

## **Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group Updates on Projects in Klickitat and Skamania County**

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### **Abstract**

This presentation describes the mission of Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group and focuses on the group's work in Klickitat and Skamania Counties. The presentation includes summary information on the following projects.

#### Wind River:

- Trout Creek Restoration and Hemlock Dam Removal (\$440,000 in grant sponsorship)
- Riparian planting at Underwood Conservation District's middle Wind River project (funding assistance)
- Road storm proofing and landslide hazard reduction on the Little Wind River
- Future projects, including Martha Creek dam removal and Forest Service road storm proofing.

#### White Salmon River:

- Upper Rattlesnake Creek channel stabilization (planned for 2010).

#### Klickitat River:

- Swale Creek habitat enhancement (completed in 2008)
- Riparian plantings on elevated gravel bars (before and after)
- Simmons Creek (planting, and fence maintenance)
- Other riparian plantings (and lessons learned).

The presentation also includes information on the following:

- a Lower Columbia Fish Enhancement Group project on Hamilton Creek (a 3,500 ft. restoration project on lower Hamilton Creek completed in 2009)
- a large wood replenishment project on Taneum Creek in the Yakima Basin
- Water Jam – an educational event reaching 350 students in Klickitat and Skamania counties
- state-wide accomplishments of the Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group program.