

MID-COLUMBIA FISHERIES

ENHANCEMENT GROUP

ANNUAL REPORT

2013-2014



A non-profit organization  
dedicated to restoring  
wild salmon & steelhead  
populations

*Upper Cle Elum River in the fall. C. Anderson*

Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group is a non-profit, community-based organization dedicated to restoring self-sustaining populations of salmon and steelhead. Our work is accomplished with Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group funds, state, federal, and private grants, donations, and volunteer contributions.

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY FY 2014

Income	
RFEF Funds	\$171,203
Grants Funds	\$537,073
Other funds & donations	\$25,984
In-kind donations	\$102,125
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$836,385</b>
Expenses	
Projects & Programs	\$697,885
Administration (12%)	\$97,187
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$795,071</b>

A **SPECIAL THANKS** to those who have helped to further our mission in FY 2014:

#### PARTNERS

ALEA Program • Benton, Underwood, Central Klickitat, North Yakima, & Kittitas Conservation Districts • Central Washington University Interns & Volunteers • Cities of Yakima, Union Gap, Richland & Ellensburg • Kittitas Conservation Trust • Kittitas Valley Fire & Rescue • Klickitat County Solid Waste • Klickitat Lead Entity • McNary Fisheries Trust • NOAA BWET • USDA Forest Service • The Nature Conservancy • Salmon Recovery Funding Board • WA Dept. of Ecology • WA Department of Fish & Wildlife • US Fish & Wildlife Service Partners Program • US Fish & Wildlife Service National Fish Hatcheries • Yakama Nation • Yakima Basin Fish & Wildlife Recovery Board • Washington Conservation Corp Crews & Staff!

#### SUPPORTERS

WetPlanet Rafting • Ocean Companies • Thousand Trails • Horse Heaven River Ranch

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Glenn Miller • Tom Crawford • Marc Harvey • Susan Hess • Doug Miller • Brenda Nass

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Planting along Swauk Creek. C. Anderson

Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group works with landowners and community partners to protect and restore fish habitat. As one of 14 Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups in Washington, our region includes the Yakima Basin, the Klickitat, White Salmon, and Wind Rivers, and numerous smaller tributaries in Skamania, Klickitat, Benton, Yakima, Kittitas and Franklin Counties.

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## JULY 2013—JUNE 2014

Each year, we sponsor and support projects to protect, restore, and enhance habitat for salmonids throughout our region. Our work focuses on reconnecting floodplains, planting riparian areas, restoring fish passage, improving instream habitat, and directly educating students and adults. We work extensively with partner organizations and community volunteers.



*A beaver is transplanted to enhance headwater hydrologic function. M. Babik*



*Volunteers dismantle a "play" dam that was blocking fall spawner passage. C. Anderson*



*Schoolchildren plant native trees and shrubs along the Yakima River. M. Harvey*



*Garbage removed from Wilson Creek in the summer of 2014. C. Anderson*



*Logs are placed to increase hydraulic roughness along Jack Creek. R. Wassell*

Habitat Restoration

Riparian Plantings

Fish Passage

Volunteer Involvement

Monitoring

Education & Outreach

**6 MILES OF STREAMS**

**22,400 NATIVE PLANTS**

**106 MILES OF STREAM**

**4,675 HOURS**

**35 STREAMS MONITORED**

**1800 STUDENTS & 600 ANGLERS**

improved through channel work, log placement, and beaver release

installed on 9 projects along streams and rivers in our region

opened to fall spawning through the removal of illegal "play" dams

of volunteer time in planting, monitoring, and public education

for habitat and spawning through redd surveys and photopoints

educated about salmonid biology and stewardship



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