

Bring Back the Native Fish

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School of juvenile coho salmon

OVERVIEW

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. Forest Service announced a 2021-year round of funding for Bring Back the Native Fish projects. Seven new native fish conservation and habitat restoration project grants totaling \$510,000 were awarded. The seven awards announced generated \$1,658,888 in match from the grantees, providing a total conservation impact of \$2,168,888.

The Bring Back the Native Fish Program seeks to restore, protect and enhance native fish species of conservation concern throughout the United States. The program emphasizes coordination between private landowners and federal agencies, tribes, corporations and states to improve the ecosystem functions and health of watersheds. The end result is conservation of aquatic ecosystems, increased in-stream flows and partnerships that benefit native fish species throughout the United States. This funding opportunity also provides funding to implement the goals of the National Fish Habitat Action Plan.

Leading factors in native fish species decline are habitat alteration, lack of adequate instream flows and invasive and/or nonnative species. The following projects address key threats to focal species by restoring connectivity, restoring riparian and instream habitat and water quality and managing invasive species.

Nonnative Fish Removal in the Gila Watershed (AZ)

Grantee: Gila Watershed Partnership of AZ

Grant Amount:	\$56,117.77
Matching Funds:	\$63,540.00
Total Project Amount:	\$119,657.77
Mechanically remove nonnative fish species f	rom 1.9 miles of
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Building Instream Habitat Resilience in the Cispus Watershed (WA)

Grantee: Cascade Forest Conservancy		
Grant Amount: \$52,000		
Matching Funds: \$54,000		
Total Project Amount:\$106,000		
Install a minimum of six instream wood structures on confined		
salmonid-bearing tributaries of the Cispus River to benefit		
winter steelhead, Coho salmon and other species. Project will		
slow peak flows, reengage floodplains and side channels, create	ۏ	

North Fork Eagle Creek Dam Removal and Side Channel Restoration Project (OR)

refugia, and build climate resiliency in these streams.

Grantee: Clackamas Trout Unlimited	
Grant Amount:\$100,498	3
Matching Funds:\$228,325	5
Total Project Amount:	3
Restore full fish passage to 8 miles of high quality spawning	
and rearing habitat within the North Fork Fagle Creek sub-	

and rearing habitat within the North Fork Eagle Creek subbasin of the Clackamas River for ESA-listed Lower Columbia River winter steelhead, Coho salmon and spring Chinook salmon. Project will restore natural channel processes and increase watershed resilience and connectivity.

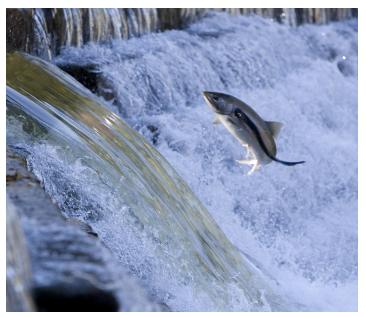
Upper Sandy River Basin Salmon and Steelhead Habitat Restoration (WA)

Grantee: The Freshwater Trust
Grant Amount:\$59,303.43
Matching Funds:\$60,000
Total Project Amount:
Restore 0.88 miles of side channel habitat and place a total of
450 pieces of large wood in habitat structures and single- and
multi-piece placements in the restored channels and stream
margins of Salmon River, Boulder Creek and Zigzag River in the
Upper Sandy River basin. Project will restore habitat for native
salmon and steelhead and restore ecological function in the

Reconnecting Floodplains for Native Fish in the Lower Snake and Mid-Columbia Headwaters (OR)

Sandy basin at scale.

Grantee: Trout Unlimited, Inc.	
Grant Amount:	\$72,346.76
Matching Funds:	\$72,631
Total Project Amount:	\$144.977.76



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Build woody debris and beaver dam analogues using roving hand crews to improve habitat resiliency and restore ecological function for native fish species in the Lower Snake and Mid-Columbia Headwaters. Project will implement low-tech, high-impact approaches to restore ecosystem groundwater storage capacity, thereby improving habitat for Columbia River Basin steelhead, Chinook salmon, Pacific lamprey and Bull trout.

Balm Grove Dam Removal and Stream Enhancement for Pacific Lamprey, Winter Steelhead, Coho Salmon and Native Migratory Fish (OR)

Barrier Replacement and Apache Trout Recovery on Squaw Creek (AZ)

Grantee: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Arizona Fisheries Resources Office

Grant Amount:	\$100,000
Matching Funds:	\$491,747.20
Total Project Amount:	\$591.747.20

Replace an old, non-functioning nonnative species barrier in Squaw Creek to separate the third largest Apache trout recovery population from managed sportfish downstream. Project will increase the availability of high-quality, protected Apache trout recovery habitat by approximately 9 miles and benefit several native fish species including Apache trout, speckled dace and desert sucker.