



WASHINGTON
WATER TRUST

2024

Annual

Report

Washington Water Trust acknowledges that we are on Indigenous land that is home to many Tribes who have stewarded Washington's waters since time immemorial. We are honored to collaborate with Tribes and support their work for healthy lands, waters, and communities.

Our Mission

Our mission is to protect and restore healthy rivers and streams across Washington so that fish, farms, and communities can thrive for generations. WWT purchases and leases water rights, works with communities to balance water needs, and develops sustainable water sources in **17 watersheds**.



5.7 BILLION GALLONS

WWT restores more than **5.7 billion gallons of water** to rivers and streams across Washington every year, boosting flows for threatened species.



1.4 BILLION GALLONS

WWT projects are anticipated to permanently protect an additional **1.4 billion gallons of water** in salmon streams starting in 2025.



DONATE TODAY FOR HEALTHY RIVERS

Make a tax-deductible gift to keep rivers and streams flowing across Washington. Give back to the freshwaters you love.

Dear Friend of Washington Water Trust,

Fish, farms, and communities share one thing in common: the need for clean, abundant freshwater. This fundamental truth guides our work restoring streamflows across Washington and I am proud of the flow restoration progress we are making.

2024 was challenging for our freshwater. The Washington State Department of Ecology declared a statewide drought emergency following our eighth warmest winter since 1895. It was the fifth drought declaration in the past 10 years.

Climate projections show that this shift may be the new normal. Higher water temperatures and lower flows are projected to increasingly harm fish and wildlife. These changes are likely to compound issues like overuse that reduce flows even in normal water years.

Thankfully, your support is helping us bring more people and groups together to restore the health of our rivers. Farmers support permanent and emergency flow programs. Businesses back our drought relief work. Diverse coalitions come together to build a future where human and environmental water needs are balanced. Collaboration drives our work.

Whether you lease or donate your water right to WWT, partner with us on a local project, or provide financial support—your contribution to local rivers and streams is invaluable.



Washington's water belongs to us all. We will keep bringing people together to restore and protect our state's freshwater. Thank you for flowing with us towards a brighter future!

Sincerely,

James Kraft
Executive Director

Impact Highlights



Saving salmon during drought in Dungeness

WWT and the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe collaborated with farmers and coordinated pulse flows to keep water in the Dungeness River for Chinook salmon and other fish during the summer drought. These efforts helped Chinook returns exceed recovery targets and allowed fish to reach spawning habitat in the upper river.



Hosting water rights workshops

WWT hosted a water rights workshop in the South Fork Chehalis Valley. Educating landowners about their water rights and building relationships are key steps in restoring and protecting streamflows for salmon, steelhead, and the threatened Oregon spotted frog in the Chehalis watershed.



Studying recycled water use on food crops

One way to restore flows to salmon streams is switching users from river water and groundwater to sustainable water sources like recycled water. WWT is working with partners in the Sammamish Valley to study recycled water use in growing food crops and advocate for its local adoption.



Watersheds of Washington



Maintaining flows in the Yakima basin

WWT partnered with landowners in the Teanaway River valley to lease water and maintain flows during the drought. This effort continues our work to support spawning and rearing fish in the Yakima basin, where permanent WWT water acquisitions keep up to a billion gallons instream annually.



Restoring flows for steelhead in the Okanogan

WWT is negotiating a 10-year water lease extension on Loup Loup Creek and a water purchase on Antoine Creek. Our partnership with the Colville Tribes and Helensdale Reclamation District transformed Loup Loup Creek from a dry bed with no fish in the summer to one of Okanogan's most productive steelhead streams.

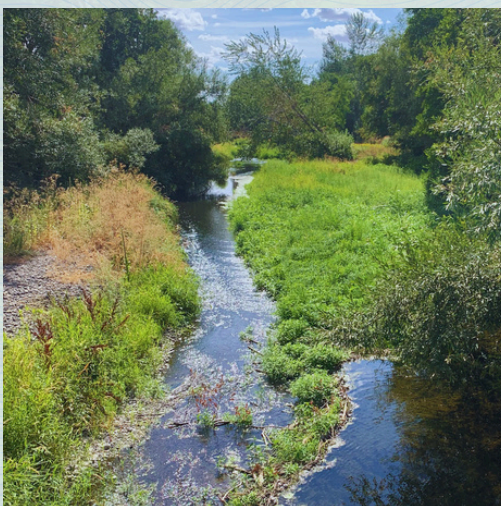
A major milestone for Icicle Creek



WWT signed agreements with the Cascade Orchard Irrigation Company and Chelan County to permanently restore more than 1.3 billion gallons of water annually to Icicle Creek. Chelan County broke ground on a new high-efficiency pump station that will keep critical flows instream in the lower 4.5 miles of the creek. This change will benefit steelhead, spring Chinook, and other fish.

Our agreement also allowed the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery and the United States Bureau of Reclamation to make updates that improved fish passage and safety.

Walla Walla flows make history



WWT has partnered with the City of Walla Walla and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation to restore Mill Creek flows. In 2024, the City used aquifer-stored water in the summer instead of its Mill Creek diversion in Oregon. Washington and Oregon passed legislation—that WWT supported—to allow Oregon water rights to be protected into Washington.

The Mill Creek water that WWT leased from the City was protected in both states and provided summer flows for Chinook salmon, steelhead, and other fish. It's a historic win for streamflows in the Walla Walla basin.

Thank you project partners!

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REVENUES & SUPPORT

Operating Revenue*	\$1,884,955
Water Acquisition Revenue	\$491,075
Other Income	\$60,310
Release of 2023 Restricted Cash	\$1,395,984
TOTAL REVENUE:	\$3,832,324

* \$439,537 of Operating Revenue will be held for use in 2025 and beyond

EXPENSES

Operating Expenses	\$3,016,574
Water Acquisition Expenses	\$501,868
Other Expenses	\$7,130
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$3,525,572



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