

**Cedar Creek
Southwest, Washington -
an eight mile fish habitat
restoration example**



**Cross vanes with spawning
beds above, pools below**

**Improved
fish habitats**



**Steelhead pair spawning on new
gravel above cross vane**

**Improved
ecosystems**



**Fresh water
Periwinkles**



**Fresh water
clams**

**Your grants and donations
help the salmon that spawn
in our rivers and streams and
run to the Pacific Ocean**

**Cedar Creek - seven of thirty fish
habitat restoration projects in the
Lewis River, Washington watershed**

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Fish First Programs



Habitat Restoration Program To make rivers and streams fish friendly—to enable salmon and steelhead to spawn, grow, and thrive—Fish First uses proven science, design, and years of experience in restoring habitat. The technology Fish First uses has been sanctioned and used by federal and state agencies and is being adopted in various regions of Canada. It has been approved by National Marine Fisheries through our NOAA 10a1A permit.

Fish Rescue Program Dave Brown, with support from the WA Dept of Fish and Wildlife and Fish First, saves salmon and steelhead. Juvenile fish are collected from local streams and tributaries before they dry up. Reared and fed in ponds on Dave’s property, the fish grow until late fall when they are returned to the rivers and streams in which they were born. This project’s momentum is building as more adults return each year and correspondingly more juveniles are found in the streams in the summer.



Rearing Ponds.



Net Pens: Adding juvenile salmon into rearing pens.

Net Pen Program Fish First built and maintains two 30 x 30’ and six 20 x 20’ net pens at Lake Merwin for raising summer steelhead and kokanee.

In the spring, young fish (smolts) are moved from Lake Merwin net pens to Lewis River net pens for imprinting and the final stage of growth prior to release into the North Fork of the Lewis.

Remote Site Incubator (RSIs)

Aiming to re-introduce natural spawning Coho salmon into several small tributaries of the North Fork -- including Hayes, Robinson, Ross, Cotton, and Houghton Creeks -- RSIs or “Egg Boxes” have been used to hatch approximately three million Coho eggs from the Lewis River Hatchery. Volunteers install, monitor, and maintain the boxes for about five months. This program will continue until enough Coho salmon are returning to these streams to sustain their runs.



Egg boxes installed on a tributary stream with spring water feed.

Nutrient Enhancement Fish carcasses from Lewis River and Speelyai Hatcheries are processed, frozen, thawed “in season,” and distributed in South and North Forks of Chelatchie Creeks, East Fork of the Lewis River, Green River, Rock Creek and the Lewis River. This imitates the nutrient distribution that used to take place naturally when wild salmon were abundant. Led by Fish First and volunteers including local landowners, the cub scouts, members of Clark-Skamania Flyfishers and the Battleground High School Kaycee Center, over 45,000 pounds of nutrients have been distributed using over 3,000 volunteer hours.

Join Fish First! Since 1995, Fish First has been raising funds for these programs and projects through memberships, grants, donations, and an annual fund raiser. Please join us!

Members meet every month – 3rd Thursday, 7 pm, Oak Tree Restaurant in Woodland, WA. Call 360-713-7460 to confirm or see the newsletter.

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