

*Responsible Party/Timeline:* WDFW, with assistance from an outside communications expert and other FBRB members/Complete by September 2015 and begin implementing at that point

- B. *Action:* The Board will participate in the May 2015 Salmon Recovery Conference being held in Vancouver, Washington. There is a specific slot addressing fish passage, and a number of key players involved in fish passage barrier removal projects will be present. The work of the Board can be shared with others interested in the same issues, and opportunities to coordinate and share information can be pursued. If time allows, key messages for sharing with participants should be identified by the FBRB. Annual participation in the conferences will occur.

*Timeline/Responsible Party:* May 2015/Chair, other members of the FBRB

- C. *Action:* WDFW will prepare two reports to the legislature. The first will be prepared by October 31, 2015, and discuss all Board activities that have occurred to that date. The second report will be prepared by October 31, 2016, and discuss the statutorily required items related to permit streamlining. WDFW will also respond to requests from legislative committees and staff for information and briefings, with assistance from other FBRB members.

*Responsible Party/Timeline:* WDFW and other FBRB members as requested/: October 31, 2016

- D. *Action:* Connect with the Washington Forest Protection Association for outreach and to clarify efforts to coordinate with the barrier removal projects of their members. Outreach should also be made to the Department of Ecology.

*Responsible Party/Timeline:* WDFW/Connect with WFPA and Ecology by August 2015

**Goal 3: The FBRB will develop a coordinated approach to identifying and expediting the removal of fish passage barriers.**

As noted in the enabling legislation, “The duty of the board is to identify and expedite the removal of human-made or caused impediments to anadromous fish passage in the most efficient manner practical through the development of a coordinated approach and schedule that identifies and prioritizes the projects necessary to eliminate fish passage barriers caused by state and local roads and highways and barriers owned by private parties.”<sup>3</sup> The approach should reflect opportunities that exist within existing funding and programs as well as opportunities that will be provided by a future grant program.

- A. *Action:* Develop a statewide coordinated approach. Sub-actions needed to accomplish this action are listed in the table below:

Sub-action	By Whom	Timeline
1. Meet with on-the-ground implementers of barrier removal projects to gain an understanding of their perspectives on a strategy. This should include, at a minimum, Regional	FBRB	Start during spring/summer 2015

<sup>3</sup> RCW 77.95.160 (2) (a) “The duty of the board is to identify and expedite the removal of human-made or caused impediments to anadromous fish passage in the most efficient manner practical through the development of a coordinated approach and schedule that identifies and prioritizes the projects necessary to eliminate fish passage barriers caused by state and local roads and highways and barriers owned by private parties.”

<p>Fisheries Enhancement Groups (RFEs), Conservation Districts (CDs), local governments, and the Associated General Contractors. Meetings can occur either as part of the agenda for FBRB meetings or by attending meetings of implementers, as appropriate. Questions for these implementers should be framed in advance that are additive to the process. One opportunity is the upcoming Salmon Recovery Conference in May, 2015.</p>		
<p>2. Develop a prioritization methodology aimed at prioritizing which focus areas should be addressed first. Once those area are chosen then conduct strategic barrier inventories and develop prioritized lists of barriers. Work within the framework provided by the regional salmon recovery organizations and continue to work with them on the methodology.</p>	FBRB	Summer 2015
<p>3. Continue to work with the Puget Sound Partnership Salmon Recovery Council (SRC) to define a Puget Sound approach. Initial discussions have already occurred with the SRC, and work will continue as needed to incorporate into the overall FBRB prioritization approach.</p>	WDFW	Summer 2015
<p>4. Get feedback from the public on the draft prioritization methodology; consider comments and adopt a final prioritization methodology.</p>	FBRB	Summer 2015
<p>5. WDFW was not given any additional resources to support the Fish Barrier Removal Board. Although some existing resources are available, additional resources are needed to support the development of the Fish Barrier Removal Board statewide strategy, prioritization methodology, and development of grant program framework. WDFW will first do an assessment of what resources are needed to implement this work plan and present this to the FBRB. Second, WDFW and the FBRB will seek out these additional resources.</p>	WDFW for assessment; all FBRB members for locating resources	Assessment due December 2015, search for resources ongoing after that
<p>6. Develop a plan to coordinate information sharing and coordination between the FBRB and other entities involved in fish passage barrier removal projects. The plan should address how the FBRB will coordinate with other state and federal programs on project funding lists; how communication and outreach will work; and how the information already known can be shared.</p>	FBRB	By December 2015, with annual updates <b><i>[Note: the discussion was that this item is needed before preparation of an overall strategy; discuss]</i></b>
<p>7. The FBRB will discuss technical assistance through the program and how it will be provided. This is referenced in RCW 77.95.170 (5) (b). Determine the scope of technical assistance that WDFW needs to provide, including barrier</p>	WDFW with FBRB assistance	By December 2015



inventory training and other training/technical assistance needed. Develop the “technical assistance toolbox” that WDFW will offer.		
8. The authorizing legislation provides that WSDOT and WDFW will coordinate to ensure that fish passage barrier removal programs are synchronized. <sup>4</sup> WDFW and WSDOT will report annually to the FBRB on the status of their joint efforts. It is not intended that the FBRB has any oversight, but rather this information will inform the work of the FBRB.	WDFW and WSDOT	First report September 2015; annually thereafter
9. Develop recommendations to the legislature, as part of a periodic report. Recommendations will be by WRIA with assistance from the regional salmon recovery organizations.	FBRB	Biennially
10. Develop a funding package for a potential grant program (see goal 5). An initial request that initiates some components of a program should be made in time for the 2016 legislative session; a full grant program request should be made for the 2017-2019 legislative session.	FBRB	September 2015 for the 2016 session; Summer 2016 for a full grant program

**Goal 4: The FBRB will strive to seek out available data and information and develop ways to make data and information readily available.**

- A. *Action:* The FBRB will receive a database management update from WDFW. This will include a general briefing from WDFW and a demonstration of the database, as well as a discussion of information from other entities that is included in the database.

*Responsible Party/Timeline* WDFW/September 2015

- B. *Action:* After the update discussed in Action A above, the FBRB will form a subcommittee to further discuss and explore this topic. Considerations will include data and information from WDFW and from other entities including other state agencies, tribes, and the private sector if available. This will also address appropriate timing for obtaining RMAP information from WDNR.

*Responsible Party/Timeline:* FBRB/form the subcommittee and begin work following the briefing.

- C. *Action:* The FBRB receives a briefing on WDFW’s training program as described by the enabling legislation. The purpose of the training is to increase the awareness and consistency of fish passage barrier data collection, use of WDFW’s database, and modern techniques of fish passage barrier correction methods.

*Responsible Party/Timeline:* WDFW/By December 2015

**Goal 5: The FBRB will develop a Grant Program for distributing available funding in a fair and effective manner.**

- A. *Action:* Identify available and funding that could be used for the program and a proposed funding mechanism.

<sup>4</sup> RCW 77.95.180 (1) (b)  
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*Responsible Party/Timeline:* WDFW (with assistance from other FBRB members)/ By December 2015

- B. *Action:* Develop a grant program that will allocate available funding, and address elements including match requirements, whether and how funding might be allocated between regions, provisions for opportunities that emerge (“just-in-time” or “shovel-ready” projects) and other factors. Consider provisions that should be presented to the legislature in time for the 2016 supplemental session and provisions that should be presented as part of a more complete package for the 2017 legislative session.

*Responsible Party/Timeline:* FBRB/By September 2015

**Goal 6: The FBRB will participate in efforts to streamline Project Permitting and seek ways to efficiently use mitigation funding for barrier removal projects.**

- A. *Action:* Seek permitting efficiencies and streamlining regarding federal permits. Coordinating with the Governor’s office, initiates contact with USACE, NOAA, and USFWS to explore and develop the feasibility of bundling of projects under any available nationwide permits for the purpose of achieving streamlined federal permitting.

*Responsible Party/Timeline:* WDFW/ Ongoing; work on this action has begun.

- B. *Action:* Seek authority to use local and state mitigation monies for barrier removal projects.. There should be the ability to determine that local and state mitigation funding would be better used for barrier removal projects in some instances.

*Responsible Party/Timeline:* FBRB/By December 2015

**TIMELINE FOR ACTIONS**

This table presents, in chronological order, the actions included above under Goals 1 – 6. They are summarized below; see discussion under each Goal for details of each action.

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>TIMELINE</b>	<b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>
Organize, Chair and Support Fish Passage Barrier Removal Board	6/2014	WDFW
Develop internal bylaws and communication	Ongoing	FBRB
Review bylaws annually	June 2015	FBRB
Consider FBRB membership annually	June 2015	FBRB
Develop annual workplan and update annually	June 2015	FBRB
Develop communication plan	September 2015	WDFW w/FBRB assistance
Participate in annual Salmon Recovery workshops	May 2015	Chair/other members
Connect with WFPA and Ecology	August 2015	WDFW
Meet with on-the-ground implementers of projects	Begin in Summer 2015	FBRB
Develop a prioritization methodology	Summer 2015	FBRB
Continue work with PSP/Salmon Recovery Council on Puget Sound	Summer 2015	FBRB

approach to prioritization		
Get feedback from public and adopt prioritization approach	Summer 2015	FBRB
Do assessment of what resources are needed to support FBRB	December 2015	WDFW
Seek resources as described by assessment	December 2015/ongoing	WDFW and FBRB
Develop plan to coordinate information sharing and coordinate activities	December 2015/ongoing	FBRB
Discuss technical assistance	December 2015	WDFW w/FBRB assistance
Annual report to BRB on WSDOT and WDFW coordination efforts	September 2015	WDFW, WSDOT
Database presentation to FBRB	September 2015	WDFW
Training program presentation to FBRB	December 2015	WDFW
Identify available funding for grant program and propose funding mechanism	December 2015	WDFW with FBRB assistance
Develop a grant program	September 2015	FBRB
Seek efficiencies/streamlining for federal permits	Ongoing	WDFW
Seek authorization for using local/state mitigation funding for barrier removal projects	December 2015	FBRB