WENATCHEE WATERSHED PLANNING: LESSONS LEARNED

American Water Resources Association
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• Wenatchee Watershed Planning Unit formed 1999
• Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board formed 1999
• Watershed plan adopted 2006
• Salmon Recovery Plan 2007
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- Chelan County
- Chelan County CD
- NMFS
- City of Cashmere
- Colville Conf. Tribes
- Wen. Rec. District
- US Forest Service
- Yakama Nation
- City of Leavenworth
- USFWS
- City of Wenatchee
- Chelan County PUD
- State Agencies
Salmon hit endangered list today

by Ross Anderson
Seattle Times staff reporter

Before an audience of state, local and tribal leaders and corporate CEOs, federal officials today announced nine population groups of salmon have joined the fifteen runs of fish already listed for protection in the West under the Endangered Species Act.

The listings cover nearly every corner of Washington state...
LESSONS LEARNED

• Water resource planning takes time
• Context matters
• Personalities matter in a collaborative environment
• Collaboration can lead to durable solutions and future successes
MORE LESSONS LEARNED

• Experiences can be applied to other areas (e.g. Lake Chelan)
• Sociology doesn’t change that much
• Local governments struggle with capacity
• Good work can happen
POST-WENATCHEE WATERSHED PLANNING

- Wenatchee instream flow rule amendment
- Coordinated cost reimbursement
- Icicle Work Group
- On-the-ground implementation