



**THE FOLLOWING ARE OVERVIEWS OF
TYPICAL PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES THAT
CCA OREGON HAS DRIVEN SINCE ITS
INCEPTION IN 2007.**





OVERVIEW OF ISSUES

In 2008, CCA Oregon began a long and intense effort to eliminate all non-tribal gillnets on the Columbia River system. The result: No main stem gillnetting during spring and summer seasons since 2016.

Our CCA team helped stop the latest effort to dismantle Columbia River gillnet reforms. Dog fights like this one will not end until all non-tribal gillnets are off the Columbia River watershed.

CCA Oregon has always advocated a balanced and fair ODFW Commission. In 2019 we worked hard and ultimately secured significant changes to the Commission

CCA Oregon is successful in moving the dial because science, economics and logic typically wins the day. To that end, we have been able to respectfully demand accountability for ODFW’s implementation of the Columbia River Endorsement.



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In the face of attacks from anti-hatchery activist groups, CCA Oregon in concert with several conservation groups, saved the Leaburg Hatchery from closure. A critical part of this effort resulted in securing funding for ODFW to enhance operations at the former Army Corps facility. This was no small victory for hatcheries. Without our government relations work, lobbyists and vocal membership, wins like Leaburg would be much tougher.

In a victory for anglers that support hatchery-raised fish, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife agreed to continue funding a program that releases 121,000 summer steelhead smolts in the North Santiam each spring. CCA played a significant role by supporting state funding to restart the Santiam River Summer Steelhead Hatchery program.

CCA Oregon participated in a successful coalition effort to reverse the Army Corps’ funding cuts for hatchery mitigation in the Willamette River.

CCA Oregon endorsed and invested in the Hatchery and Wild Coexist Coalition.



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With data looming that showed short term extinction of wild steelhead runs on the Willamette and Columbia Rivers, CCA Oregon lead the way and ultimately pushed for federal legislation to streamline sea lion removals in both watersheds.

By urging the federal government to proceed quickly with new legal authority during the comment period, CCA's leadership was able to quickly move this proposal into implementation. Again, science, economics and logic won the day.

We also secured additional state funding for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife sea lion removal activities in the Willamette River.

So what was at stake here? The risk of extinction for Wild Willamette River Winter Steelhead. (520 fish recorded prior to removals)

What has been the outcome? Risk of extinction has fallen from 90% to 10% in less than two years. (first year count over Willamette Falls was over 2,400 adult steelhead)



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CASE STUDY		
Helping fund the Tillamook R. Wetlands Project	HABITAT	#4
		
	Date: Sept. 2021	

OVERVIEW

CCA Oregon joined the Tillamook Estuaries Partnership (TEP) and the North Coast Land Conservancy, to help fund and fully restore 73 acres of tidal wetlands within the Tillamook Bay Estuary.

Tillamook Bay and its tidal wetlands comprise a critical habitat type for fish, migratory birds, and many other species of plant and wildlife. This area represents one of the most important rearing areas for the eight salmonid species that reside within the estuary.

The project consists of the acquisition of 73 acres of property, scientific analysis of ecological opportunities and constraints, project design, and ultimately the restoration of 73 acres of tidal wetland habitat.

For Oregon, this project represents a blend of many things that make our state a special place and are important to our livelihood – diverse natural areas, farming & forestry, hunting & fishing, and our cultural identity.



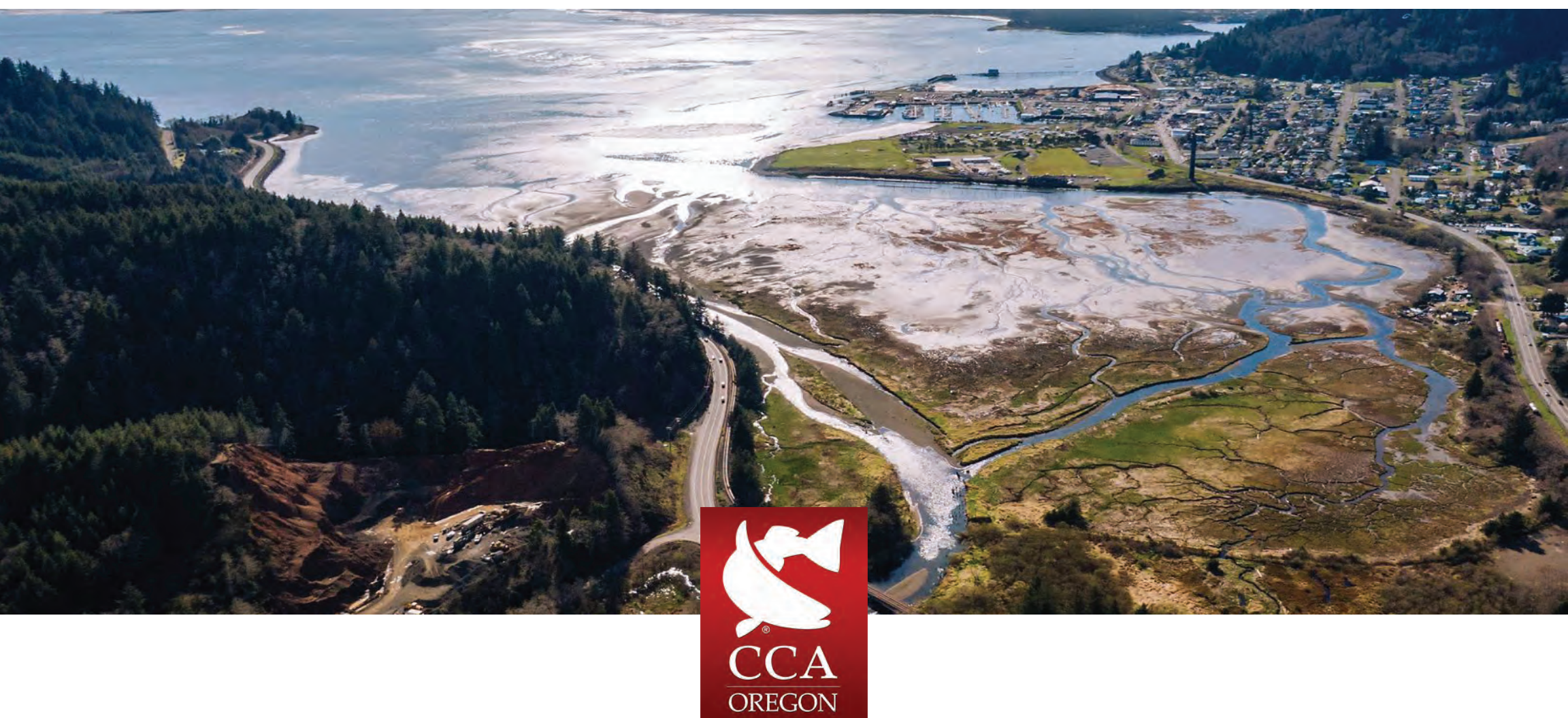
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CCA will fight to protect access for recreational fishermen to all public fishing areas **unless** any one of the following circumstances occur:

- 1) There is a clear indication that recreational fishermen are the cause of a specific conservation problem and that less severe conservation measures, such as gear restrictions, possession limits, size restrictions, quotas, or closed seasons will not adequately address the targeted conservation problem.
- 2) The closed-area regulation includes specific, measurable criteria to determine the conservation benefit of the closed area on the affected stocks of fish and provides a timetable for periodic review of the continued need for the closed area at least once every three years.
- 3) The closed area is no larger than that which is supported by the best available science.
- 4) Provision is made to reopen the closed area to recreational fishing whenever the targeted conservation problem no longer exists.

Marine Protected Areas have always been a delicate topic. We are a fish conservation group, but we believe that conservation minded sport fishers are the best protection for sustainable fisheries. Locking them out of an area forever with no proof that they are a problem is wrong and ultimately bad for the resource.



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CASE STUDY		
100,000 Chinook Smolts	<i>TROUT CREEK</i> ACCLIMATION POND	#6
	Date: Jan. 2022	

OVERVIEW OF PROJECT

The Trout Creek Acclimation Pond allows operational flexibility for hatchery operations.

The Pond provides a recovery period for smolts from transportation stress.

The acclimation pond increases exposure to release waters.

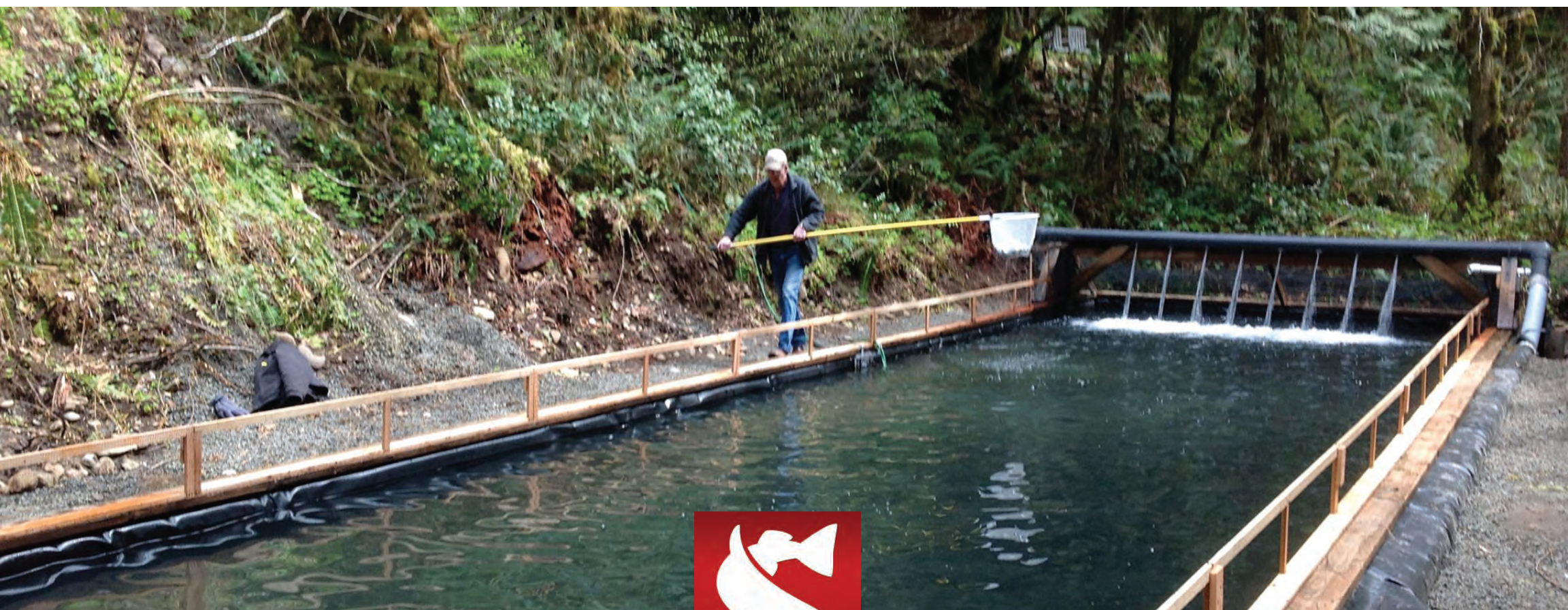
Volitional release following acclimation synchronizes smolt preparedness for migration with river entry.

Willamette Falls CCA has set up a Molalla River Project Account.



The Trout Creek Acclimation Pond is funded by grants, local businesses, individuals and volunteers.

ODFW supplies fish, feed and sampling of fish before release of fish.

CCA Oregon volunteers do the daily feeding, maintenance and assistance in sampling.



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CASE STUDY		
Oregon Brood- stock Program	BROOD STOCK PROGRAMS	#7
	Date: Mar. 2022	

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Why wild broodstock?

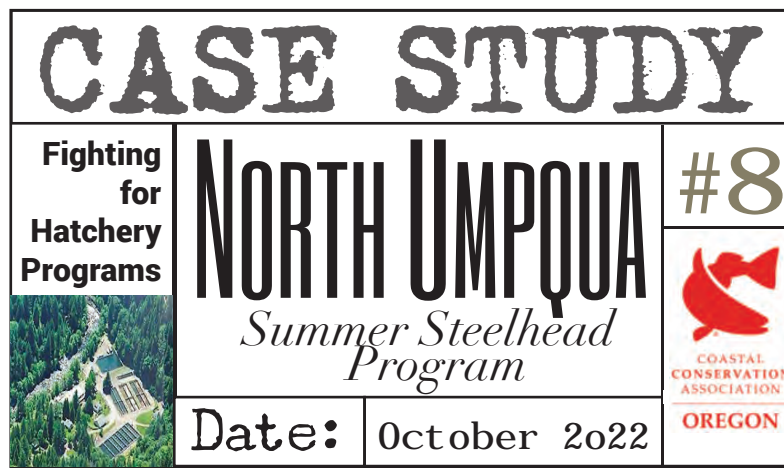
“We need to stop blaming hatcheries for failure to produce robust fisheries and instead blame hatchery practices. In early 2022 winter steelhead season was already off to a great start on all northern Oregon rivers west of the cascades and especially good on those rivers that have hatchery programs that utilize wild fish for broodstock.” (Excerpt: *Salmon&Steelhead Journal-April/May 2022*.)

Jack Smith and Buzz Ramsey launched the Oregon Broodstock Program in 1996. The project maintains hatchery salmon and steelhead genetic diversity by equipping the next generation of hatchery smolts to adapt to current ocean conditions. The project allows anglers to catch steelhead without further reducing the wild population’s dwindling numbers.

Hook and line-caught wild fish are live-welled and transported to large holding tanks where they eventually are live-spawned and returned to the river to continue their migration. Unlike salmon, steelhead will return to the ocean and even return back to their home river following a year or two in the ocean.



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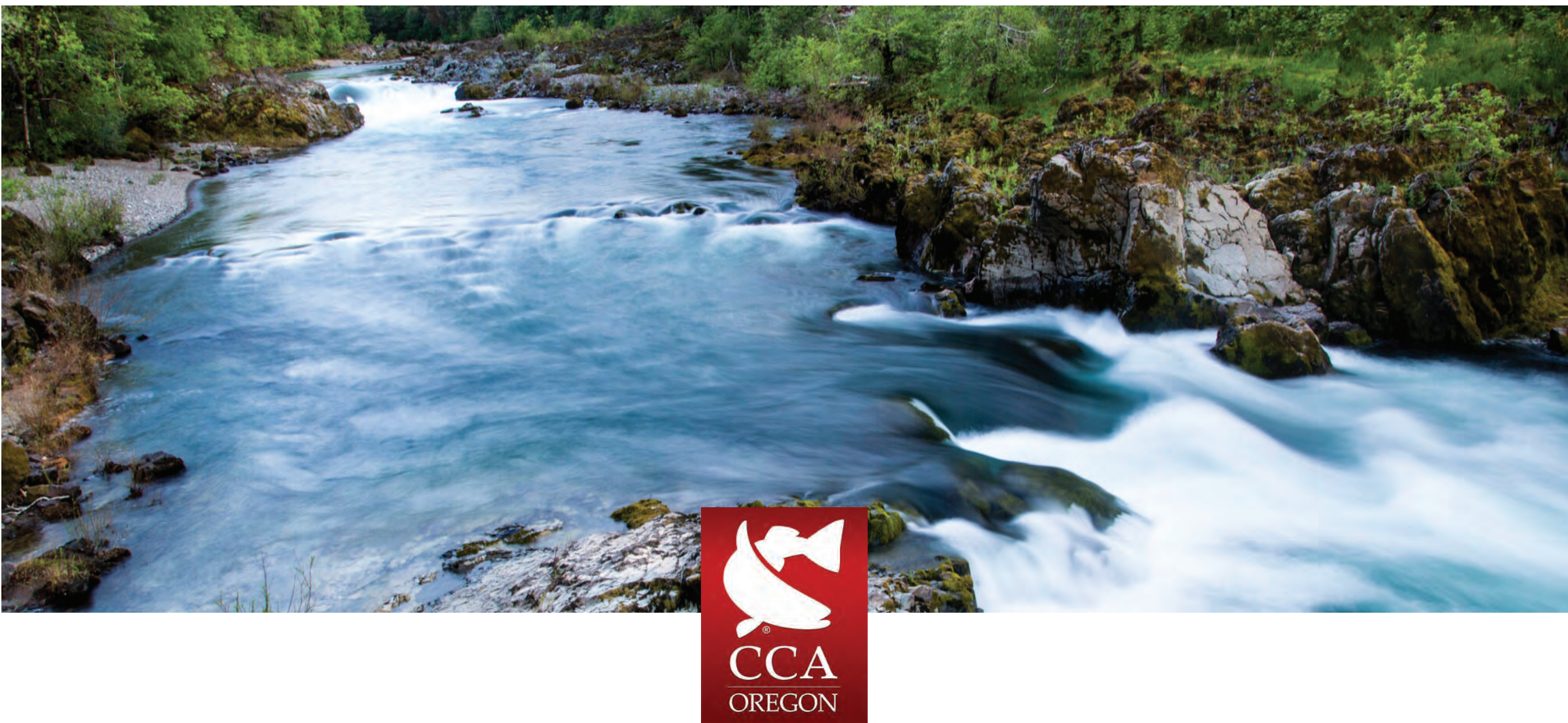
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How 3 very disappointed Northwest tribes, thousands of riled up sportfishers and a homegrown injunction saved 76,000 summer steelhead smolt.

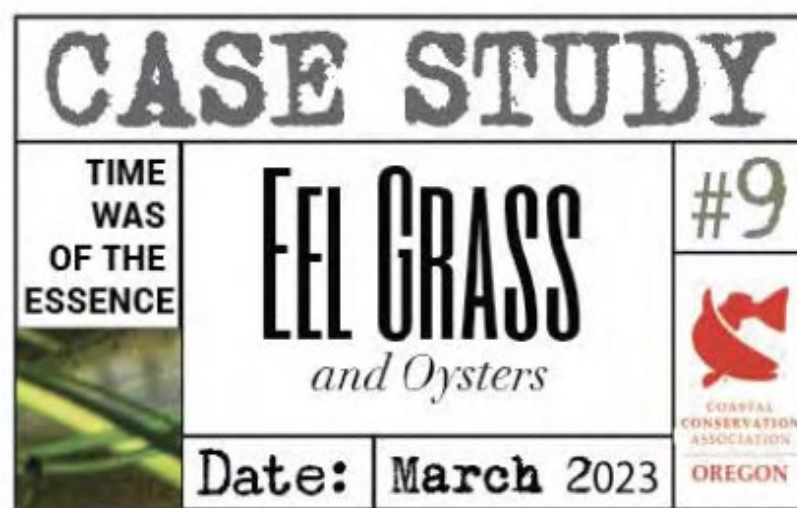
In April of 2022, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission voted to dismantle a successful, 60 year old summer steelhead program on the North Umpqua River in southern Oregon.

The following week was not pretty for the Commission on 3 levels. • Several heated meetings ensued with the local tribes. • Thousands of emails deluged the Commissioner’s email boxes. • A very effective and timely legal injunction was filed.

In a matter of a few days, a county judge ruled in favor of the injunction and within nine days 76,000 smolt were released to begin their journey to the Pacific Ocean. They will return as 6 to 20 pound adult steelhead. But for the tribe’s pressure, the injunction and organizations like CCA Oregon and several others activating their members, those fish would have ended up in a remote lake...belly-up along with a successful decades-long summer steelhead production program.



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GRASSROOTS WORKS

It was very concerning when it was announced that Pacific Seafood, one of the largest seafood companies in North America, was applying to expand their footprint in Tillamook Bay by applying for an oyster plat of approximately 76 acres directly across from the famous Ghost Hole. These acres would be added to what is already the largest leases of state owned land in Oregon.

In a great example of how grass root efforts can produce results, CCA Oregon raised awareness of the issue, encouraged our members to comment while encouraging their friends and relatives to do likewise. Additionally, we made other interested user groups aware of the issue and asked that they do the same. Through this combined effort enough pressure was applied to the Oregon Department of Agriculture that Pacific Seafood rescinded their application to cultivate and harvest one of the last areas of Tillamook Bay not currently being cultivated.



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CASE STUDY		
Teaching kids to fish.	KID'S FISHING <i>EVENTS</i>	#10
	Date: June 2023	

For over 15 years, CCA Oregon has tackled dozens of critical Northwest fisheries issues. Those battles have included sea lion predation, non-tribal/in-river, gill netting, hatchery and wild fish survival, marine protected areas and brood stock programs to name only a few.

CCA Oregon’s leadership understands our future lies in the hands of our kids and their passion for the fish. Our members and their Chapters have hosted kid’s fishing days for hundreds of kids and parents. Business partners have stepped up and donated rods, reels, tackle and prizes as well as food and drink.

Kids are invited into an outdoor environment where they can learn the basic fundamentals of trout fishing. They experience catching, landing and preparing trout. All the equipment and food is provided along with veteran fishers with years of experience. This time on the water can be the place where a life-long passion is ignited.

We are all aware of the litany of pressures that vie for our kid’s attention. Cable TV, video games and social media, just to name a few, constantly barrage our children. We believe CCA Oregon’s Kid Fishing events can change a child’s trajectory for life and provide years of good, wholesome fun. It is a fact that the sportfishing community gives more of their time and financial resources than any other recreational group. And we need our kids to ultimately join us as stewards of the Northwest’s precious resource.



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VOLUNTEERS ARE THE LIFEBLOOD OF CCA OREGON

They spend thousands of hours planning annual banquets, offering kid's fishing events, holding salmon derbies, putting on picnics, tending acclimation ponds, pitching salmon carcasses in watersheds and collecting event donations. CCA Oregon "Givers" dedicate time planning 9 different monthly Chapter meetings. Chapter Presidents, State Board members and staff join together quarterly for the State Board meeting. Most of our members do not limit their giving to simply volunteering time. Often their own items and dollars quietly are folded into CCA Oregon's events without fanfare or attribution.

They just give...For the Fish.



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