

Salmon Recovery

Guideline #8

Did you know: The water people use indoors and outdoors to drink, cook, clean, wash and landscape with is the same water salmon need in rivers and streams to survive. Now that 16 salmon stocks have been listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) as threatened or endangered, the need to conserve water is greater than ever.



Chinook



Pink



Steelhead



Coho

What is ESA? The Endangered Species Act is a federal law passed in 1973 that makes it illegal for anyone to possess, harm or kill a protected species. It applies not only to federal and state agencies, but also to individual persons.

How can water conservation help save fish? The more water people use or waste, the less there is for fish in rivers and streams. Conserving water will help increase the instream flow of water in rivers and streams, especially during the dry summer months and other low flow periods. Increasing the instream flow helps fish swim up and downstream, improves spawning habitat, and protects other wildlife and our future water resources.