

OVERVIEW

The City of Bellingham (City), American Rivers (AR), and supporting partners are working to implement a multi-benefit project on the Middle Fork Nooksack River. The project aims to improve fish passage for three ESA-listed Puget Sound threatened anadromous fish species by removing the diversion dam while maintaining water supply diversion at the site. The project team has completed the planning and design phase, secured project funding to meet the estimated need, and the project is currently advertised for bidding. For more information, visit the project [webpage](#).

THIS MONTH

- **Funding –**
 - NOAA and American Rivers have executed a grant contract for a project implementation funding award. This grant funding will provide \$611,382 for project construction, and \$15,000 for post-project biological effectiveness monitoring.
- **Outreach –**
 - Select Project media items:
 - Project [website](#), [video](#), King 5 news [story](#), City [press release](#) related to State funding
- **Permitting –**
 - All project authorizations have been secured.
- **Bid Process/Procurement**
 - The project was advertised for Construction Bidding on August 5. Bidding documents are available at <http://www.ebidexchange.com/bellingham>, Solicitation 2B-2019
 - A pre-bid site visit was held for interested contractors on August 20. The site visit was well attended by approximately 28 persons, representing 13 companies.
 - Several bidder questions were received. Three addenda were issued to accompany bid documents.

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- A second pre-bid site visit for interested bidders/construction contractors occurs on September 4.
- Bids will be received until September 19, 11:00am.