

# Middle Fork Nooksack River Fish Passage Project

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## Partner Advisory Committee

### About

The purpose of assembling the [Middle Fork Nooksack River Fish Passage Project](#) Partner Advisory Committee (PAC) is to ensure project partner entities have opportunities to provide input and direction in the upcoming feasibility and design phases of the project. The committee will serve as a sounding board at key project milestones. Members represent the interests of their represented partner agency specific to the project.

### Primary tasks

1. Communicate each partner's desired outcomes for the project.
2. Assist in the selection of a "preferred alternative" for the project.
3. Assist or lead efforts to secure the additional funding needed for the project.
4. Assist or lead efforts to secure the permits needed for the project.
5. Exchange information and ideas with other committee members and the project core team.
6. Disseminate information and promote the project to their membership and peers.
7. Provide a public voice to help guide the project toward implementation.

### Estimated Participation

The ability of committee members to attend meetings, review project information, and provide comments representing the views of their entity is critical for participation. Approximately seven (1-2 hours) meetings are expected from December 2017 – March 2019, but more could be scheduled. The overall time required for participation may include additional collaboration on compliance/permitting aspects/funding aspects, and written correspondence.

### Membership

Partner Advisory Committee members reflect the interests of those partners who have committed to participation in previous projects to provide fish passage within the Middle Fork Nooksack River. Committee participation in this project is a continuation of the efforts started in 2002 with the signing of the "Middle Fork Nooksack River Fish Ladder and Hatchery Remediation Project Memorandum of Agreement".

Partner Advisory Committee meetings will be led by the City of Bellingham, and attended by representatives of the City's Design Consultant, American Rivers, and other partners as needed.

Partner Advisory Committee members advising on this project have been nominated as follows:

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Primary Representative(s)</b>
City of Bellingham	Clare Fogelsong
Lummi Nation	Merle Jefferson, Leroy Deardorff
Nooksack Indian Tribe	Gary MacWilliams, Ned Currence, Treva Coe
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Joel Ingram