



2020 CCA OREGON ADVOCACY RESULTS AND GOALS

Protecting and Funding Hatcheries.

- In the face of attacks by anti-hatchery activist groups, saved the Leaburg hatchery from closure and secured funding for ODFW to enhance operations at the former Army Corps facility
- Secured state funding to restart the Santiam River Summer Steelhead Hatchery program
- Participated in a successful coalition effort to reverse Army Corps funding cuts for hatchery mitigation in the Willamette River
- Endorsed the Hatchery and Wild Coexist Campaign

Defending Columbia River Gillnet Reforms

- Stopped latest effort to dismantle Columbia River gillnet reforms
- No main stem gillnetting during spring and summer seasons since 2016
- Secured changes to ODFW Commission, departure of pro-gillnet Commissioner Buckmaster
- Maintaining accountability for ODFW implementation through Columbia River endorsement

Sea Lion Predation

- Passed federal legislation to streamline sea lion removals in Columbia and Willamette Rivers
- Urged federal government to proceed quickly with new legal authority during comment period
- Secured additional state funding for ODFW sea lion removal activities in the Willamette River
- The risk of extinction for Wild Willamette River Winter Steelhead has fallen from 90% to 10% in just over a year since removals began!

In addition to protecting and growing our recent successes, there are other important issues CCA Oregon is tracking as we head into 2020

- Improved partnerships with ODFW and the ODFW Commission
- Arbitrary “thermal refuge” restrictions on Columbia River fisheries
- Careful management of coastal fisheries, continued conservation of rockfish populations
- Engaging in discussions about a sustainable funding model for ODFW as license fees continue to increase

DETAILS

HATCHERIES

CCA Oregon led the fight to **save the Leaburg hatchery**, an effort that began in 2018 when we helped secure one-year of bridge funding after the Army Corps announced that it would walk away from the valuable facility. We succeeded in securing \$1.35 million for ODFW to operate the Leaburg hatchery for the next two years.

CCA Oregon also worked with supportive legislators to **fund and restart the Santiam River winter Steelhead hatchery program**.

We also worked with a coalition of other organizations and Oregon's Congressional delegation to ***restore funding cuts to the Army Corps of Engineers' hatchery mitigation programs in the Willamette River basin.***

GILLNET REFORMS

The gillnet industry has relentlessly worked to undo the bi-state Columbia River gillnet reforms since their adoption in 2012. ***CCA has worked tirelessly in Oregon and Washington to defend the gillnet reforms and protect our iconic fisheries.***

Thousands of YOU emailed, called or met with your elected officials. Hundreds attended a March 13 rally in Salem urging the Legislature to ***hold ODFW accountable for the reforms through its budget and proposal to reauthorize the Columbia River Endorsement*** – the fee paid by anglers to help fund the compromise reforms that the agency was poised to dismantle! The Commission and ODFW relented, but the threat remained.

In April, Governor Kate Brown announced three new appointments to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission. The Commission now has just one remaining member who voted on the original reforms in 2012 and the current rules that were adopted in 2017. The new Commission is more conservation-oriented, more balanced, and less adversarial towards the sport fishing community – a long overdue change! We must remain vigilant to ensure that this new Commission honors the Columbia River reforms and will continue working with Governor Brown and legislators to hold ODFW accountable through a potential Columbia River Endorsement reauthorization and the agency's budget.

SEALION PREDATION

CCA Oregon has been at the center of the decade-long effort to address sea lion predation in the Columbia and Willamette Rivers. In 2018, CCA helped pass federal legislation to give Northwest states and tribes streamlined authority to protect Columbia River salmon and steelhead from sea lion predation. ***CCA Oregon has been at the center of the decade-long effort to address sea lion predation in the Columbia and Willamette Rivers.*** In 2018, CCA helped pass federal legislation to give Northwest states and tribes streamlined authority to protect Columbia River salmon and steelhead from sea lion predation. This year, CCA Oregon worked with key legislators to ***secure nearly \$500,000 for ODFW sea lion removal activities – funding that wasn't included in ODFW's 2019-2021 budget request.*** The new law passed by Congress will help make these removal activities more effective and expand beyond the area near Willamette Falls. The risk of extinction for wild Willamette River winter Steelhead has fallen from 90% to 10% in just over a year since removals began!

LOOKING AHEAD

As we enter 2020, CCA Oregon needs your support to defend and grow these and other successes. We are also engaging in other issues critical to our fisheries, including proposals to close popular middle Columbia River fishing areas, careful management of coastal fisheries, and the need for continued public education around the importance of hatcheries to conservation and fishing opportunity. We must also work closely with the ODFW Commission and ODFW to address emerging challenges for our salmon and steelhead, including climate change and a sustainable funding model for ODFW amidst the continued license fee increases. We look forward to continued success in 2020 and appreciate your support of CCA Oregon!

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