

Leavenworth Water System – Columbia Basin Project

Project Description

This project will complete repairs at the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery Complex in north central Washington. It will conclude years of design, development and collaboration with local interest groups, irrigation districts, tribal interests and affected state and Federal agencies, including NOAA Fisheries and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

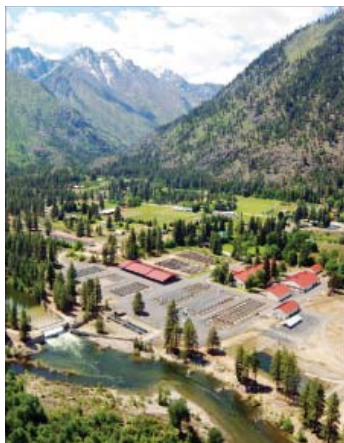


Beginning in the fall 2009, hatchery system improvements at Leavenworth will rebuild the water intake system which includes the pumping plant, fish screen and pipeline and an effluent pond. An operations and maintenance evaluation concluded the system is in imminent threat of failure, with the potential to shut down hatchery operations. Shut down would affect Endangered Species Act-listed brood stock production, Reclamation's ability to meet Grand Coulee mitigation requirements, and the 2008 Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS) Biological Opinion.

The fish hatchery complex, built to restore native fish population after the construction of the Grand Coulee dam, is funded by the Bureau of Reclamation and operated and managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The complex includes operations at three locations: Leavenworth, Entiat and Winthrop National Fish Hatcheries. Species managed by the hatcheries include trout, salmon, steelhead and lamprey.

Project Benefits

Completion of this critical water delivery system would ensure continuation of hatchery operations, which supports spring Chinook salmon, Reclamation's ability to meet Grand Coulee Dam mitigation requirements, support commitments under the 2008 FCRPS Biological Opinion, and continue to ensure tribal Coho fishing opportunities for Yakama and Colville Tribes. Project completion would also resolve ongoing legal disputes, address growing safety issues associated with difficult O&M of the current system, and reduce operating costs.



Budget Information

Recovery funding: \$18.1 million

For more information

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