



WSC Established

The WSC is planned in 2000 and established in 2001 by a diverse group of conservation minded anglers due to closures of North Puget Sound Streams, including the Skagit.

WSC Publishes Biological & Economic Benefits of Wild Steelhead Release Paper & Delivers to F&W Commission.

2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 Today



Wild Steelhead Harvest Reduced From 5 per Year to 1 & Statewide Steelhead Mgmt. Plan

The WSC meets with Commissioners and is finally successful in reducing intentional annual sport harvest of wild steelhead from 5 per year to 1 per year. Including mandate to develop Statewide Steelhead Management Plan which WSC participates in development.



WSC Rules Proposal to Eliminate Harvest of Wild Steelhead in Olympic National Park Accepted & Implemented

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Litigation for De-listing ESA Steelhead by Counting Hatchery Steelhead the Same As Wild

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State Wide Steelhead Management Plan Adopted

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Two Steelhead Summits Organized Surrounding the Topic of Wild Steelhead Gene Banks and River Prospects & Work for a Wild Elwha



Wild & Scenic Rivers Collaboration



WSC Joins Lawsuit Regarding Hatchery Program for Elwha

Litigation is filed with WFC and other partners over the use of hatchery fish for restoration of wild fish including steelhead on the Elwha River and in violation of the Elwha River Act.



Wild Steelhead Gene Banks Wind, EF Lewis & NF Toutle & Green Rivers Established

WSC plays integral part and serves on committees to establish new wild steelhead gene bank designation.

Developed West coast tour for the Film "Wild Reverence"

WSC organizes film tour along the West coast of US with sponsorship from Patagonia and develops campaign to "Make Wild Steelhead the Priority" with focus on the Olympic Peninsula delivering over 500 signed cards to Commission.



New Identity

WSC Organizes Steelhead Summit Topic: A Wild Elwha River

WSC brings together stakeholders hosting and sponsors SSA centering around the "Future of Native Fisheries on the Elwha" post dam removal.



Support Developed for the Film "Wild Reverence" by Film Maker Shane Anderson

Skagit Habitat Restoration

WSC funds habitat work for Skagit Rivers Barnaby Slough habitat work through Orvis grant to reconnect back channels. Including culvert work on Lyle Creek, tributary of Sauk River.

Wild Steelhead Harvest Reduced From 30 per Year

The WSC is successful in reducing intentional annual sport harvest of wild steelhead from 30 per year to 5 per year.

WSC Develops & Sponsors First Steelhead Summit Alliance (SSA)

WSC Establishes Wild Steelhead Awards

2 Awards established to bring attention and recognition in steelhead conservation and scholarship to promote scientific work for wild steelhead.

Secure 2% for Columbia River By-Catch of ESA Listed Steelhead in Commercial Fisheries Instead of Increase to 6%

Skagit River Tagging Studies for Wild Steelhead

WSC supports and collaborates in tagging studies in Skagit basin for wild steelhead. The project done in collaboration with WDFW, Seattle City Light, Army Corp of Engineers and Skagit Tribes. Data provides insight to steelhead migration and potential limiting factors for steelhead.

WSC Proposes & Passes Regulation to Eliminate Derbies Targeting Wild Steelhead

Statewide Steelhead Management Plan Development

WSC helps write and develop SSMP with WDFW and other stakeholders. WSC also funds two respected independent scientist to peer review the plans recommendations and provides analysis what is missing in the SSMP.

WSC Organizes Steelhead Summit Topic Includes IHN Outbreak.

WSC organizes organizations to come together along with representatives of Congressman Norm Dicks to focus on the outbreaks of IHN disease of hatchery steelhead.