

**Post Office Box 1505
Woodland, WA 98674**

Since 1995, a 501 (c)(3) Charitable,
Public and Nonprofit Organization

April 8, 2011

Dear Friend of Fish First:

On May 7, 2011 **Fish First** will hold its 16th Annual Banquet and Fundraising Auction at the Hilton in Vancouver.

This letter is to ask you for your support of **Fish First** by donating an item for this year's oral or silent auctions. Your donation will help generate funds for our vital work on the Lewis River and its tributaries in southwestern Washington.

Fish First began as an effort, in 1995, to return declining fish populations to the Lewis River system. The longest river below the Bonneville Dam, the Lewis River system provides approximately 64 miles of habitat for salmon and steelhead.

Fish First – working with local, state and federal governments as well as local businesses, corporations, conservation groups, and private landowners – has invested more than 1.5 million dollars and thousands of volunteer hours for fisheries enhancement in the Lewis River watershed. Thru monetary donations, grants, auctions and partnerships, our funds are utilized specifically for project design, construction, equipment, project and program maintenance, operation expenses, and habitat restoration and fish-rearing materials.

This year our goal is to raise \$60,000 for our habitat restoration projects and programs.

Fish First is proud of our accomplishments, in summary:

- 80,000 young Salmon rescued from streams that seasonally dry out.
- Nine miles of habitat restored in Lewis River system tributaries and side channels.
- Dairy farm renovation, with pasture planting and fencing to provide shade cover for fish and exclude livestock from stream areas.
- Hundreds of thousands of Kokanee, Spring Chinook and Steelhead grew stronger in **Fish First** constructed and maintained pens and were released into the Lewis Rivers.
- Millions of salmon eggs hatched in volunteer installed and maintained egg boxes, with a 90% successful hatch rate.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at (360) 225-9836 or (360) 907-5055. You can also email us at info@fishfirst.org.

Your contribution is tax deductible. Our Federal Tax Identification Number is: 91-1674495. **Fish First** is a 501 (C) (3) Charitable, Public, Nonprofit Organization. Prior to May 1, 2011 auction items may be shipped to:

Fish First
c/o Gregg Cobb (Auction Procurement Chairman)
2617 NE 434th Street
Woodland, Washington 98674

Please send monetary donations, payable to **Fish First**, to Post Office Box 1505, Woodland, Washington 98674 at any time of the year.

We greatly appreciate your support!

Harry Bresnahan
2011 Fish First Auction and Banquet Chairperson