



Quilcene National Fish Hatchery

Station Facts

- Continuous operations since 1911
- Raises up to 400,000 coho salmon for release on station and up to 200,000 coho for Skokomish tribal net pen program
- Provides up to 450,000 eyed coho eggs for Port Gamble S'Klallam tribal net pen program
- Works with five separate tribes, other federal agencies, local, and state governments as well as non-governmental groups
- Participates in conservation programs for Threatened and ESA listed species
- Located in Washington's Congressional District 6

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Directions:

Located 75 miles north of Olympia, WA on U.S. Highway 101



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

- Recovers and conserves declining, threatened, or endangered species
- Fulfills Service tribal trust responsibilities for five separate tribes
- Works in partnership with other federal agencies, tribal, state, county governments and non-governmental groups
- Provides tribal, commercial, and sportfishing harvest opportunities

Our Initiatives

- Support Hatchery Reform principles identified by the Hatchery Scientific Review Group and Service Hatchery Review Team
- Promote understanding, support of, and participation in Service programs such as fish production and species conservation efforts



Quilcene NFH adult coho salmon

Credit: Ron Wong/USFWS

Conserving Wild Salmon

Summer Chum: Quilcene NFH participated in the successful Hood Canal summer chum salmon program. In 1992, adult summer chum were captured in the nearby Quilcene Bay and transported to the hatchery. The eggs were fertilized, and fish hatched, raised, and released (as smolts) into the Big Quilcene river. Summer chum returns are now self sustaining naturally.

Winter Steelhead: Quilcene NFH helped recovery efforts of Puget Sound winter steelhead. Wild steelhead eggs were brought to the hatchery, hatched and reared. Juvenile fish are returned to their natal stream to imprint before they travel to the ocean and later return as adults. Quilcene's support helped amplify the number of juvenile wild fish that outmigrate.



Coho salmon sac fry

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