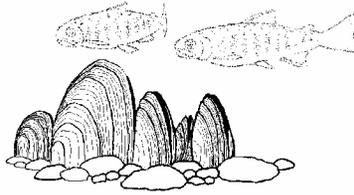


# Pacific Northwest Native Freshwater Mussel Workgroup



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## Goal and objectives

Goal: Ensure that freshwater mussel research, management, and educational activities are coordinated, prioritized and are consistent with identified information needs.

Objective 1: Hold an annual freshwater mussel conference in the Northwest to review mussel status and the state of mussel research, management, and education.

Objective 2: Establish and maintain a list of prioritized mussel research needs to provide guidance for research emphasis leading to information needed for species conservation.

Objective 3: Protect and reverse the decline of quality mussel habitat.

Objective 4: Establish and maintain a website that provides information about freshwater mussels and about the Workgroup.

Objective 5: Maintain a Northwest database of mussel distribution to help assess mussel status and establish research needs.

Objective 6: Hold, sponsor, or support classes on mussels to aid resource managers and researchers and to educate non-biologists.

Objective 7: Publicize mussel issues, status, management and research to raise public awareness of mussel needs.

Objective 8: Provide or support speakers for requested presentations to organized groups on mussels.

Objective 9: Produce or support production of mussel educational material for adults and students to raise public awareness of mussel status and issues.