Schools of Salmon

RACHEL LITTLE; Benton Conservation District and DENISE BUCK; North Yakima Conservation District What do schools of salmon have to do with schools of students? Today's students are tomorrow's landowners, voters, regulators and fish biologists. What skills, knowledge and attitudes do we hope they will have towards aquatic resources, our region and economy? Conservation Districts are working together to help schools educate tomorrow's leaders. Salmon in the Classroom connects students to salmon and local rivers. Water on Wheels contains lessons on water, soil and energy conservation, with the message that "every little bit counts." Wheat Week examines the wheat plant as a system and builds bridges between the wheat industry, dams and salmon recovery. Teacher workshops provide professional development with science-based information on ecosystems, wildlife, natural resource conservation, risk assessment and alternative energy.