

The following is a list of organizations/agencies that ensure the network is coordinated and that recovery is taking place in communities across Washington:

### **Seven Regional Organizations and twenty-five Lead Entities**

Regional organizations form the backbone of local salmon recovery; they write, coordinate, and monitor implementation of local recovery plans. Lead entities work directly with implementers to ensure projects are consistent with science, recovery plans, and community values.

### **Treaty Tribes**

29 tribes in Washington State co-manage the salmon resource. By treaty, they are guaranteed the right to fish in their usual and accustomed areas. Tribal representatives serve on the boards of each of the seven regional organizations. Tribes also implement salmon recovery actions.

### **Non-profit Organizations**

Dozens of land trusts, environmental and community groups, foundations, and others implement on-the-ground projects and bring additional resources to the effort.

### **Conservation Districts**

Non-regulatory and supported by the Washington State Conservation Commission, local districts provide technical and scientific assistance to land owners and other local partners to design, implement, and monitor on-the-ground recovery projects.

### **Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups (RFEG)**

With support from WDFW, RFEG's coordinate community involvement and education, in addition to implementing and monitoring salmon recovery projects.

### **Counties, Cities, and Local Jurisdictions**

In addition to implementing local projects, local jurisdictions exercise their authorities and obligations on behalf of salmon recovery in response to citizen expectations.

### **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)**

The department and tribal nations co-manage to preserve, protect, and perpetuate the state's salmon and steelhead populations ensuring sustainable fisheries. They operate and manage hatcheries, and provide technical and scientific expertise that supports implementation of salmon recovery plans, fisheries management, and protection of fish habitat.

### **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)**

NOAA administers the Endangered Species Act as it applies to salmon and steelhead, and provides funding from the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund which is matched with state funding to support recovery efforts across Washington.

### **Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB)**

Evaluates proposals and distributes federal and state funding to implementers across the state. Comprised of gubernatorial appointees from across the state and non-voting state agency representatives.

### **Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)**

Ensures fiscal responsibility for the network and staffs the SRFB and GSRO.

### **Governor's Salmon Recovery Office (GSRO)**

Coordinates policy, statewide strategy, and provides network support. Assists with securing funds for recovery efforts. Works with regions to produce biennial *State of Salmon in Watersheds* report.

**Washington's salmon recovery network is unique and active in every community, providing economic, cultural, and health benefits for all. It is supported by federal, state, and local governments, the 29 treaty tribes, county commissioners, and thousands of citizens who volunteer their time to restore salmon now and ensure their persistence into the future.**

For a status report on salmon in our watersheds, visit [stateofsalmon.wa.gov](http://stateofsalmon.wa.gov).

## Implementing salmon recovery from the ground up



**15 years ago, the state of Washington and the 29 treaty tribes, co-managers of the salmon resource, supported the establishment of new regional salmon recovery organizations to guide locally-driven salmon recovery.**

Our success is a result of salmon recovery being implemented by local jurisdictions, conservation districts, tribal nations, regional fisheries enhancement groups, state and federal programs, and dozens of local non-profit organizations relying on the volunteer hours of thousands of Washington citizens across the state.

The benefits to all of Washington's citizens are clear: cleaner water, less flooding, more productive farmland, improved bridges and roads, healthier forests and rivers and shorelines, more productive wildlife habitat, and improved opportunities for sustainable fishing and outdoor recreation.

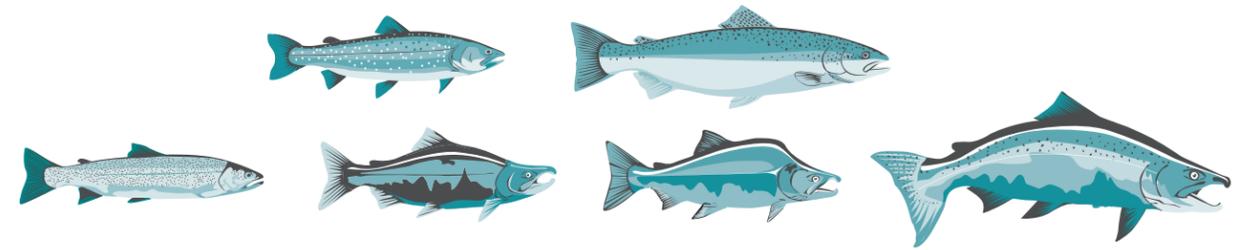
This work enables us to honor our commitment to tribal treaty fishing rights.

Together, our efforts form a network for salmon recovery across our state, rebuilding and strengthening our fish, water, and land resources today to maintain what we love about the Pacific Northwest into the future.

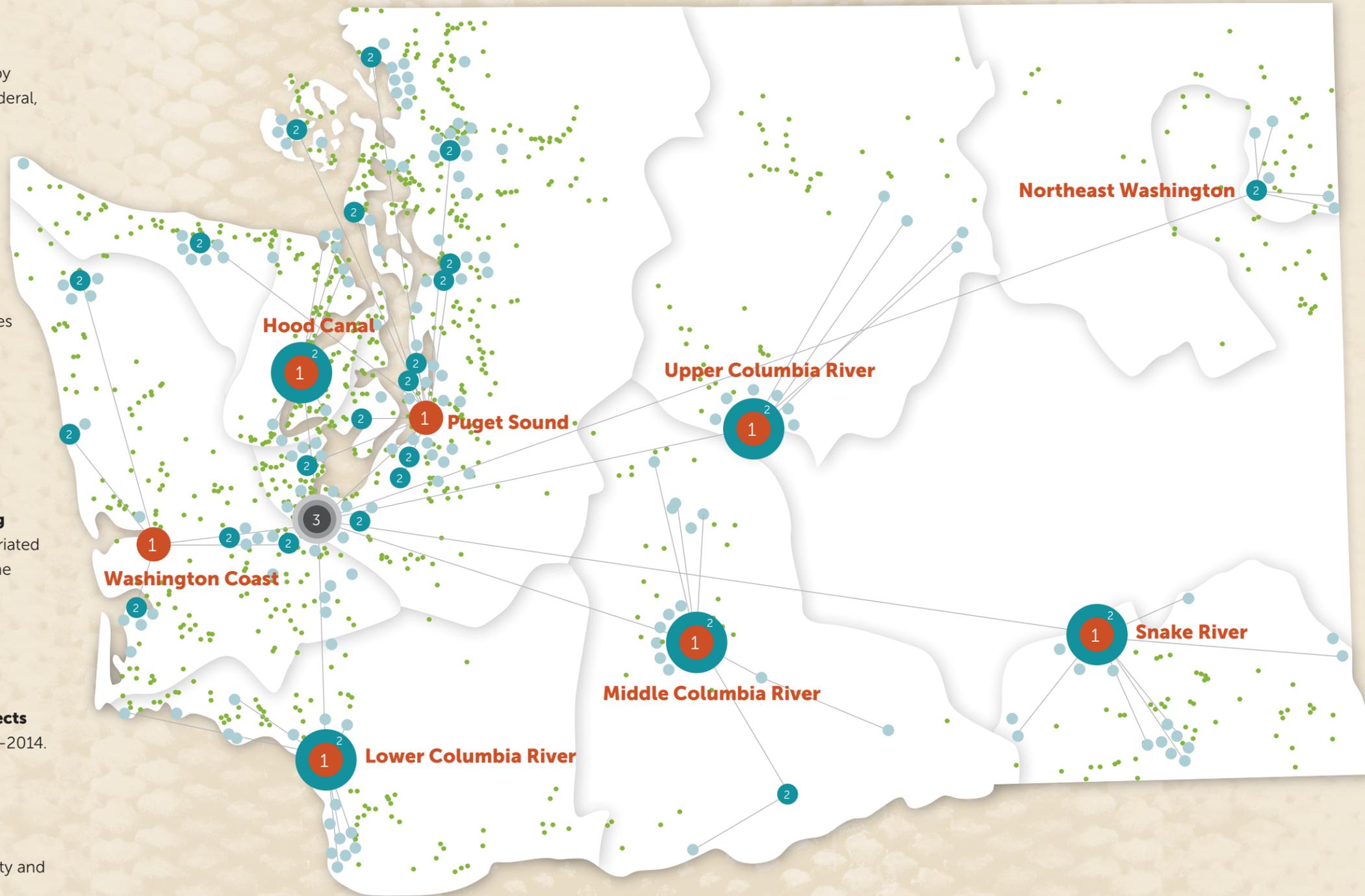
**TOGETHER, WE ARE BUILDING THE FUTURE WE WANT FOR OUR CHILDREN.**

# Salmon Connect Us

The Salmon Recovery Network is a coordinated and collaborative statewide network that empowers local communities to lead salmon recovery in their communities.



- 1 Regional Salmon Recovery Organizations** led by county and tribal leaders, and advised by scientists, citizens, and state, federal, and tribal agency staff, develop and guide implementation of plans to recover and sustain salmon and the habitats upon which they depend.
- 2 Lead Entities** work at the local watershed scale with technical and citizen committees to prioritize funding to high priority projects.
- 1** Regional Salmon Recovery Organizations that are also Lead Entities
- 3** The **Salmon Recovery Funding Board** distributes funds appropriated by Congress and matched by the state of Washington to project implementers across the state.
- **Implementer** office location
- On-the-ground **recovery projects** across Washington State, 2000–2014.
- **Washington's Recreation and Conservation Office** and the **Governor's Salmon Recovery Office** ensure fiscal responsibility and statewide coordination.



**7,500 JOBS**  
New or sustained jobs **salmon recovery funding** supports annually

**\$763M**  
Total economic activity from salmon recovery

**16,374 JOBS**  
Estimated jobs **recreational and commercial fisheries** support annually

**\$540M**  
Personal income generated from recreational and commercial fisheries

**80%**  
of grant funding is spent in the county where the project is located.

(RCO, 2012)

Washington's natural beauty and healthy ecosystems draw visitors and businesses, increasing economic prosperity across the state.