



## Contact Information

# 2025 Upper Columbia Regional Project Pre-Application

\* Pre-applications (SRFB & Monitoring) due March 12, 2025 (COB)

\*Complete SRFB applications due in PRISM April 18, 2025 (COB)

\*Complete Monitoring applications due in PRISM May 1, 2025 (COB)

\*Revised SRFB proposals due in PRISM May 27, 2025 (COB)

\*Final revised SRFB & Monitoring applications due in PRISM June 23, 2025 (noon)

<b>Project Title</b>	Peshastin Creek RM 3
<b>Sponsor</b>	Chelan-Douglas Land Trust
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## Project Summary

**Please provide a description or summary of the proposed project, including project goals. The goal of the project should be to solve identified problems by addressing the root causes. Then clearly state the desired future condition.**

Chelan-Douglas Land Trust (CDLT) seeks funding to acquire 22 acres on Peshastin Creek between river miles 3-3.5. The goal of the project is to permanently protect this stretch of Peshastin Creek, and partner with Cascade fisheries to perform much-needed restoration of Peshastin Creek. In the Wenatchee Basin, Lower Peshastin Creek is ranked first priority tier for steelhead protection, second priority for steelhead restoration, and second priority for Spring Chinook protection and restoration. There is restoration potential to improve salmonid habitat with possible bank restoration, channel complexity restoration, floodplain reconnection, instream flow enhancement, riparian restoration, and upland management. The owner of this property, Monte Snider, is contemplating developing this property if CDLT cannot acquire it for conservation purposes.

CDLT is also working with Cascade Fisheries on a possible conservation easement and restoration project directly downstream from this project at RM 2.5, which application will also be submitted for the 2025 SRFB funding round.

**What are the project objectives? Objectives support and refine biological goals, breaking them down into small steps. Objectives are specific, quantifiable actions the project will complete to achieve the stated goal. Each objective should be SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound).**

**Note: This exact question is included in the PRISM application. Example format: The project seeks to address [specify limiting factor(s)] for [limiting life stage(s)] by [specific actions proposed] to create an estimated [include specific target metrics, as described below] upon implementation in [estimated year].**

This project seeks to address the degraded salmonid habitat of Peshastin Creek by permanently conserving the land on both sides of the creek through fee acquisition, which transaction could close by the end of 2026. After acquisition, CDLT will work with partner Cascade Fisheries to implement restoration projects on this property to improve the creek habitat. CDLT and Cascade Fisheries hope to perform this restoration work in conjunction with a proposed restoration project just downstream, on property owned by Mountain Valley LLC, on which CDLT aims to acquire a conservation easement.

## Budget Request

Values MAY be duplicative and do not have to equal TOTAL anticipated budget in pre-application.

**Anticipated Request - SRFB (standard round)** 190,000

**Tributary Committee - Anticipated or Actual** 190,000

**Anticipated TOTAL Budget** 380,000

## Project Location

**Briefly describe the location of the project** The project will occur on Peshastin Creek starting at RM 3 and ending at RM 3.5, Chelan County Parcel No. 24-18-32-320-100

**Latitude (decimal degrees)** 47.530644

**Longitude (decimal degrees)** -120.621358

**Project subbasin**

**Wenatchee Assessment Unit(s)**

**Does the proposed project span multiple assessment units?**

**Reach(es) Name** Peshastin Creek Lower 03

**Identify the reach(es) priority/ reach ranking. Note: If the project involves work in multiple reaches, select "Multiple" and include details in the text box that will appear below. Please reference the Prioritization Web Map: <https://prioritization.ucsrb.org/>.**

# Project Information

1. What species will the project benefit?

Spring Chinook

Steelhead

2. Select the project's objectives and the associated tracking metrics

Acquisition, Easements, Leases

Acquisition, Easements, Leases: Reporting Code

Miles of streambank and/or Shoreline Protected by Land or Easement Acquisition

Acres by Acreage Type (easement) and/or Acres by Acreage Type (fee simple)

Floodplain Areas Protected\*\* this reporting metric does not appear in PRISM. Work with the LE to add this metric upon completion of project.

4. Does this project already exist in Salmon Recovery Portal or PRISM?

No

5. Has this project been submitted previously for funding through the SRFB and/or other process(es)?

No

6. What category is the project?

Protection

Is the project eligible for Riparian Funding?

No

## Design and Restoration Proposals

### Assessment Proposals

### Protection Proposals

7. What type of protection are you proposing?

Fee Simple

8. Is this protection project associated with a current or future restoration project?

Yes

9. Placement - Does the project protect important high quality habitat and/or watershed processes and to what degree

Yes, the project would protect important spawning and incubation habitat for Spring Chinook and Steelhead. UCSRB and WDFW identified 21 redds within the subject stretch of Peshastin Creek between 2007 and 2011.

10. Freshwater Benefit - What would be the anticipated loss in survival, capacity or distribution for target species at the reach scale if the proposed area is not protected?

If the property is developed for residential/recreational use, then the impact to the creek habitat could be

substantial, and could limit/prevent any future protection and/or restoration, depending on the type of development. Residential use would require drilling wells and installing septic systems.

With protection, there will be opportunities to increase species health with future stream and shoreline projects.

**11. Threat - How imminent is the threat of habitat degradation to the proposed land if the project is not implemented?**

The current owner is an investor and developer. He could decide to develop the property at any time.

**12. Conditions - Briefly describe if there are any conditions regarding the protection of the property that could limit the protection benefits**

None known.

**13. Will there be public access?**

Yes

**14. Is the proposed acquisition area (that is applying for Riparian Funding) composed of 50 percent or less uplands, as per the UC riparian delineation?**

No

## Monitoring Proposals

### Project Risk and Economic Benefits

**1. What is the landownership?**

Private

**2. Have you secured landowner participation in or acceptance for this project?**

Yes

**Please explain**

CDLT has been in communication with this landowner for several years. He is aware of and supports CDLT submitting this application.

**3. Describe any land owner requirements (e.g., design elements, right-of-ways, access agreements, liability waivers, etc.) and if/how they could affect the project**

Since this would be a fee acquisition, CDLT is unaware of any landowner requirements, other than an acceptable appraisal price.

**4. Will the project raise potential concerns for interest groups (e.g., recreational users) or the community at large (including upstream/ downstream/ adjacent landowners)?**

N/A

**5. Who will have the responsibility to manage and maintain the project? What is the responsibility of current or future landowners?**

CDLT will manage and maintain the property. There will be no further landowner responsibilities.

**6. Are other projects being proposed immediately upstream or downstream of worksite?**

Yes

**7. Please describe the risk of failure associated with this project.**

The risk of failure is that the owner will not accept the appraised price for the property.

**8. Is there any public outreach planned during and/or after implementation? Does the project build community support for salmon recovery efforts?**

After the acquisition, CDLT will publish press releases regarding the acquisition of this property and its importance to salmonid populations. CDLT and Cascade Fisheries would also publicize any future restoration projects tot the community.

**9. Does the project represent an opportunity for economic benefit? How much benefit does the project create for the dollars invested?**

The project benefits the local economy by supporting a healthy salmon population through acquisition and then future recovery projects. CDLT lands are managed to benefit the public and local economy. Private ownership does not have the same priority.

**10. Describe any partnerships, their experience, and types of contributions supporting the project.**

CDLT will work with Cascade Fisheries to implement restoration projects. Cascade Fisheries would provide the funding and all resources to perform restoration work on the property.

**Optional Section - Preparation for PRISM (SRFB applications only)**

The following questions are identical to the questions RCO requires in the PRISM application for SRFB projects. If desired, sponsors can complete associated questions early and copy responses into PRISM during the "Complete Application" phase due on April 18, 2025.

\*please note, this section is not applicable for Monitoring proposals

Do you want to review and/or pre-populate PRISM questions?

No

## Supporting Documents

[Upper Columbia Process Guide 2025](#)

[SRFB Manual 18 \(2025\)](#)

[RCO Application Resources \(2025\)](#)