

Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group

*Engaging the Community
in Salmon Restoration*

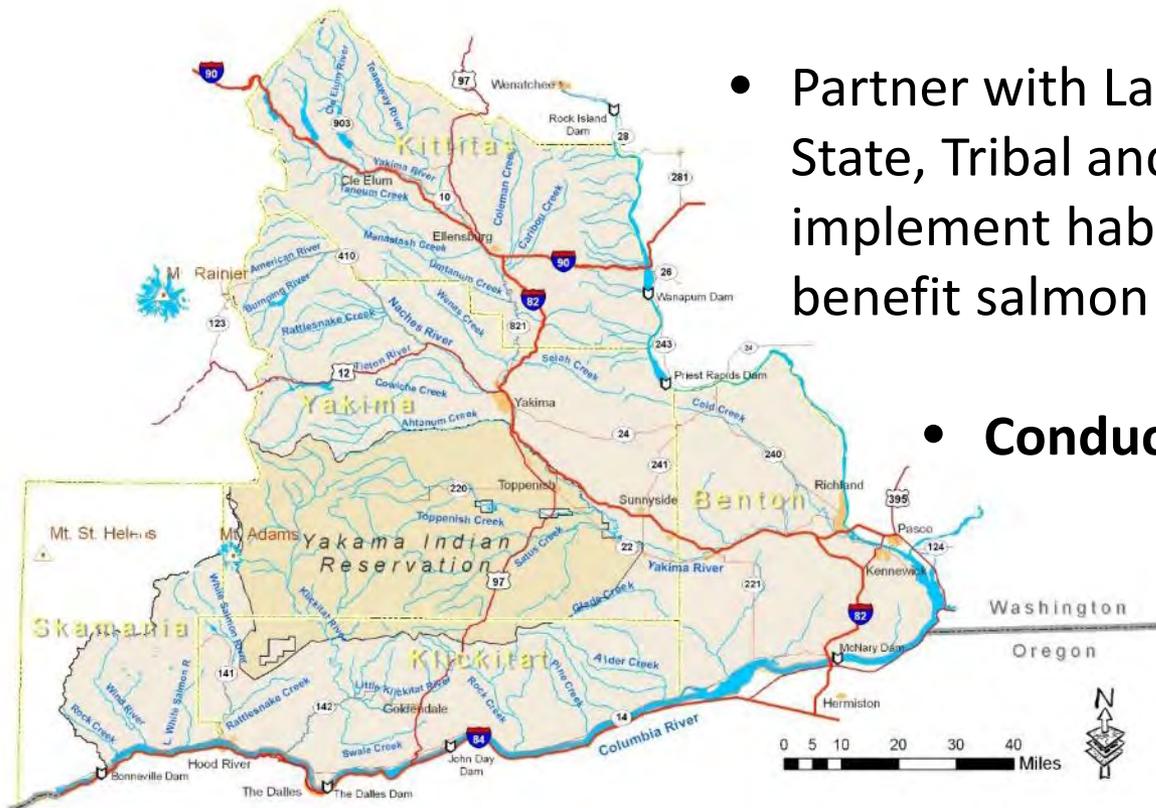


MCF is a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting and restoring wild salmonid populations and their habitats through restoration, protection, education, and community involvement throughout our region.

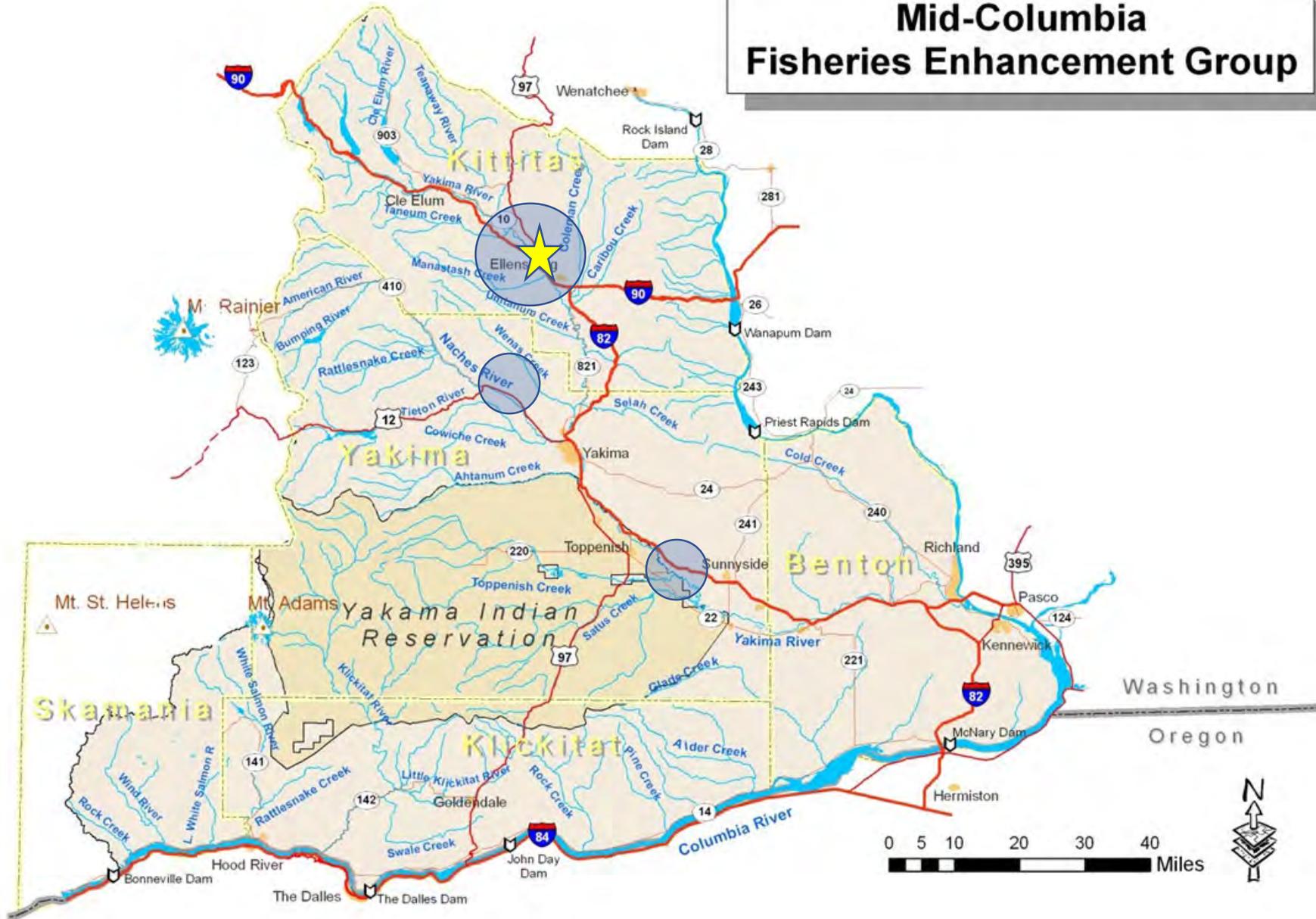
- One of **14** Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups
- Established by the Legislature in 1990

- Partner with Landowners, Communities and State, Tribal and Federal Partners to implement habitat restoration projects that benefit salmon and other native fish.

- **Conduct community outreach.**



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Salmon In The Classroom





Adopt-A-Stream



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- 2700 lbs of in-stream trash removed through the Adopt a Stream program
- 200 volunteers participated in stewardship activities
- Three volunteer lead plantings
 - 2000 plants installed



We Couldn't find that information on the internet. This should be a good idea. We
Most community members don't change what impact they could
have. Stations is not as effective as having continuity
throughout an activity



Lessons Learned

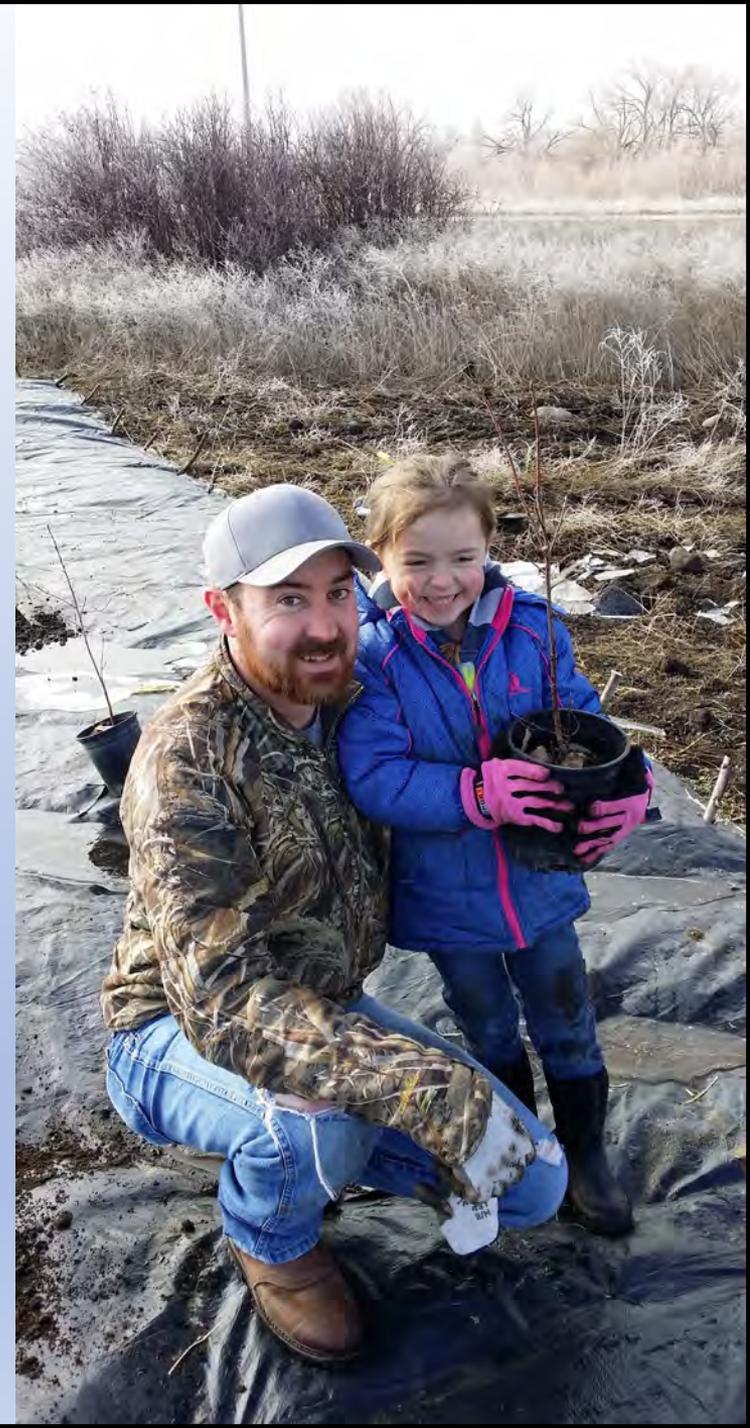
Fish huggers by the numbers. . .



- 1,832 K-12 students reached
- 52 field trips and classroom visits
- 25 schools
- 87 educators
- 3,000 volunteer hours
- We estimate we reached an additional 1,500 community members reached through tabling and educational events

Conclusion

- Outreach and education are crucial to the future of salmon populations
- These species will not persist without focused effort on changing perception and behavior of our younger generations
- Engaging the community in salmon restoration will change the world!!!!!! (or at least the community)



Thank you

- Local schools
- Community groups
- Yakima Basin Environmental Education Program
- NOAA
- WDFW ALEA
- City of Ellensburg
- CWU
- Pacific Education Institute
- Department of Ecology
- Yakama Nation
- Kittitas Environmental Education Network
- Other partners too numerous to list

Questions?

