

REACH OUT AND TEACH SOMEONE: COLLABORATIVE FISHERIES EDUCATION AND OUTREACH IN THE MID-COLUMBIA

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ABSTRACT:

Education and Outreach activities are integral to the work of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Yakima/Klickitat Fisheries Project serving the watersheds of the Middle Columbia. A collaborative approach through programs like “Salmon in the Classroom” leverages the unique resources of each agency to provide richer educational opportunities to students in the schools of the region, a more hands-on understanding of watershed health, salmon and stewardship of the land. The USFWS Columbia Gorge Information and Education Office has been taking part in Salmon in the Classroom for 10 years; Yakama Nation Fisheries has been partnering in the WA Gorge with USFWS since 2005. Other regional partners in education & outreach include the school districts, Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group, Columbia Gorge Ecology Institute, the U.S. Forest Service, Jewett Creek Streamkeepers and Underwood Conservation District.