



# Entiat

## National Fish Hatchery

### Station Facts

- Established in 1940
- Part of the Leavenworth Fisheries Complex along with the Leavenworth and Winthrop NFHs and the Mid-Columbia FRO
- Rears and releases 400,000 summer Chinook smolts annually
- 3 Staff: Hatchery Manager, Fishery Biologist, and Maintenance Mechanic
- Annual budget of \$400,000
- Hosts events to connect youth with nature

### Contact Information

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#### Directions:

Travel six miles up Entiat River Road to Roaring Creek Road, take a left, cross the bridge and turn at the first right into the hatchery entrance.



### Who We Are

The National Fish Hatchery System (NFHS) is comprised of a network of 71 National Fish Hatcheries which propagate imperiled species for restoration and recovery programs, provide emergency refugia for species whose habitat is threatened, provide fish to benefit Tribes, and mitigate for federal water projects.

### How We Help

Due to the construction of Grand Coulee Dam, approximately 1,140 miles of former spawning and rearing habitat was blocked. This loss of habitat equates to an estimated loss of thousands of returning adults annually. The Entiat NFH was constructed to help mitigate for these losses.

### Connecting People with Nature

The Entiat NFH constructed a new Kid's Fishing Pond in 2011, which services our "Outdoor Skills Days" program. In addition, an archery range was constructed in 2014. Local school groups, one grade at a time, spend one fun-filled day annually in this program. They learn fishing and archery skills as well as explore our wetland area as young biologists.



"Outdoor Skills Days" Archery Training

### Facility Background and Program Goals

Leavenworth, Winthrop and Entiat NFHs (collectively the Leavenworth Fisheries Complex) were constructed and operate under the authority of the Rivers and Harbors Act of August 30, 1935 (49 Stat. 1028), specifically Section 2 which authorized and adopted the construction, operation and maintenance of Grand Coulee Dam and the incidental works necessary for such projects. The goals of the hatcheries are to mitigate for lost fish harvest opportunities associated with the construction and operation of Grand Coulee Dam. The Bureau of Reclamation (with rate payer funding from Bonneville Power Administration) has an interagency agreement with the Service to operate Leavenworth, Winthrop and Entiat NFHs.

