



Mid-Columbia River

Fisheries Resource Office

Station Facts

- Established in 1974 and currently employ 23-30 individuals
- Provide science support for three National Fish Hatcheries
- Monitor bull trout, spring Chinook salmon, steelhead, and Pacific lamprey populations
- Design and implement aquatic habitat restoration projects
- Work on water use and fish passage issues
- Located in WA Congressional District 8

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From Highway 2 head south on Icicle Road. At 1.9 miles, turn left onto Icicle Creek Rd. Enter through gates.



Who We Are

Fish and Wildlife Conservation Offices (FWCOs) restore and maintain fish and other aquatic resources for the benefit of the American people, helping ensure that these resources remain among the richest and most diverse in the world. Working across geographic and political borders, FWCO biologists craft partnerships and solutions to conserve, restore, and enhance our natural resources.

How We Help

- Hatchery evaluation and planning for Leavenworth, Entiat, and Winthrop NFHs
- Native fish and habitat assessment focused on threatened and endangered species
- Aquatic and riparian habitat restoration
- Water management and fish passage issues in the mid- and upper Columbia River basins

Fish Passage

The MCRFRO works with a range of partners throughout the mid- and upper Columbia River basin to improve fish passage and restore aquatic habitats. Completing five to ten on-the-ground projects each year, we provide support in the form of project design, hydrologic analysis, and monitoring.



Teaching 6th graders about macroinvertebrates.

Managing Pacific Lamprey

Pacific lamprey populations are declining throughout the Pacific Northwest and poor adult passage at dams is a key contributing factor. To address these concerns, our Native Fish Conservation Program, in conjunction with the Yakama Nation, is evaluating adult lamprey passage at dams in the Yakima River. Adult fish are tagged with radio transmitters, released into the river and their movements monitored through radio tracking. Information collected from this project will help answer important questions for resource managers in the Yakima River including passage timing, passage success rate, length of passage delay, and which routes are preferred. These results will identify the best means for improving lamprey passage in the Yakima River, helping to restore populations to sustainable levels.



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FWS Biologist Mark Nelson releasing a radio-tagged adult Pacific Lamprey in the Yakima River, WA

