

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,

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James Kraft
Executive Director

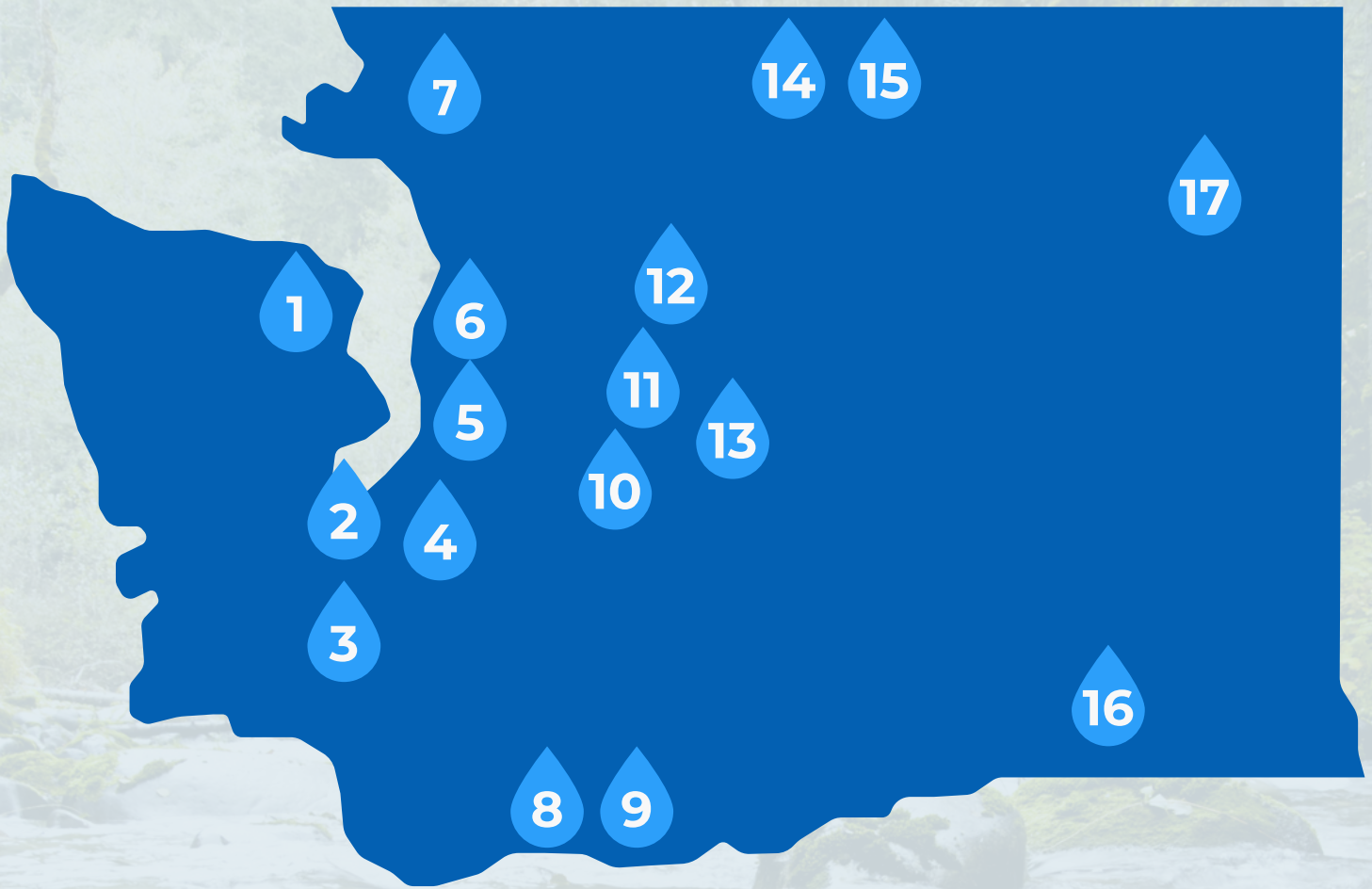
Our Mission:

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 | |

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.

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.



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 a 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.

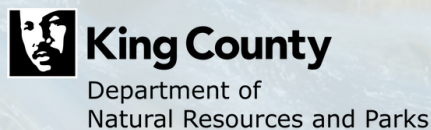


Walla Walla Water 2050

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+)



WILDHORSE FOUNDATION

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HDR, Inc.

Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe

Van Ness Feldman

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

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Pagliacci Pizza

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Symetra



Seattle Mariners
#endthedrought

The 2022 Seattle Mariners baseball season captivated us as the team made the playoffs for the first time in 21 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

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21 Acres
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Bluewater GIS
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Foundation
Bonneville Power Administration
Capitol Land Trust
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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
Total revenues and support.....	\$1,650,927

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
Total operating expenses.....	\$1,705,748

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

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.

