



Eagle Creek

National Fish Hatchery

Station Facts

- Total FY 2014 budget = \$600,000
- Four full-time employees
- Built in 1956
- Produces 1.4 million coho salmon, 95,000 winter steelhead and 213,000 spring Chinook annually
- Provides surplus salmon to area Tribes, food banks and ODFW stream nutrient restoration
- OR Congressional District 3

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Directions:
East on OR-224 E; L on SE Wildcat Mountain Dr; slight R on SE Eagle Fern Rd; continue on SE George Rd; R on SE Rainbow Rd.



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

The Service operates Eagle Creek NFH to support restoration programs for coho salmon in the Yakima and Clearwater drainages, and produces coho salmon for local sport and commercial fisheries. We are collaborating with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to produce winter steelhead and spring Chinook for release into Eagle Creek. We also participate in work study programs for Mt. Hood Community College Fishery Technology students and have outreach programs for area schools.

Coho Restoration

The hatchery has been instrumental in the restoration of coho salmon to the Clearwater River system in Idaho and the Yakima River in central Washington. The hatchery's partners in these efforts are the Nez Perce Tribe and the Yakama Nation.



Volunteers assist staff with coho spawning

Eagle Creek's Cycle of Life

Fall: Adult coho return to the hatchery and are spawned. Eggs are set to incubate. Carcasses are sampled for fish health and coded wire tag recovery.

Winter: The coho eggs eye up and hatch. Spring Chinook salmon eggs arrive from ODFW's Clackamas hatchery. Winter steelhead adults return and are spawned.

Spring: Yearling coho, steelhead and spring Chinook smolts are released or transferred. Swim-up fry are moved out to ponds and feeding starts.

Summer: Fingerlings are ad-marked and tagged. Growing fish are fed and cared for, and facility maintenance projects are underway.

Visitors are welcome all seasons!



Aerial view of Eagle Creek NFH

