



Walla Walla County Conservation District

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Legislative District: 16 Congressional District: 5

Other Accomplishments



Installed two fish screens on irrigation systems to protect endangered salmon.



Presented information about soil erosion and conservation at 11 community events, 16 elementary classes, and six college classes.



Restored portions of Garrison Creek at two middle schools

2019 FEATURE ACCOMPLISHMENT

McCaw Phase B Restoration on the Touchet River

Resource Challenge

The endangered Steelhead salmon use this river as habitat and feeding grounds but conditions were less than ideal. Each year the river moved and washed soil into the Touchet River. After 15 years, over three acres of streamside trees and valuable farm ground was lost. The landowner worked with the Walla Walla County Conservation District for more than a decade to design and construct log structures to create a fish-friendly river.

Project Summary and Results

The project involved installing 23 log structures. These structures helped slow the river, reduce erosion, and develop pools for fish. The benefits include a more resilient river and increased habitat for fish.

"I couldn't be happier with the project and working with the conservation district." - Jack McCaw, Landowner

Key Partners

Washington Recreation and Conservation Office; Washington State Conservation Commission; and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife



Log structures add habitat components to improve habitat for Endangered Species Act-listed salmon on the Touchet River. Photo credit: Lisa Stearns



Crews planted over 3000 willow whips which will grow and shade the river. Photo credit: Lisa Stearns

Priorities for 2020...

- ▶ Provide cost-share to remove three fish passage barriers on Russell Creek to open up five miles of habitat.
- ▶ Provide technical assistance to five of the 38 landowners currently on a wait list for stream restoration and flood prevention projects.