

Wahkiakum County Marine Resources Committee Request for Proposals 2011

Wahkiakum County Marine Resources Committee (MRC) is accepting proposals for marine related projects in Wahkiakum County. Project proposals can be submitted by individuals, groups or organizations and should range between \$200 and \$14,000. Projects must occur between March 1st and June 30th, 2011. For full consideration, proposals must be received by 6 p.m., Tuesday, February 8th. Proposals will be accepted beyond the 8th, but there is no guarantee of available funding.

There are six priority areas the Wahkiakum County MRC has identified for funding:

- **Fishermen Promotion:** help people understand commercial fishing; promote local seafood.
- **Manage Invasive Species:** survey and control of invasive species, including milfoil and knotweed; as well as community education on prevention of spread, including cleaning boat bottoms before and after water use.
- **We Want Clean Up:** marine debris removal, particularly along sloughs and areas where it could interfere with tide-gates.
- **Economic Importance of Marine Resources in Our County:** create public education opportunities on the economic impacts of marine resources; including economic returns on local salmon resources.
- **Invest in Our Children Through Education:** involve local school students in salmon and other marine resource education via hands-on opportunities
- **Community Education on Water Quality:** public education on water quality issues and their impacts on marine resources

Priority will be given to projects that take a comprehensive/holistic approach, partner with other groups or projects, show sustainability and follow-up, leverage other resources, and contribute to our community's economic health.

Projects should also address as many of the benchmarks developed and adopted by the Coastal MRC Work Group as possible [<http://wdfw.wa.gov/about/volunteer/mrc/index.html>]. These are listed in proposal form. Submit proposals by email to cakennedy@wsu.edu, or by mail to PO Box 278, Cathlamet, WA 98612.