



Leavenworth

National Fish Hatchery

Station Facts

- Established in 1940
- Annual budget is \$1.2 million
- 9 hatchery employees
- Annually produces 1.2 million spring Chinook salmon
- The hatchery receives up to 150,000 visitors per year
- The hatchery's 140 acre land base houses the Cascade Discovery Alternative High School and Wenatchee River Salmon Festival
- Supported by Friends of Northwest Hatcheries

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Directions:

Travel 2 miles south of U.S. Hwy. 2 from City of Leavenworth on Icicle Road

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 goal of the program is to compensate for lost fisheries due to the construction of Grand Coulee Dam by producing spring Chinook salmon for sport and tribal harvest in a manner which minimizes adverse impacts to the environment.

Our Key Initiatives

With support from multiple partnerships, Leavenworth NFH Provides opportunities for recreational sport and tribal spring Chinook salmon fishing. We connect people of all ages with nature through extensive interpretation and environmental education programs such as Kids in the Creek and our Icicle Creek Nature Trail. We also rear 400,000 coho on-site for the Yakama Nation coho reintroduction project.



Releasing Chinook into the Wenatchee River

Facility Background and Program Goals

Leavenworth, Winthrop and Entiat National Fish Hatcheries (NFHs) were authorized to compensate for lost fisheries caused by the construction of Grand Coulee Dam. Original production consisted of Chinook salmon trapped at Rock Island Dam, but since then has included several resident and anadromous salmonids. The hatchery is currently used for adult collection, egg incubation and rearing of spring Chinook salmon. The Bureau of Reclamation, with rate payer funding from Bonneville Power Administration, has an interagency agreement with the Service to fund the complex.



Recreational fishing for spring Chinook on Icicle Creek

Credit: USFWS

