

## Shellfish Program

This request enables landowners and land managers to work with coastal and Puget Sound area conservation districts to install an estimated 150-200 projects that contribute to healthy shellfish growing areas for everyone. The Shellfish Program uses a targeted approach to help people construct projects that build cumulative results for shellfish recovery. Funding priority is given to “project clusters” located within a watershed or stream reach where there’s a water quality concern.

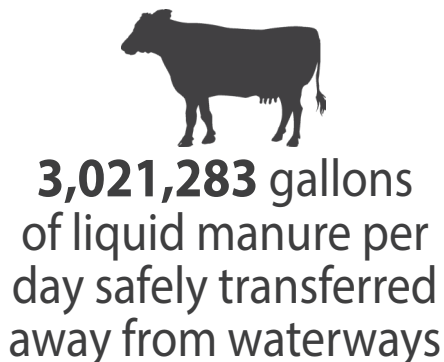
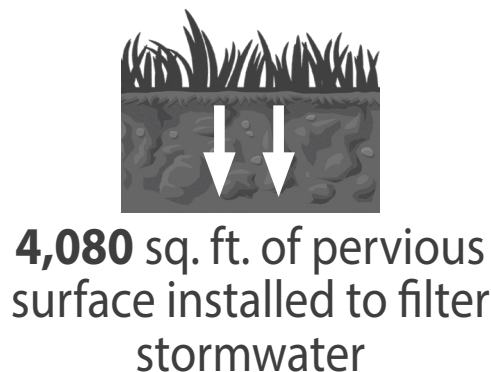
**Funding requested: \$4,000,000**

### Why this request can’t wait

- ▶ Over the last three biennia, the Shellfish Program has proven its value. Conservation districts have used it for projects that contributed to the upgrade of thousands of acres of shellfish growing areas in Dungeness Bay, Birch Bay, and Drayton Harbor.
- ▶ Projects funded through this program prevent pollutants from flowing into shellfish growing areas. If left unaddressed, these pollutants could threaten both our shellfish industry — which generates an estimated 2,700 jobs — and our obligation to provide shellfish for tribal harvest.
- ▶ Shellfish Program funding is the bridge that moves people from wanting to do the right thing to actually being able to do it. Without the financial assistance and expertise conservation districts provide through this program, the complexity and cost of projects will prevent most people from being able to take action.

### What to expect when you invest in the Shellfish Program

*Snapshot of impacts from \$3.9M invested in the Shellfish Program over 2017-19 biennium:*



\*Based on Washington Input-Output Models for Impact Analysis from the Office of Financial Management

## What does the Shellfish Program look like on the ground?



Before



After

Constructing roof structures and stable, non-eroding surfaces in areas heavily used by livestock. This helps prevent mud and animal waste from reaching waterways, which is especially important during rainy seasons. (Kitsap Conservation District)



Before



After

Constructing fencing and drinking water facilities for livestock. This prevents animals from having the need or ability to access streams that drain into shellfish areas. (Snohomish Conservation District)



[Watch how voluntary efforts, including projects funded through the Shellfish Program, have successfully re-opened shellfish growing areas in Dungeness Bay. \(3:40\)](#)

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