



## **RESTORATION WORKS**

### **It Works for the ECONOMY**

- Lead Entities coordinate projects that represent an investment in local and rural economic development through family-wage job creation and retention.
- Lead Entities spearhead efforts to recover and sustain salmon populations necessary for viable recreational and commercial fisheries throughout Washington State.
- Restoration funds invested by Washington State are leveraged 3 to 1.
- Businesses locate in Washington State because of the quality of life provided by abundant and beautiful natural resources.

### **It Works LOCALLY**

- In 1999, Washington State worked with NOAA Fisheries to allow watersheds to write their own local recovery plans for ESA-listed species.
- This action kept decisions local and not in the hands of the Federal government
- Lead Entities are the backbone for locally-based recovery efforts, bringing together Tribes, federal and state agencies, local governments, citizens, non-profits, business, and technical experts to make local decisions.
- Hundreds of citizens volunteer statewide on Lead Entity projects and committees.
- Lead Entities are the nexus for science based, citizen supported salmon habitat recovery efforts, providing a coordinated, efficient, and effective response to ESA.

### **It Works for the ENVIRONMENT**

- Lead Entities work locally to restore and protect those resources to the benefit of people who live and work here, as well as the creatures that depend upon the habitat.
- Lead Entities provide a local, balanced, coordinated, common-sense approach to recovery.

The Salmon Recovery Planning Act (RCW 77.85) created Lead Entities in 1999. They are administered by the Recreation and Conservation Office