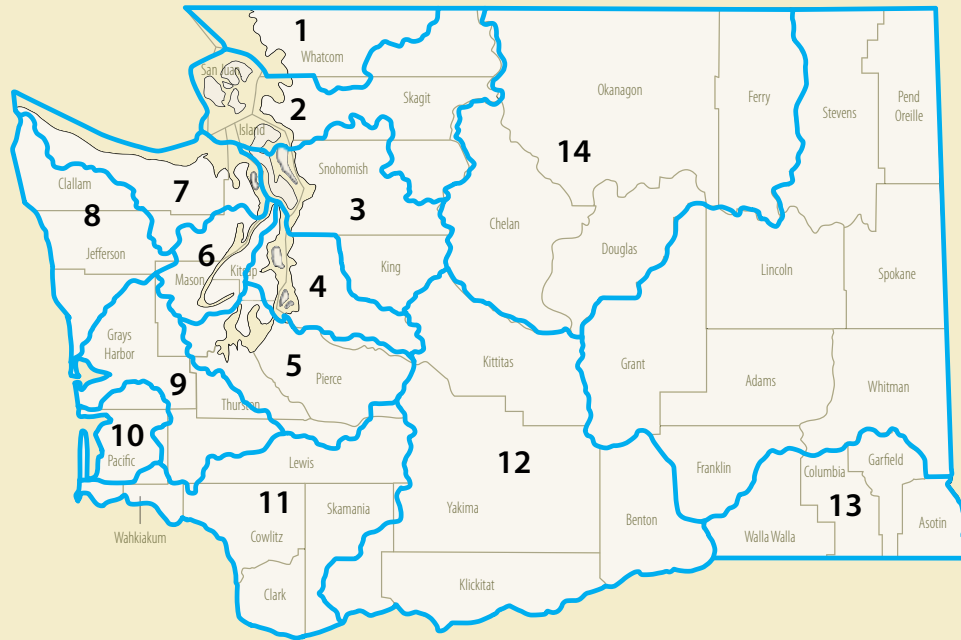


Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups



Region 1 - **Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association**

Region 2 - **Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group**

Region 3 - **Sound Salmon Solutions**

Region 4 - **Mid-Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group**

Region 5 - **South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group**

Region 6 - **Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group**

Region 7 - **North Olympic Salmon Coalition**

Region 8 - **Pacific Coast Salmon Coalition**

Region 9 - **Chehalis Basin Fisheries Task Force**

Region 10 - **Willapa Bay Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group**

Region 11 - **Lower Columbia Fish Enhancement Group**

Region 12 - **Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group**

Region 13 - **Tri-State Steelheaders Salmon Enhancement Group**

Region 14 - **Cascade Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group**

The Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups (RFEs) are a statewide network of 14 non-profit organizations that engage their communities, citizen volunteers, and landowners to enhance and restore salmon and steelhead populations in their local watersheds. In addition to base funding received from a combination of state and federal dollars, RFEs also leverage support through volunteerism, donations, and grant funding to complete salmon enhancement projects ranging from large-scale construction to community education and citizen science.

Economic Impact

An investment in RFEs pays out over generations by benefitting both the ecology and economy of Washington. Our restoration work provides a variety of family-wage jobs that includes local businesses, heavy equipment operators, truckers, landscape architects, biologists, planners, and engineers.



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RFEG Program Areas

Each year RFEGs build on the previous years' success in four key program areas.

Education and Outreach

Our hands-on programs engage community members in understanding salmon and the natural world and developing stewardship ethics.

In 2014, the RFEGs' education and outreach programs accomplished:

18,000+ STUDENT EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

36,000+ HANDS-ON SCIENCE EDUCATION HOURS

377 FIELD TRIPS OR CLASSROOM VISITS

6,640 STUDENT VOLUNTEER HOURS ON RESTORATION PROJECTS

109 INTERNSHIPS

161 CATS PARTICIPANTS IN **56** PUGET SOUND COMMUNITIES

Citizen Action Training School (CATS) Program - A 12 week citizen training program in watershed and Puget Sound ecology that emphasizes civic engagement in resource management. www.pugetsoundcats.org

Habitat Restoration

Our habitat restoration projects provide shade and shelter for salmon, a place to spawn, and improved passage so they may complete their migration. We also restore riparian areas by planting native vegetation and removing invasive plant species.

Fisheries and Nutrient Enhancement

Our salmon production and nutrient enhancement projects supplement natural fish populations. We distribute thousands of salmon carcasses to provide marine derived nutrients to support the watershed ecosystem.

Assessment and Monitoring

One major threat to salmon recovery is the lack of data about fish and watershed health. Our scientific monitoring programs quantify salmon populations, assess long-term impacts of projects, and analyze cost effectiveness of projects.

RFEG ACCOMPLISHMENTS: FISCAL YEAR 2014 & TOTAL SINCE 1995

162
3,700
TOTAL PROJECTS
COMPLETED

78,570
1.6 MILLION
VOLUNTEER HOURS

2.9 MILLION
76.3 MILLION
FISH RELEASED INTO LOCAL
WATERSHEDS



\$14,718,579
\$192,753,730
FUNDS LEVERAGED THROUGH
DONATIONS AND GRANTS



38,093
1,123,124
SALMON CARCASSES RETURNED
TO STREAMS TO ADD NUTRIENTS
TO LOCAL WATERSHEDS

27
643
MILES OF SALMONID
HABITAT ENHANCED
AND RESTORED

154
1,069
MILES OF FISH
HABITAT OPENED

23
825
FISH PASSAGE PROJECTS
(INCLUDED IN TOTAL
PROJECTS)