



# Olympia

## Fish Health Center

### Station Facts

- Established in 1979
- Part of the National Fish Health Program of the USFWS
- Provide technical assistance to 6 National and 2 Tribal Fish Hatcheries
- Involved in Wild Fish Health Survey and Aquatic Drug Registration Projects
- Annual budget ~ \$900,000
- Located in WA Congressional District 10

### Contact Information

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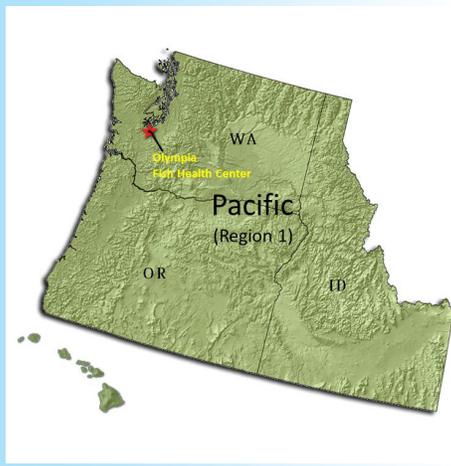
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#### Directions:

From I-5, take Exit 109 for Martin Wy. Turn E on Martin Wy. Turn S on Desmond Dr SE up to the prkg lot.



### Who We Are

Fish Health Centers (FHCs) provide expertise in aquatic animal health, including diagnostics, monitoring, investigations, certifications, and training related to both wild and captive populations. FHCs coordinate the Wild Fish Health Survey and address emerging pathogen issues through applied research and innovative management strategies.

### How We Help

Olympia Fish Health Center (OFHC) field operations emphasize disease prevention and working with hatcheries and their staffs to maintain optimal rearing conditions for their fish. Laboratory operations include capabilities in virology, histology, bacteriology, and blood chemistry analysis and specialized detection methods such as ELISA, immunoblot, conventional PCR, and real-time PCR. OFHC may also provide emergency fish health and disease control assistance to tribal, state, and private entities on a case-by-case basis.

### Education and Training

OFHC staff provide training in fish health to a variety of audiences including youth, fish culturists, veterinary students, and fish health professionals through workshops, shadow programs, and classroom events.



Field lab at Longfellow Creek

### Ongoing Projects

**The National Wild Fish Health Survey:** This project generates information on the health of fish in the wild, a critical factor in helping fisheries managers make informed decisions. OFHC staff are involved in maintaining and upgrading the national fish health database that houses information generated by all nine Service Fish Health Centers.

**IHNV Research Partnership with U.S. Geological Survey:** This partnership produces valuable information on the epidemiology (e.g. factors influencing virulence and transmission) of Infectious Hematopoietic Necrosis Virus (IHNV) by combining field studies and laboratory assays to answer specific questions that help determine effective control measures for this virus.



Sampling wild fish on the Chehalis River for the National Fish Survey Project

