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Report
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**Washington Water Trust's mission is to protect and restore water
in rivers and streams across Washington state.**

Dear Friend of Washington Water Trust,

Our organization never stops, and that is our goal for Washington's rivers and streams. Washington Water Trust (WWT) projects flow towards a sustainable freshwater future for our beautiful state, where every drop we protect in local rivers counts.

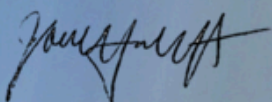
You helped make 2025 one of the most impactful years in our 28-year history. Our work benefits more than 50 rivers and streams, including water-stressed tributaries that are home to salmon, steelhead, and other wildlife. WWT now protects more than 7 BILLION gallons instream every year from the San Juans to Walla Walla, and even into Oregon!

Collaboration with numerous partners made reaching this milestone possible. From Tribes restoring their natural and cultural resources to farmers and businesses working towards water sustainability, many groups work with WWT to keep rivers flowing year-round. These relationships are an essential support network for combating the severe water problems facing fish, farms, and communities across the state.

WWT and our partners are rising to the challenges posed by a changing climate. As you will see in this report, you are helping us hone our annual drought response efforts, expand river restoration into new watersheds, and advance flow re-timing techniques like aquifer recharge to build climate resiliency. You also empowered WWT to launch the Lorri Bodi Water Leadership Program, which will develop new water leaders who can discover innovative conservation solutions.

Thank you for making 2025 such an exciting year, and for flowing with us towards tomorrow's streamflow breakthroughs. Together we are making meaningful progress for healthy rivers and streams.

Sincerely,



James Kraft
Executive Director



The Lorri Bodi Water Leadership Program



WWT and our community lost a special friend in 2025, Lorri Bodi. Lorri was a brilliant public servant, bold environmental leader, and dedicated member of the WWT board of directors. WWT greatly benefited from her experience and vision.

To honor Lorri and continue her work of finding better conservation solutions through collaborative leadership, the Bodi / Eglick family and WWT founded the **Lorri Bodi Water Leadership Program**.

The Lorri Bodi Water Leadership Program (LBWLP) will inspire and develop future water conservation leaders. WWT is partnering with institutions like the University of Washington to empower students to explore pressing local water challenges through capstone internships and consulting projects. Their findings will help WWT and decision makers restore rivers and build a sustainable freshwater future.

In 2026, WWT is hosting students from the UW Evans School of Public Policy & Governance Consulting Lab who will research ways that Washington water policy and law can be modernized to ensure rivers have the water necessary for salmon and to honor Tribal rights.

WWT is also hosting a UW intern who is evaluating the state's implementation of the Streamflow Restoration Act. LBWLP participants are gaining career experience while assisting river restoration.

Anna Eglick Bodi, Lorri's daughter, shares: "The goal is for each student in the Lorri Bodi Water Leadership Program to gain experience making a current contribution to streamflow preservation and local water conservation while preparing for future leadership roles in the field. The program will ensure that, through these bright students and WWT, Lorri's environmental legacy will continue."



LBWLP intern Sofia Carmen Fernandez Berkowitz is evaluating implementation of the Streamflow Restoration Act.

WWT Impact Highlights



Innovative partnership saves Dungeness salmon

WWT partnered with farmers and the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe to support salmon during a third straight summer of drought in the Dungeness. WWT leased water to keep it instream for fish and coordinated pulse flows, which are closures of irrigation diversions that cause a pulse of water. This approach is making a difference: Chinook salmon returns have exceeded target goals in recent years.



Exploring aquifer recharge in the Green River

WWT began studying four sites along the Upper Middle Green River for Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) potential. MAR involves infiltrating or injecting water into the ground in the spring when, due to hydrological connectivity, it can seep into the river and boost streamflows in the summer. Species such as Chinook salmon, steelhead, and bull trout would benefit from MAR in the Green-Duwamish River.



Getting our feet wet in the Snoqualmie River

WWT worked with the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe to conduct a water rights analysis in the Snoqualmie River sub-basin. Understanding the water rights in a watershed is an important first step to restoring local streamflows. The next step will be to work with the Tribe and other partners to prioritize and implement flow restoration projects that benefit the Snoqualmie River, its fish, and communities.



Icicle Creek gets billion gallon boost

WWT has worked with local partners for over a decade to restore Icicle Creek’s natural dynamics and ensure that it supports fish and communities forever. Our efforts culminated in the construction of a pump station in 2025 that’s keeping 1.3+ billion gallons of water flowing annually in Icicle Creek. This water is vital to steelhead, spring Chinook, and other wildlife moving through the lower stretch of the creek.



Protecting Walla Walla flows in WA and OR

WWT expanded our work in the Walla Walla basin, securing new water leases in Oregon and renewing a long-term lease on the Touchet River to protect water for reintroduced spring Chinook and other fish. Our team also released a new online dashboard called the Walla Walla Basin Decision Support Tool to help local water managers and partners identify and prioritize restoration opportunities in the basin.

Little Klickitat River. BIG IMPACT!

The Little Klickitat River is a tributary to the Klickitat River in the Columbia River basin that provides important habitat for fish, particularly Middle Columbia River steelhead that are listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. Unfortunately, the Little Klickitat suffers from low flows and warm water temperatures in the summer, which poses a serious risk for fish. WWT has been working with local landowners, brothers Keith and Adam Fahlenkamp, on a solution.



WWT purchased a portion of the Fahlenkamps' water rights in 2025 to restore colder streamflows to the Little Klickitat River. The water they retained will allow them to continue operating their fourth-generation cattle ranch.

"The experts at Washington Water Trust managed a lengthy process to validate water rights in a way that maximized our benefit as landowners," said Keith Fahlenkamp.

More than 250 million gallons of water that was being diverted every year will now stay instream permanently. This water originates from cold, spring-fed tributaries so it will keep the river cooler, which is just what the fish need during hot summer days.

"The collaborative effort enabled current and future use of some water for agricultural purposes while returning a significant amount of water to a stream that is important for salmon and steelhead runs in the Klickitat River," shared Fahlenkamp. "As landowners and fishermen, we achieved an ideal balance that benefits both fish and agriculture."

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**- Keith Fahlenkamp
Fourth-generation cattle rancher**

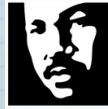
Finding dedicated local partners like the Fahlenkamps and building the trust needed to achieve big wins for fish takes time and perseverance. Thank you to our partners and donors for helping us complete one of our biggest restoration projects EVER so that Little Klickitat River steelhead and salmon will have the cold water they need to thrive.

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Revenues & Support

Operating Revenue**\$2,887,634
Water Acquisition Revenue.....\$4,078,060

Total Revenue: \$6,965,694

Expenses

Operating Expenses.....\$2,318,834
Water Acquisition Expenses.....\$3,971,686

Total Expenses: \$6,290,520

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