

## **Hemlock Dam Removal: Fish Passage and Aquatic Habitat Restoration at Hemlock**

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**ABSTRACT:** The Hemlock Dam is a relic structure that is an impediment to fish passage. The US Forest Service has performed extensive habitat restoration in the Trout Creek watershed, in a few months Lower Columbia River Steelhead will have improved access to that habitat. The dam is scheduled to be removed this summer (of 2009). The dam removal is the culmination of watershed planning efforts that started over a decade ago to improve habitat for endangered salmonids. The design is completed, the permits are in place, a contractor has been hired and in a few months this dam should be history.