

Hatcheries operated by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife provide social, economic, and cultural benefits to Oregonians by sustaining sport, commercial, and tribal fishing opportunities. Hatcheries can also help support imperiled fish populations and re-establish native fish in areas where populations have been lost.



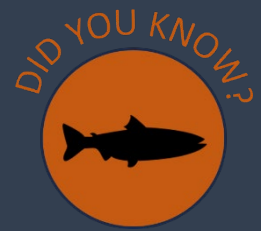
LOOKING AHEAD

Charting a sustainable future for Oregon's hatchery system



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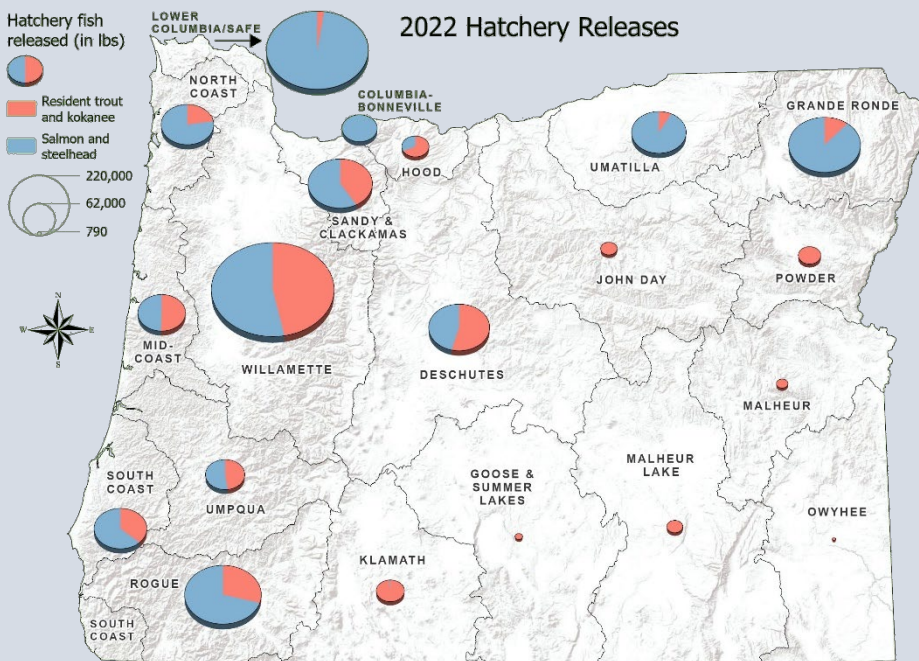
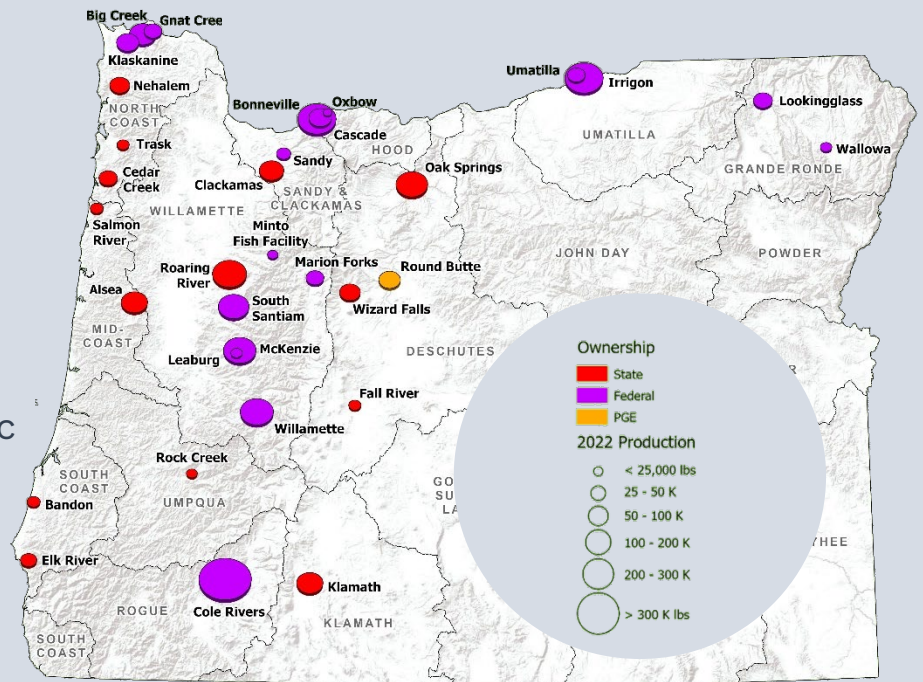
At-a-glance



Over 70 percent of salmon and steelhead harvested in Oregon come from a hatchery

ODFW operates 33 hatcheries in Oregon

- 14 state-owned
- 18 federally-owned
- 1 Portland General Electric facility



These hatcheries annually produce **~35 million salmon and steelhead** and **~5 million trout** for release into Oregon rivers and lakes. Some of these releases rely on additional facilities operated by tribes, the Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program (STEP), and other local entities.

An underwater photograph showing a large school of fish, likely salmon, swimming in clear water. The fish are in various orientations, some facing the camera and others swimming away. The lighting is natural, creating a sense of depth and movement.

WHY IT MATTERS

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WHAT IT IS

Fish and Fishing are a part of Oregon's heritage. The future, however, is becoming increasingly uncertain as both wild and hatchery fish are being negatively impacted by a changing climate and ocean.

Climate change, aging hatchery infrastructure, and increasing costs are also making it more difficult for Oregon's hatchery system to meet fishery and conservation goals. These challenges are going to increase in the future. ODFW is proactively meeting these challenges by conducting a thorough assessment of the hatchery system, and examining how we can adapt and invest for the future.

ODFW will be working with 3rd party contractors to complete a range of economic, infrastructure, and biological assessments. This information will compliment analyses and assessments that ODFW staff are compiling. We intend to share this information with the public and have discussions about the best path to a sustainable hatchery system that continues to support rural underserved communities, provides Oregonians fishery opportunities, and is a good neighbor to wild fish. ODFW will also be working with Oregon's Tribes to ensure their perspectives are heard and incorporated.

Anticipated timeline

- Contract with third parties for economic, infrastructure, and biological assessments.
- Complete ODFW's internal assessment of hatchery needs/vulnerabilities.
- Develop informational material for public engagement.

Summer
2024

- Develop final report and recommendations.
- Report to the State Legislature.

Phase 1-Information development

Phase 2-Public involvement

Phase 3-Roll-up

Winter
Spring
23/24

ODFW wants to hear from all interested parties. We will use a range of forums to share information gathered in Phase 1. In Phase 2 we'll talk about what it means, and collectively discuss the best path forward for the state hatchery system. We will share more information on Phase 2 in early 2024.

Winter
24/25

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