

Washington State Wildlife Grant Success Stories

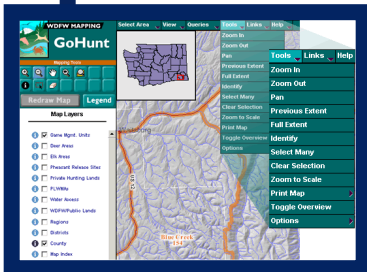
In the five years since its inception, the State Wildlife Grant Program has played a major role in the conservation of Washington's wildlife. The following are some of the projects that have been funded with State Wildlife Grants:



Sturgeon Restoration, Photo Courtesy of USFWS

Research: Gathering Information to Take Action **Green Sturgeon Restoration**

The green sturgeon population inhabiting Washington's coastal waters is critically low. There is concern up and down the coast and the green sturgeon has become a candidate for listing under the Endangered Species Act. Little is known of the life history and population demographics of green sturgeon, two key pieces of information critical to any successful recovery/management plan. This State Wildlife Grants project will gather that information, charting a course to conserve the green sturgeon before it becomes more rare and more costly to protect.



Web, Photo Courtesy of Washington DFW

Management: Proactive Measures that Benefit Wildlife and People **Web Based Fish and Wildlife Monitoring**

Information is the key to successful conservation and with access to the World Wide Web growing, there is an immense opportunity for better distribution of data on fish and wildlife in Washington. By distributing key agency data through an integrated internet web page, this State Wildlife Grant funded project will assure that other government agencies, conservation organizations, and the people of Washington have immediate access to the most current data. To maximize proactive and cost-effective conservation efforts, it is critical that groups have a simple method to rapidly obtain accurate, understandable data.



Mountain Goat, Photo Courtesy of Washington DFW

Conservation: Protecting Imperiled Land, Water, and Wildlife **Protecting Mountain Goats, Elk, and Mountain Quail**

In Washington, there has been a steady decline in mountain goats, elk, and mountain quail numbers over the last several decades. Currently, overall numbers may be high enough to avoid listing as threatened or endangered, but if the decline continues much longer, listing will be inevitable. The primary goal of this project is to reverse the downward trend in these and other priority wildlife species through on-the-ground activities, such as habitat restoration, research, and land acquisition. The secondary goal is to develop partnerships with volunteers in the community and schools to collect scientifically valid information important in conservation and management.

Congress has appropriated \$7.5 million in State Wildlife Grants to Washington since 2001. This has been matched with at least \$1.9 million state and partner dollars.