

How Successful Has the Endorsement Program Been?

More than 307,000 endorsements were sold by June 30, 2011, generating over \$2.3 million in revenue for the continuation, expansion and enforcement of Columbia River salmon and steelhead fisheries and related projects, including:

- Expanded Snake River spring Chinook fishing
- Upper Columbia River sockeye, summer Chinook and steelhead fisheries monitoring
- Expanded summer Chinook fishing in the Wenatchee River
- Lower Columbia summer Chinook mark selective fisheries monitoring
- Expanded steelhead fishing in the Hanford Reach of the Columbia River
- Yakima River spring Chinook fishery monitoring
- Klickitat River creel monitoring
- Washougal River winter steelhead creel monitoring
- Installation of resistance board weirs in the Cowlitz River for steelhead management
- Wind River summer steelhead hooking mortality study
- Enforcement of salmon and steelhead fisheries in the Columbia River and its tributaries

Lower Columbia River salmon fishery



Left: Upper Columbia River summer Chinook fishery



Right: Upper Columbia River steelhead fishery
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Cover: Grande Ronde River steelhead fishery

For more information see:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

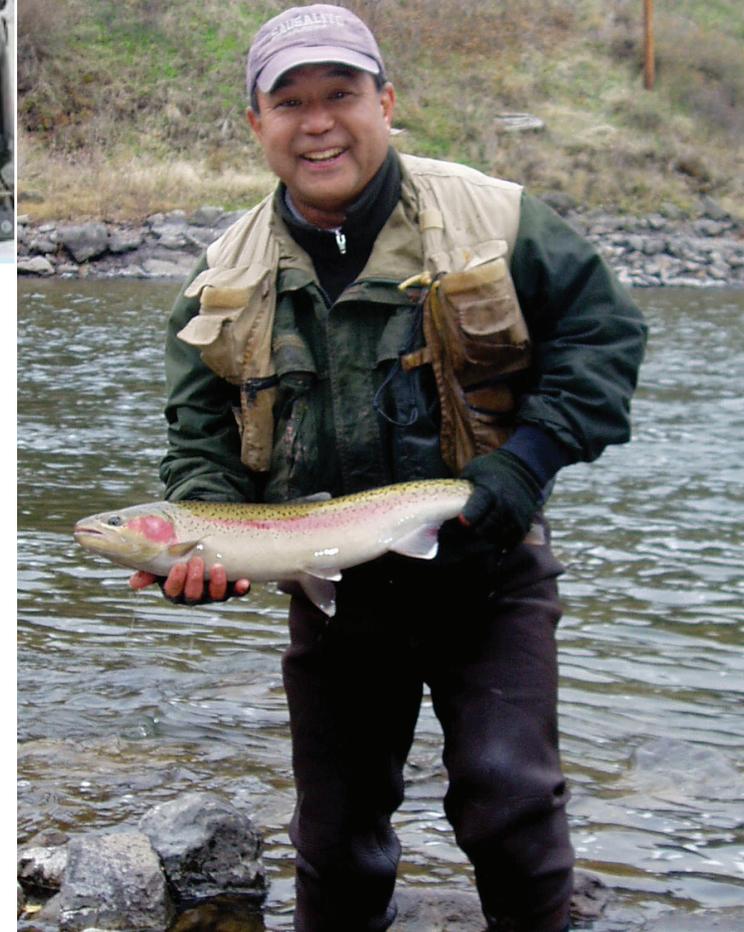
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*Providing Support for Continued and Expanded
Recreational Salmon and Steelhead Fishing
Opportunities in the Columbia River Basin*

Administered by the
Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife
in collaboration with the Columbia River Recreational
Salmon and Steelhead Anglers Board

Columbia River Salmon and Steelhead Endorsement (CRSSE)

WHAT: The CRSSE is an annual requirement, in addition to a fishing license, for Washington recreational anglers age 15 and older who fish for salmon and steelhead in the Columbia River and its tributaries.

HOW MUCH: The cost of the endorsement (without dealer fees) is \$8.25 for resident and non-resident adults 16 years and older and \$6.60 for 15-year-olds and resident seniors (70 years and older). Currently the endorsement generates at least \$1 million annually.

WHEN: The CRSSE was authorized by the 2009 Washington Legislature (Senate Bill 5421) to help offset Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife budget cutbacks at that time.

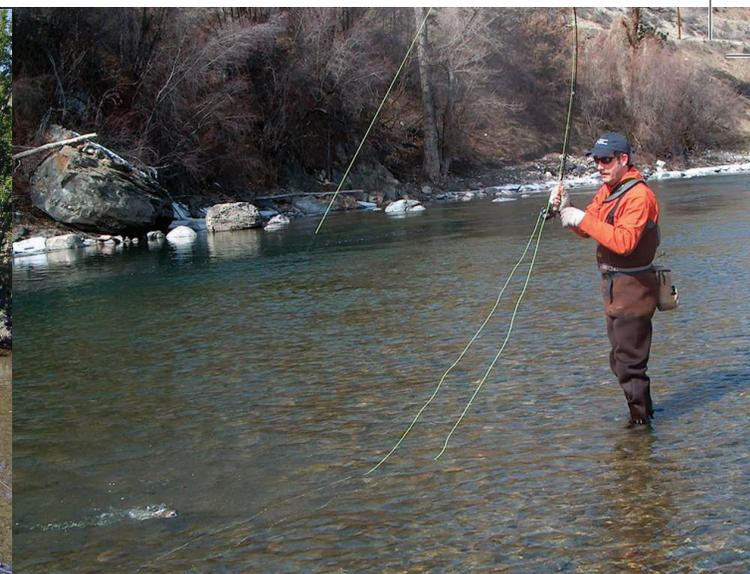
WHY: Funds generated from the endorsement fee are needed to maintain and improve recreational salmon and steelhead fisheries in the Columbia River and its tributaries. It supports management activities required to allow some fisheries where impacts to protected fish are strictly regulated. These activities include scientific monitoring and evaluation, data collection (creel), permitting, reporting, and enforcement. **Without CRSSE, many popular salmon and steelhead fisheries would be very limited or not possible at all.**

WHERE: The CRSSE is required when fishing for salmon and steelhead on more than 50 rivers, lakes and other waters in the Columbia River Basin (see list). Along with fishing licenses, the endorsement can be purchased at more than 600 WDFW license dealers throughout the state (locations available at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/index.html>) or online at <https://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov/>.

WHO: The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) administers the Columbia River Salmon and Steelhead Endorsement program in collaboration with the Columbia River Salmon and Steelhead Recreational Angler Board, made up of six to ten volunteer advisors. These advisors are appointed by the WDFW Director, representing the four WDFW jurisdictional regions – Eastern (1), Northcentral (2), Southcentral (3), and Southwest (5) – which make up the Columbia River Basin.



Upper Columbia River creel check



Methow River steelhead fishery

Waters where Endorsement is required:

Mainstem Columbia River from the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line to Chief Joseph Dam

Mainstem Snake River from mouth in Walla Walla County to Oregon state line in Asotin County

Asotin County

Grande Ronde River

Benton County

Yakima River (*Benton, Yakima, Kittitas Counties*)

Chelan County

Chelan River
Entiat River
Icicle River
Lake Wenatchee
Wenatchee River

Clark County

Camas Slough
Cedar Creek
Lewis River, East Fork
Little Washougal
Salmon Creek
Washougal River
Washougal River West (North) Fork

Clark/Cowlitz Counties

Lewis River
Lewis River, North Fork

Columbia County

Tucannon River (*Columbia, Garfield Counties*)
Touchet River (*Columbia/Walla Walla Counties*)

Cowlitz County

Abernathy Creek
Coal Creek
Coweeman River
Cowlitz River (*Cowlitz/Lewis Counties*)
Germany Creek
Gobar Creek
Green River
Kalama River
Toutle River
Toutle River, North Fork
Toutle River, South Fork

Klickitat County

Klickitat River
White Salmon River (*Klickitat/Skamania Counties*)

Lewis County

Blue Creek
Cispus River
Cowlitz River (*Cowlitz/Lewis Counties*)
Mayfield Lake
Mill Creek
Lacamas Creek
Lake Scanewa
Olequa Creek
Tilton River
Tilton River, East Fork
Tilton River, North Fork
Tilton River, South Fork
Tilton River, West Fork

Okanogan County

Lake Osoyoos
Methow River
Okanogan River
Similkameen River

Skamania County

Drano Lake
Hamilton Creek
Rock Creek
Wind River
White Salmon River (*Klickitat/Skamania Counties*)

Wahkiakum County

Deep River
Elochoman River
Grays River
Grays River, East Fork
Grays River, West Fork
Skamokawa Creek

Walla Walla County

Mill Creek
Touchet River (*Columbia/Walla Walla Counties*)
Walla Walla River

Whitman County

Palouse River (*below the falls*)