



REGIONAL FISHERIES  
COALITION

THE UNIFIED VOICE OF WASHINGTON'S 14 RFEGS

# Perseverance & Grit

A passion strong enough to overcome obstacles.



"I have watched kids who grow up planting trees, mature right alongside the trees they steward. And as they grow, from schoolchildren to young adults, they learn that restoring salmon habitat is a long-term process."

-RACHEL VASAK, RFC BOARD PRESIDENT

## Regional Fisheries Coalition 2020-2021 Annual Report

Addressing the most critical issues in salmon recovery:

- ✓ HABITAT
- ✓ EDUCATION
- ✓ ENHANCEMENT
- ✓ MONITORING

For more than 30 years, the 14 Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups (RFEGs) that make up the Regional Fisheries Coalition (RFC) have partnered with community members in the regions where we work to restore vital salmon habitat.

Together, we have been steadfast in our determination, and creative in our approaches. We've taken inspiration from the salmon themselves, returning to their spawning grounds despite myriad challenges along the journey.

Celebrate with us, and learn more about the successes our collective grit has brought, here in our 2020-2021 Annual Report. Visit our digital report for more project highlights, financials, photo gallery, and more:

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30+ YEARS OF RESULTS  
FOR SALMON



86,000,000  
Fish Released



944  
Fish Passage  
Projects Completed



1,316  
Miles of Stream  
Opened



1,655,000  
Volunteer  
Hours



4,182  
Salmon Projects  
Completed



1,125  
Miles of  
Restoration





"RFEGs exemplify how federal and state entities can partner with local communities to implement priority restoration projects."

-Nick George, Washington State Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, *Partners for Fish and Wildlife* program



### 2020-2021 Project Themes

**RESILIENCE:** Our communities are often at risk to natural processes like flooding, wildfires, and rivers that move. By working with partners, we find on-the-ground solutions that serve the goals of both our communities and our salmon.

**RURAL ECONOMIES:** RFEG construction projects employ local businesses to provide a wide range of family-wage jobs, including heavy equipment operators, truckers, accountants, landscape architects, biologists, planners, and engineers.

**LOCAL RESPONSIVENESS:** Being community-based, RFEGs quickly address threats and embrace opportunities. RFEGs are nimble, local organizations that often form strategic partnerships to tackle emerging issues.

### 2020-21 Funding: State & Federal Dollars Matched 1:8

State and federal RFEG funds – administered by WA Department of Fish and Wildlife and the US Fish and Wildlife Service – provide seed money, helping us take projects from ideas into action, bring together partners, write grants, and train staff. We further leverage this funding, securing an additional \$8 for every \$1 received, greatly amplifying the initial investment.

### 2020-21 By the Numbers



974,000  
Fish Released



159  
Miles of Restoration



67  
Miles of Stream Opened



83,000  
Volunteer Hours



19  
Fish Passage Projects Completed



65,000  
Carcasses Distributed

Visit our complete digital Annual Report to view:

- ✓ IMPACT MAP
- ✓ FINANCIALS
- ✓ PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS
- ✓ PHOTO GALLERY

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Base funding for the RFEGs comes from the US Fish & Wildlife Service's *Partners for Fish and Wildlife* program, a portion of fishing license fees, excess egg and carcass sales from State-funded hatcheries, and general funds administered by the WDFW.