

## Who are we?

The Wenatchee Watershed Planning Unit is made up of a diverse group of stakeholders representing a wide range of interests throughout the watershed. These interests include local governments, tribes, state and federal agencies, irrigation, agriculture, forestry, community groups, conservation groups, economic development, recreation, and individual citizens and landowners. Anyone who has an interest in the Wenatchee Watershed can get involved in this process.



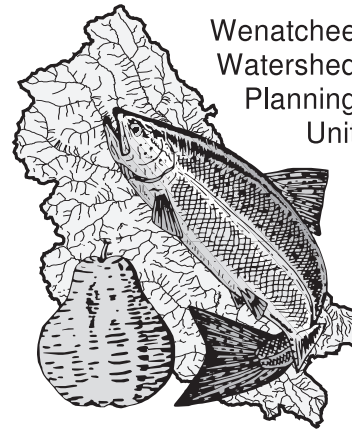
## Why are we involved in this?

**Our Mission:** “To collaboratively develop a management plan for sustaining and improving our watershed and community health.”

**Our Goal:** “Implementation of a management plan for water and habitat protection and use that balances the educational, economic and recreational values associated with a healthy community.”

## Do you have a project idea?

- 🌍 **Sponsor a project** - grant funds are available
- 🌍 **Review Draft Documents**
- 🌍 **Provide input**
- 🌍 **Participate** in meetings and help develop the plan
- 🌍 **Facilitate discussions** - let us know if you would like someone to talk with your group



## For More Information

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# Wenatchee Watershed Planning

The Wenatchee River Watershed is one of the premier watersheds of Washington State. All of us who live, work and visit here share in the responsibility to protect and improve this place we cherish. Right now, each of us has the unique opportunity to shape this watershed's future.

## What are we talking about?

We are developing a watershed plan that addresses the following four components:

**Water Quantity** - Assess water supply and use, and develop strategies for meeting current and future needs for both in-stream and out-of-stream objectives.

**Instream Flow** - Assess existing instream flow rules and determine the need for updating and/or establishing new flow levels based on the most current information. Instream flow rules are used by the state to guide future water resource management decisions.

**Water Quality** - Develop water cleanup plans that address polluted water bodies that do not meet state and federal water quality standards.

**Habitat** - Protect and enhance habitat of threatened and endangered species (emphasis on fish habitat) throughout the Wenatchee watershed, thus improving overall habitat function and connectivity.



## The Plan: When is this Happening?

- 1999: *Planning Began*
- 2002 - 2005: *Technical Assessments Completed*
- Fall 2005: *Draft Watershed Plan out for review*
- April 2006: *Final Plan Due*
- 2006 and beyond: *Ongoing Implementation of Plan*

## Other Related Issues

The Wenatchee Watershed Planning process is coordinating with other related processes to ensure consistency in recommended actions. These include Salmon Recovery Planning, Subbasin Planning, developing Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) for water quality, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, and others.

## Project Funding

Funding for this effort comes from Washington State Department of Ecology's Watershed Planning grants in addition to other state and federal grants.