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Returning salmon bring a better life to eastern Washington State

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In southeast Washington State, a local salmon recovery board worked to improve spawning and rearing habitat for returning steelhead and Chinook, both protected by the Endangered Species Act since 1999. At the same time, federal agencies made improvements to the FCRPS hydropower system to enhance juvenile and adult survival. These two efforts contributed to improved steelhead returns over the last decade resulting in significant economic value to local communities that depend on the steelhead returns.

Check out the new video below, which highlights how salmon returns are making a huge difference for the residents of Eastern Washington.



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