Key Near-Term Milestones for Washington State Salmon Recovery Strategy

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- May - Joint Natural Resources Cabinet formed
- Sept - Government Council on Natural Resources created

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- Jan - State Salmon Strategy Framework developed and released
- March - Joint Cabinet submits Final Draft of the Lower Columbia River Steelhead Conservation Initiative to NMFS.
- April - Legislature provides $36 million in state budget for salmon recovery; passes two major salmon bills; and creates Governor's Salmon Recovery Office
- May - Governor requests through Washington Senators Murray and Gorton and Representative Dicks $30 million federal funds for state salmon recovery efforts
- July - Governor's Salmon Recovery Office established
- July - Watershed Planning initiated (HB2514) Objective: assess water use, needs, and availability and develop strategies to meet future water needs. Options: address instream flows, water quality, and fish habitat.
- Sept/Oct - Working draft of State Salmon Recovery Strategy released
- Sept/Oct - Joint Cabinet has working meetings with other governments and tribes, key stakeholders
- Nov/Dec - Governor announces proposed Salmon Recovery budget priorities
- Dec/Jan - State presents draft Recovery Strategy to Legislature

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- Jan - State receives $20 million federal funds for state salmon recovery efforts
- Jan/May - Legislature passes Timber and Fish Bill (HB 2091); also creates Salmon Recovery Funding Board (2E2SSB 5595)
- July –First meeting of state Independent Science Panel
- Sept/Oct –Joint Cabinet releases first draft of early action (implementation) plan
- Sept -Formal talks begin on protection guidelines for agricultural lands

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- Dec -State of Salmon Report