

# WASHINGTON WATER TRUST 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



## A Message from the Executive Director

Dear Friend of Washington Water Trust,

There is a quote attributed to Mark Twain about water in the western United States that I come across every now and again: *"Whiskey is for drinking, water is for fighting over."*

While there is certainly an element of truth to Twain's witty reflection on the scarcity and value of water in the western states, it brings me a certain satisfaction knowing that this quote does **not** reflect Washington Water Trust's approach to solving our state's water challenges.

WWT was founded in 1998 to forge a path towards a better balance between human and environmental water needs, one that does not rely on contentiousness and lawsuits. Instead, we choose the route of collaboration, partnership and market-based solutions, bringing people—farmers, Tribes, government agencies and others—to the table together.

In this report, you will see pages dedicated to our project partners, business partners and donors—a testament to the countless positive relationships we have developed over nearly 25 years of collaboration. The impacts and successes shared in this report show the positive impact we make when we work together for healthy rivers and streams.

Whether you have worked with us on a project, donated to WWT or partnered with us in another way, we greatly appreciate your collaboration and the vital role you have played in restoring and protecting Washington's freshwater.



Sincerely,

James Kraft  
Executive Director

# Our Mission:

Washington Water Trust protects and restores healthy rivers and streams across Washington so that fish, farms and communities can thrive for generations.

## Washington's Water: A Myth of Plenty

Often thought of as a water-rich state, many of Washington's rivers and streams suffer from low flows, particularly during the late summer when salmon are returning to their home streams to spawn. These low flows are due to continued water overuse, mismanagement and a changing climate that threatens the snowpack that refreshes our rivers and streams each year.





## Your support benefitted these watersheds in 2022:

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|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Elwha-Dungeness      | 7. Nooksack          | 13. Alkali-Squilchuck |
| 2. Kennedy-Goldsborough | 8. Wind-White Salmon | 14. Methow            |
| 3. Upper Chehalis       | 9. Klickitat         | 15. Okanogan          |
| 4. Nisqually            | 10. Naches           | 16. Walla Walla       |
| 5. Duwamish-Green       | 11. Upper Yakima     | 17. Lower Spokane     |
| 6. Cedar-Sammamish      | 12. Wenatchee        |                       |

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## Impact Snapshot

# 5,700,000,000 gallons

Thanks to the support of our donors and partners, more than 5.7 billion gallons of restored water was flowing in salmon streams in 2022, a critical boost for threatened species.

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## **Fixing the Past: Buying and Leasing Water Rights to Protect Instream**

The demand for water in Washington exceeds the supply, which means many salmon streams suffer from too much water being withdrawn for out-of-stream uses. We buy and lease water rights from water right holders, such as farmers, through voluntary market-based transactions. These water rights are then protected in Washington's Trust Water Rights Program, which keeps the water instream as flow to benefit fish.



## **Looking Toward the Future: Developing a Sustainable Freshwater Future for Washington**

Your support helps make Washington's water supply and use more sustainable. We are developing new water sources for irrigation to reduce the pressure on our salmon streams, and new tools for restoring flows.



**Recycled Water**



**Stored Water**



**Natural System Storage**



**Aquifer Recharge**



**Aquifer Storage and Recovery**

# Mill Creek: Helping Fish Access Headwater Habitat

Walking along Mill Creek in Walla Walla, you wouldn't think this channelized concrete stream is home to salmon, steelhead and bull trout. But as you follow Mill Creek upstream towards the border with Oregon, it starts looking more like a habitable stream for fish. The upper section of Mill Creek has been closed to public access since 1860 and offers high-quality spawning and rearing habitat for salmon, steelhead and bull trout. It is critical that fish have access to this healthy headwater habitat.



Like other local streams, Mill Creek is water-stressed. The creek is used to irrigate crops and provide water for the City of Walla Walla. In late summer, as much as 50% of the creek's flows are withdrawn for the City's water supply. By the time Mill Creek reaches the Walla Walla River, only a small amount of water remains instream. These low flows make it difficult for fish to move upstream to access spawning habitat.

Washington Water Trust is working with the City of Walla Walla and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation to help restore late summer flows to this important tributary using Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR). ASR injects treated water into a confined aquifer for later recovery and use. In the City of Walla Walla, water is diverted from Mill Creek when flows are high in the winter/spring and injected into an aquifer enclosed by basalt rock. The water is stored in the aquifer until late summer when it can be pumped out and used as part of the City's water supply. In essence, the aquifer is used like an above-ground reservoir or water tank.

The City of Walla Walla can use aquifer-stored water in late summer to significantly reduce their diversion from Mill Creek. This switch keeps water instream when fish need abundant cool water the most.

# Around the state



## **Recycled Water**

You helped us continue developing this potential new sustainable water source that can replace river diversions and improve streamflows for salmon in the Sammamish River and beyond.



## **Dungeness Water Exchange**

You helped us manage the DWE water bank, which ensures that nearly 700 new water uses in the Dungeness valley have not had a negative impact on the Dungeness River or local streams.



## **Icicle Creek**

You helped us work with the Cascade Orchards Irrigation Company and other local partners on a project that will restore significant flows to the most de-watered stretch of Icicle Creek and increase the habitat available to steelhead and bull trout.

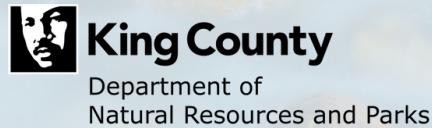


## **Walla Walla Water 2050**

You helped us work on the Walla Walla Water 2050 initiative—a shared effort between Washington, Oregon, Tribes, govt. agencies, environmental groups, and local partners to ensure sustainably managed water for people, agriculture, and fish over the next three decades.

# Thank You to our 2022 Healthy Rivers Partners

## Chinook Level (\$10,000+)



## Coho Level (\$5,000-\$10,000)



## Sockeye Level (\$1,000-\$5,000)

Anchor QEA  
Brown and Caldwell  
Confluence Law  
HDR, Inc.  
Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe  
Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe  
Van Ness Feldman

### More Great Partners

Whether through monetary donations, product donations, in-kind donations or event support, these businesses play a vital role for healthy rivers by supporting WWT.

AMP Insights	Microsoft	Washington Hydrological
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	Natural Systems Design	Society
Diecutstickers.com	Pagliacci Pizza	Wells Fargo
Five12 Apparel	Patagonia Seattle	
	Symetra	



### Seattle Mariners #endthedrought

The 2022 Seattle Mariners baseball season captivated us as the team made the playoffs for the first time in 20 years. In honor of ending the playoff drought, the Seattle Mariners donated \$13,000 to WWT to support drought resiliency!



# Thank You to our 2022 Donors

## Individuals

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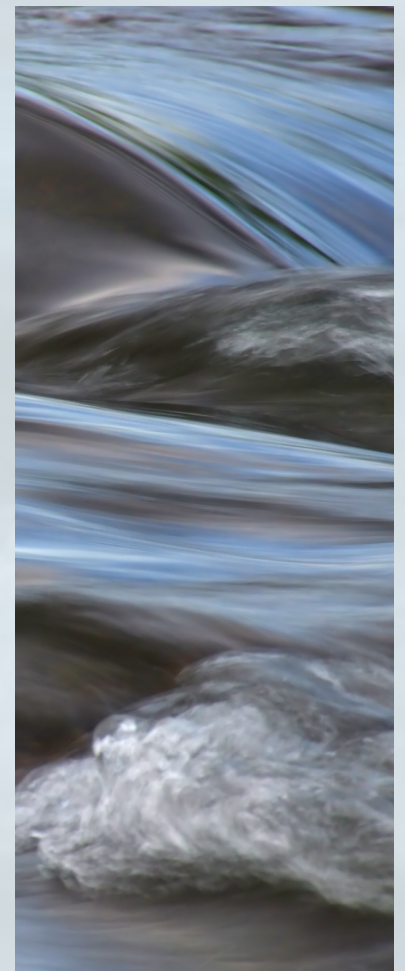
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BNSF Railway Foundation  
Burning Foundation  
Horizons Foundation  
Icicle Fund  
MJ Murdock Charitable Trust  
National Fish and Wildlife  
Foundation  
P. Wayne & Jane B. Goode  
Foundation  
Satterberg Foundation  
Swinomish Indian Tribal  
Community  
WA Department of Ecology  
Warren Community Action  
Fund



# Thank You to our 2022 Project Partners

21 Acres  
Anchor QEA  
Aspect Consulting  
AWRA-Washington Chapter  
Blue Mountain Land Trust  
Bluewater GIS  
Bonneville Environmental Foundation  
Bonneville Power Administration  
Capitol Land Trust  
Cascade Orchards Irrigation Company  
Cascadia Conservation District  
Cascadia Law Group  
Chehalis Basin Partnership  
Chelan County DNR  
City of Bothell  
City of Dayton  
City of Sequim  
City of Walla Walla  
Clallam Conservation District  
Clallam County  
Clallam County Clallam PUD No. 1  
Columbia County  
Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation  
Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation  
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation  
Cowiche Canyon Conservancy  
Dungeness Water Users Association  
Forterra  
Greys Harbor Conservation District  
Helensdale Reclamation District  
Icicle and Peshastin Irrigation District  
Intertox, Inc.  
Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe  
King County Recycled Water  
King County Waste Services - WaterWorks  
Kittitas Conservation District  
Kittitas Conservation Trust  
Kittitas Reclamation District  
Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery  
Lewis Conservation District  
Mason County Conservation District  
McCormick Water Strategies  
Methow Conservancy  
Methow Watershed Council  
Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group  
Middle Klickitat Conservation District  
Mott MacDonald  
National Fish & Wildlife Foundation  
Natural Systems Design  
Nisqually Land Trust  
NOAA Fisheries  
Nooksack Indian Tribe  
North Yakima Conservation District  
Office of Chehalis Basin  
Office of the Columbia River  
Oregon Water Resources Department  
Priest Rapids Coordination Committee  
RCO-Salmon Recovery Funding Board  
San Juan County  
San Juan Land Bank  
Skagit Watershed Council  
Squaxin Island Tribe  
Taneum Canal Company  
Thurston Conservation District  
Thurston County  
Touchet Westside Irrigation District  
Tributary Committee  
Tri-State Steelheaders  
University of Washington  
Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board  
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation  
Underwood Conservation District  
USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Viva Farms  
WA Dept. of Ecology  
WA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife  
Walla Walla 2050 Planning Initiative  
Walla Walla County  
Walla Walla County Conservation District  
Washington Resource Conservation & Development Council: Yakima Tributary Access & Habitat Program  
Washington State Conservation Commission - Irrigation Efficiency Grants Program  
Washington State University  
Yakima Basin Fish and Wildlife Recovery Board  
Yakima/Klickitat Fisheries Project



# Organizational Information

## 2022 Financials\*

### Revenues and Support

Contributions from Individuals.....	\$180,800
Grants - State.....	\$168,141
Grants - Federal.....	\$404,379
Grants - Private.....	\$288,751
Grants - Local.....	\$266,585
Consulting Services.....	\$96,565
Miscellaneous Income.....	\$245,706
<b>Total revenues and support.....</b>	<b>\$1,650,927</b>

### Operating Expenses

Direct program expenses	
Consulting Services.....	\$12,150
Program-related Contractors.....	\$108,973
GIS and Project Contractors.....	\$13,290
Fundraising.....	\$10,843
Compensation.....	\$1,236,433
Recruiting and training.....	\$16,458
Building and property.....	\$67,123
Administration.....	\$147,165
Computing and software.....	\$21,122
Meals, travel and entertainment.....	\$26,741
Outside services.....	\$36,297
Insurance.....	\$8,943
Taxes and licenses.....	\$210
<b>Total operating expenses.....</b>	<b>\$1,705,748</b>

Other Income Interest.....	\$1,399
Depreciation & Amortization.....	(\$4,784)
PPP Loan Gain.....	\$187,040
Water Acquisition Income.....	\$70,528
Water Acquisition Expense.....	(\$60,251)
<b>Total Other Income.....</b>	<b>\$193,932</b>

**Total Change in Net Assets.....\$139,111**

\*unaudited

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## Give Back to the Rivers and Streams You Love

By donating to Washington Water Trust today, you help restore abundant, cool, clean water to Washington's rivers and streams, so our fish, farms and communities can thrive for generations to come.

