

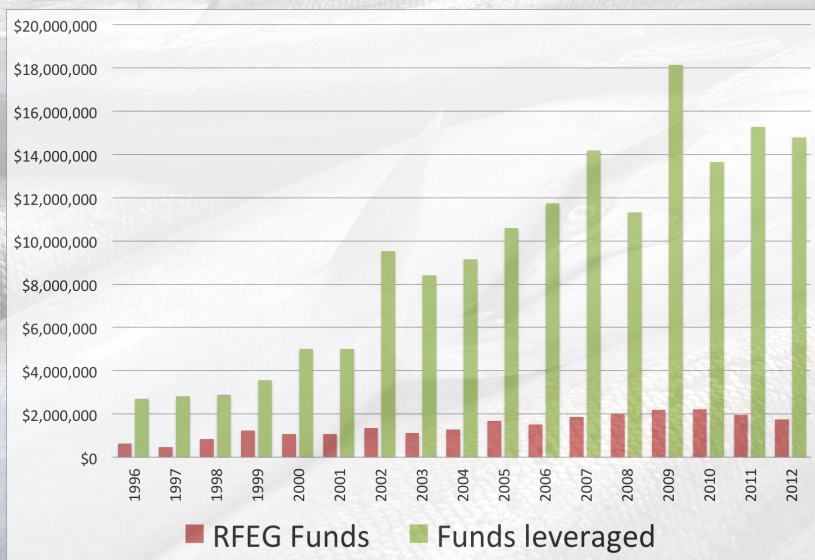


## 3,401 Salmon Projects Completed

In addition to the 773 fish passage projects, Washington State Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups have also collectively completed over 3,401 other salmon projects including revegetation, surveys, assessments, estuary restoration, research, monitoring, evaluation, nitrification evaluation, stewardship and education programs.



**In 2012, the RFEFGs leveraged \$9.66 for every state dollar.**



Since 1995, the Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups of Washington State have leveraged \$24,220,572 of state and federal funding into an additional \$167,703,892 through partnerships and collaborations with individuals, groups, corporations, agencies, tribes, and foundations.

This is a total investment in salmon restoration of \$191,924,464

Additional information available online:

[www.wdfw.wa.gov/about/volunteer/rfeg/](http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/about/volunteer/rfeg/)

[www.rfeg.org/](http://www.rfeg.org/)

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WASHINGTON STATE

# Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups 1995-2012: Outcomes and Accomplishments

## 773 Fish Passage Projects Completed

Over **881 miles** of salmon streams **opened**. Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups have removed, replaced or repaired culverts, bridges and other barriers to salmon passage creating access to spawning and rearing habitat. These projects are in cooperation and collaboration with private landowners, businesses, community organizations, foundations, tribes, and local, state and federal agencies.

## 574 Miles of Streams Enhanced

**574 miles** of river and stream **restoration** projects have been completed, including planting, remeandering, large woody debris placement and reconstruction.

## 71.8 Million Fish Released

Since 2003, the 14 Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups, in cooperation with co-managers, have released over **71.8 million** juvenile Chinook, coho, chum, and steelhead into the rivers and streams of Washington State.

## 187 Jobs Created

During fiscal year 2012, the RFEG program **supported 187.2 FTEs**. The RFEGs employed 52.7 FTEs, 22 Washington Conservation Corp FTEs and an additional 112 professional and construction FTEs.

## 1.4 Million Volunteer Hours Donated

Volunteers have contributed over **1,460,111 hours** working toward salmon restoration across Washington State. This extraordinary effort translates to over **\$30,662,347 donated** to salmon restoration and is the equivalent of **702 full time positions** over the life of the program.

## 1,020,807 Carcasses Distributed

Over **1,020,807** Chinook, coho and chum carcasses have been placed back into rivers and streams to supplement nutrients to the aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems. These critical **nutrients** have been lacking due to declining salmon populations returning to the rivers.