

# Salmon Recovery

## Guideline #8

*Did you know:* The water people use indoors and outdoors to drink, cook, clean, wash and landscape with is the same water salmon need in rivers and streams to survive. Now that 16 salmon stocks have been listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) as threatened or endangered, the need to conserve water is greater than ever.



*Chinook*

*What is ESA?* The Endangered Species Act is a federal law passed in 1973 that makes it illegal for anyone to possess, harm or kill a protected species. It applies not only to federal and state agencies, but also to individual persons.



*Pink*

*How can water conservation help save fish?* The more water people use or waste, the less there is for fish in rivers and streams.

Conserving water will help increase the instream flow of water in rivers and streams, especially during the dry summer months and other low flow periods. Increasing the instream flow helps fish swim up and downstream, improves spawning habitat, and protects other wildlife and our future water resources.



*Steelhead*



*Coho*

Remember, saving salmon safeguards public health and protects our environment too. We can save salmon while also maintaining a healthy economy. This means a brighter future for the people of Washington State. To learn more about salmon recovery, contact the Governors Salmon Recovery Office or the Salmon Information Center.

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<http://www.wa.gov/esa>

OR

## *Salmon Information Center*

Tri-County ESA Response Effort

1-800-SALMON-9

<http://www.salmon.gen.wa.us>



*sockeye*

*How can I help?* Understanding water conservation practices and applying water conservation techniques will help you save money and water. Proper application of fertilizers and pesticides, or the use of natural pest control measures, will also help keep water clean. Conserving water and minimizing the use of harmful chemicals will not only save salmon, but protects the environment for all of us. To learn more about how you can conserve water, contact the Washington State Department of Health or your local water utility for more information.

## *More Information:*

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