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**CDFW Now Accepting Fisheries Habitat Restoration Project Proposals**

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is now accepting proposals for projects under its Fiscal Year 2019-20 Fisheries Habitat Restoration Proposal Solicitation Notice (PSN). The PSN and online grant application can be found online at <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Grants/FRGP/Solicitation>. Applications must be submitted online by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 16, 2019.

CDFW will also hold a series of public workshops to assist applicants in understanding the requirements of the PSN. Applicants are encouraged to attend a workshop even if they have submitted proposals in the past. Workshops will be held in Fortuna, Sacramento, Petaluma, San Luis ObispoLos Alamitos, Monterey and Camarillo on various dates in March. For details and meeting contact information, please see [PSN Workshop Letter](http://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=165643) (<http://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=165643>).

The PSN invites restoration projects that meet the funding requirements of the Fisheries Restoration Grant Program (focusing on recovery of state-listed salmon and steelhead along the coast and in the Central Valley), and the Forest Legacy Program (focusing on the restoration of watersheds affected by historic forest practices). Eligible applicants include public agencies, recognized tribes and qualified nonprofit organizations. Funded projects could include habitat restoration, water conservation, education, monitoring and restoration planning.

While the amount of available funding is not known at this time, in FY 2018-19 the program was able to provide more than $15 million in funding for eligible projects. Funding for FY 2019-20 grants is expected to be awarded to approved projects in early 2020.

For information or questions about the PSN or application process, please contact Tim Chorey, CDFW Fisheries Restoration Grant Program Coordinator, at (916) 327-8842.

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