

## How successful has the Endorsement Program been?

From 2010 to 2017, more than 1.6 million endorsements have been sold generating over \$12.1 million in revenue. The CRSSE funds a variety of salmon and steelhead fisheries related projects including:

- Annual creel surveys for spring, summer, fall Chinook, sockeye, coho, and steelhead in the Columbia and Snake rivers and several tributaries
  - Expanded spring and summer Chinook fishing in the Wenatchee River
  - Expanded steelhead fishing in the Hanford Reach
  - Expanded spring Chinook fishing in the Snake River
- Annual enforcement of salmon and steelhead fisheries in the Columbia and Snake rivers and their tributaries
- Cowlitz and Yakima rivers hooking mortality studies
- Development of a real-time summer steelhead escapement estimator using PIT tags in the upper Columbia River
- Genetic analysis of summer steelhead in the Snake River
- Funding partner for the Cowlitz River adult management weirs
- Public access enhancement in the lower Columbia River
- Purchase of a public access on the Methow River



### For more information see:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife  
[http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/crss\\_endorsement/](http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/crss_endorsement/)



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Columbia River Salmon and Steelhead  
Endorsement Program

***Providing support for continued and expanded recreational salmon and steelhead fishing opportunities in the Columbia River Basin***

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Salmon and Steelhead Anglers Board

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# Columbia River Salmon and Steelhead Endorsement Program



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**WHAT:** The CRSSE is an annual requirement, in addition to a fishing license, for Washington recreational anglers age 15 and older who fish for salmon and steelhead in the Columbia River and its tributaries.

**HOW MUCH:** The cost of the CRSSE (without dealer fees) is \$8.75 for resident and non-resident adults 16 years and older and \$7.10 for 15-year-olds and resident seniors (70 years and older).

**WHEN:** The CRSSE was authorized by Senate Bill 5421 during the 2009 Legislative session and officially took effect April, 2010. The idea of CRSSE was a grassroots effort by upper Columbia River salmon and steelhead anglers. Loss of federal funding to monitor salmon and steelhead fisheries threatened WDFW's ability to keep these popular fisheries open.

**WHY:** Funds generated from the endorsement fee are needed to maintain and improve recreational salmon and steelhead fisheries in the Columbia River and its tributaries. It supports management activities required to allow some fisheries where impacts to protected fish are strictly regulated. These activities include recreational fishery

monitoring, salmon and steelhead research, Endangered Species Act permitting and reporting, access enhancement, and enforcement. Without CRSSE, many popular salmon and steelhead fisheries would be very limited or not possible at all.

**WHERE:** The CRSSE is required when fishing for salmon and steelhead on more than 50 rivers, lakes and other waters in the Columbia River Basin (see list). Like fishing licenses, the endorsement can be purchased at more than 600 WDFW license dealers throughout the state (locations available at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/index.html>) or online at <https://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov/>.

**WHO:** The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) administers the CRSSE program in collaboration with the Columbia River Salmon and Steelhead Recreational Angler Board, made up of six to ten volunteer advisors. These advisors are appointed by the WDFW Director, representing the four WDFW jurisdictional regions – Eastern (1), Northcentral (2), Southcentral (3), and Southwest (5) – which make up the Columbia River Basin.

## Waters where Endorsement is required:

**Mainstem Columbia River from the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line to Chief Joseph Dam**

**Mainstem Snake River from mouth in Walla Walla County to Oregon state line in Asotin County**

### Asotin County

Grande Ronde River

### Benton, Yakima, Kittitas

#### Counties

Yakima River

### Chelan County

Chelan River

Entiat River

Icicle River

Lake Wenatchee

Wenatchee River

### Clark County

Camas Slough

Cedar Creek

Lewis River, East Fork

Little Washougal

Salmon Creek

Washougal River

Washougal River West (North

Fork

Lewis River

Lewis River, North Fork

### Columbia County

Tucannon River

Touchet River

### Cowlitz County

Abernathy Creek

Coal Creek

Coweeman River

Cowlitz River

Germany Creek

Gobar Creek

Green River

Kalama River

Toutle River

Toutle River, North Fork

Toutle River, South Fork

Lewis River

Lewis River, North Fork

### Garfield County

Tucannon River

### Klickitat County

Klickitat River

White Salmon River

### Lewis County

Blue Creek

Cispus River

Cowlitz River

Mayfield Lake

Mill Creek

Lacamas Creek

Lake Scanewa

Olequa Creek

Tilton River

Tilton River, East Fork

Tilton River, North Fork

Tilton River, South Fork

Tilton River, West Fork

### Okanogan County

Lake Osoyoos

Methow River

Okanogan River

Similkameen River

### Skamania County

Drano Lake

Hamilton Creek

Rock Creek

Wind River

White Salmon River

### Wahkiakum County

Deep River

Elochoman River

Grays River

Grays River, East Fork

Grays River, West Fork

Skamokawa Creek

### Walla Walla County

Mill Creek

Touchet River

Walla Walla River

### Whitman County

Palouse River (below the falls)

