



WAHKIAKUM CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Other accomplishments:

- ▶ Completed Skamokawa Creek Community Watershed knotweed treatment and riparian restoration project.
- ▶ Designed, permitted, and contracted additional Wilson Creek project for implementation during 2017 hydraulic window encompassing 1.5 miles of stream.
- ▶ Designed, permitted, and contracted a stream restoration project on 2,500 feet of the Grays River.
- ▶ Successfully funded two salmon recovery projects.
- ▶ Worked with cooperators to prepare and submit six additional project opportunities.

2017 FEATURE ACCOMPLISHMENT

COMMUNITY WATERSHED PROJECTS CONTINUE



Porous debris jam regulates flow into side channel habitat and creates pool habitat in main stem. Photo by Wahkiakum Conservation District

Resource challenge

Wahkiakum Conservation District continued to work with the Skamokawa Creek and Elochoman River Community Watersheds. Flood damage, water quality, invasive weeds, and salmon recovery are high priority community concerns in both drainages. The district is the ideal entity to assist the community through a voluntary-based approach to address resource concerns. The district works with landowners to collaboratively plan and design projects that address community-identified resource concerns.

Project summary and results

During 2016-17, Wahkiakum Conservation District implemented two projects that directly addressed watershed resource concerns identified by the community. Both were stream restoration projects, and they included instream wood-based structures, riparian restoration, and fish passage. Wahkiakum Conservation District coordinated available grant funding with landowner resources in order to implement the projects. Instream structures immediately influenced fisheries habitat diversity and quantity and streambank and channel stability. Restoration of riparian function will continue to support improved resource condition in the long-term.



Debris jam deflectors create pool habitat and protect streambank that was once full of junkyard cars. Photo by Wahkiakum Conservation District

Key partners: Landowners; Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board; Washington State Conservation Commission; Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife

MORE WORK TO DO

- ▶ Implement Grays River stream restoration project.
- ▶ Implement Wilson Creek stream restoration project.
- ▶ Complete the preliminary design and secure necessary funding to complete a 1.5 mile project in the Elochoman River Community Watershed.