

**WAC 220-620-070 Project recovery of reimbursable expenses.** Cooperative projects which rear salmon have the potential for generating income from the sale of surplus salmon carcasses and eggs derived from fishes produced at those projects, and to which salmon return to spawn at the end of their life cycle. If the department determines that it is appropriate to do so, such cooperative projects may, under the guidance of the department and by administrative rules and guidelines established for this purpose, recover some of the cooperative projects operating costs through the sale of nonviable salmon eggs and carcasses. It is understood that the primary objective of this provision is not to establish projects which constitute fish farms, but to allow those projects which may generate surplus fish which elude sport, commercial or tribal fisheries to sell the resulting surplus to help defray the cost of the particular cooperative project.

(1) In order for a project to recover reimbursable expenses, the project must have an annual budget presubmitted and approved by the department. The budget must generally show expected expenses, including the names of all persons expected to draw salaries as hired labor.

(2) Under administrative rules developed for this purpose, the cooperative project may sell nonviable salmon eggs and carcasses by soliciting competitive bids from approved buyers, as determined by the department.

(3) Volunteer cooperative project surplus salmon eggs shall be sold as prescribed by chapter 220-304 WAC, Surplus salmon eggs.

(4) All moneys generated by such sales shall be paid to the department and placed into a special account used solely to fund the reimbursable expenses of the cooperative project which generated the funds.

(5) In order to utilize the funds generated by such sales, a cooperative project must submit a list of expenses accompanied by original invoices, including signed time sheets for hired labor salary expenses, which clearly shows that the expenses relate to the presubmitted budget for the project which comply with all accounting and contract requirements.

(6) Reimbursable expenses shall be limited to the actual annual operating expenses of the project. No profit may be realized by the project, and no moneys shall apply to amortization or depreciation.

(7) Viable surplus salmon eggs may not be sold, bartered, exchanged or disposed of by any volunteer group.

(8) Surplus salmon carcass sales may not be allowed if the department determines that they would be more appropriately utilized to reseed streams in an effort to restore or enhance habitat through nutrient enrichment.

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