

# QUINAULT NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY

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## Driving Directions to Quinault National Fish Hatchery

Driving Time from Portland/Seattle:

Approximately 3 hours from downtown Seattle, WA

Approximately 4 hours from RO/ Portland, OR

Take **Exit #88** for Aberdeen on I-5. Follow Signs **12 West**.

Take **12 West** to Elma.

At Elma turn left onto **12 West** to Montesano/Aberdeen.

Follow signs to Aberdeen/Hoquiam. Take **12 West to 101 North**.

Follow **101 North** towards Forks/Port Angeles.

Hatchery is approximately 45 miles from Aberdeen.

On **101 North at mile post 120** turn left onto the Moclips Highway. Proceed ~ 5 miles.

**Quinault National Fish Hatchery** entrance is on right prior to crossing Cook Creek Bridge.

## *Thank You for Visiting Quinault National Fish Hatchery - Salmon & Steelhead Hatchery*



Quinault National Fish Hatchery is a federal facility operated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under the Department of Interior.

The hatchery proper is located on the Quinault Indian Reservation in the southern tip of the unique bioregion, Olympic Peninsula. The Olympic National Forest and the Olympic National Park as well as Rayonier Timber Company land holdings are adjacent to the Quinault Indian Reservation. The region is best known for its cedar and old growth forests. Annual rainfall exceeds 180 inches while the average daily temperature is in the mid 70's.

The hatchery rears chum, coho, and fall Chinook salmon and steelhead. Each year the chum are released in April at two inches while fall Chinook are released from April to July at four inches. Coho salmon and steelhead are reared for sixteen months and then released in April at six and eight inches respectively.

Spawning adult fish occurs every Wednesday beginning in October and terminates in later February. Adult coho salmon are the first fish spawned while November, December and January is bustling with steelhead activity. Chum and fall Chinook are generally spawned in late October/ early November.

The hatchery information telephone line (360-288-2277) provides updated information on hatchery activities and operations. Feel free to call anytime or better yet, stop in and visit the hatchery and its staff.