



SMALL FARM COSTSHARE 2010 Guidelines and Eligible Practices



Program Goal: Provide farm operators in Whatcom County with financial assistance to install fencing and watering facilities where they are needed to protect water quality.

Eligible Best Management Practices

Fence - *Practice purpose:* exclude livestock from surface water in order to reduce streambank erosion and the entry of contaminants and to prevent the destruction of native vegetation.



Watering Facility - *Practice purpose:* a tank, trough or other device for livestock watering where it is needed to prevent livestock access to surface water and/or to protect water quality.



Nose pumps



Stock Water Tank

Cost Share Rates:

Practice	Practice component	Unit	maximum payment/unit for installation & materials	maximum % cost-share
fence	4 strand barb or smooth wire with gates	Ft.	\$2.63	75%
	woven wire with gates	Ft.	\$3.38	75%
	electric charger for fence	Ea.	\$225	75%
watering facility	tank or trough, includes heavy use are (HUA) protection & other specified components	Gal.	\$2.25	75%
	self serve diaphragm pump (nose pump) + HUA protection & other specified components	Ea.	\$430.00	75%
	pipeline	Ft.	\$1.80	75%
	frost free hydrant + HUA protection	Ea.	\$ 40.00	75%

2010 Reimbursement Rates for Producer Labor and Producer Owned Machinery/Equipment:

Landowners can use this rate sheet if they choose to do their own labor. Rates will be reimbursed at 75%.

Description	Rate
<i>Individual labor/operator labor:</i>	\$22.00/hr
<i>Equipment Only, without operator:</i>	
Small tractor, 20Hp-59Hp	\$17.00/hr
Medium Tractor, 60Hp-99Hp	\$28.00/hr
Large Tractor, 100+Hp	\$55.00/hr
Tractor bucket, add to tractor rate	\$17.00/hr
Excavator, Light	\$50.000/hr
Excavator, Med	\$88.00/hr
Excavator, heavy	\$132.00/hr
Chain saw	\$11.00/day

Cost-Sharing Guidelines

1. The maximum reimbursement from this fund **is the lesser of \$3,750 or 75% of total actual project costs.**
2. An approved conservation farm plan must be on file with Whatcom County.
3. Accurate records must be maintained for submittal for equipment hired and/or materials purchased.
4. To be eligible for reimbursement the BMPs must be in the approved conservation farm plan and have demonstrated positive effect on water quality and salmonid habitat.
5. Livestock must be present on the property at time of application.
6. The application for cost sharing must be approved by WCD staff **before** work is started on a project.
7. The landowner must be a co-applicant on the cost share application and agreement if the tenant is the primary applicant.
8. All work completed must be constructed to NRCS specifications.
9. **The applicant is solely responsible for securing all necessary permits prior to the start of the project.**
10. It is to be understood that no funds will be dispersed until all receipts have been submitted to the WCD and there is verification that the applicable BMPS have been installed according to the specifications of the cost share agreement. The applicant agrees that WCD and County staff shall have access to monitor the installation and maintenance of the BMPs after having provided reasonable advance notice.
11. If the applicant removes, alters or fails to maintain the BMPs for their lifespan, he/she agrees to reimburse the County for the cost share received.