

# Washington

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

We're on track to achieve some ambitious goals by 2020:

3,000

of floodplains and estuaries restored and reconnected

20

COMMUNITIES

safer from floods

500k

of forest protected by acquisition and conservation agreements

3.5M

TONS

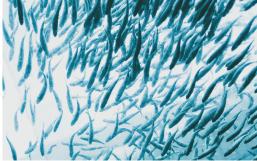
of carbon dioxide sequestered by restoring and protecting forests

1,000

**PIECES** 

of lost fishing gear recovered protecting marine life in partnership with tribal fisherman







I he health of Washington's natural places, people, and economy are deeply intertwined. To protect this shared future, we've developed science-based strategies and partnerships as diverse as our communities, and as varied as our scenery.

## **WHO WE ARE**

The Nature Conservancy is the world's largest conservation organization, with almost 60 years of history here in Washington. Our size gives us an extraordinary depth and breadth of experience, influence, and resources. Our passion for Washington drives our deep commitment to sustaining a healthy relationship between people and nature here at home.

## WHAT WE DO

We use science to solve Washington's most pressing land and water conservation issues, and to transform resource-based industries so nature and people thrive together. Along the way, we help diverse communities build resilience to climate change, create powerful partnerships,

generate local jobs, and inspire thousands to see nature's well-being as their well-being.

In the Central Cascades, for example, our work connects and restores forests while protecting people from wildfires. In Puget Sound, we are collaborating to restore floodplains—significantly lowering flood risk—and to re-incorporate nature into the region's rapidly growing urban areas. On the coast, we help communities to sustain healthy fisheries and strategically meet the challenge of rising sea levels.

Our vision: thriving nature and thriving communities. Our results? Tangible, effective, and long-lasting.

## Summit to Sea Conservation

### CLIMATE -

Climate change is here. We support ways to lower carbon emissions, restore floodplains and estuaries to protect against floods, help coastal communities plan for rising sea levels, and make forests more fire resilient.

**FACTS & FIGURES** 

1959

THE YEAR

The Nature Conservancy in Washington chapter started

75

**EMPLOYEES** 

in five offices across Washington

IAND

As we restore forests using science-based methods, we provide jobs, reconnect habitat, and increase fire resilience.

## WATER

Our Floodplains by Design program reconnects rivers to floodplains, restores salmon habitat, and protects people from floods.

#### CITIES

Cities need nature. We use green infrastructure and other innovations to clean air and reduce pollution from urban runoff.

## **OCEANS**

We safeguard coastal habitat so fish and fishing economies both thrive, through our partnerships with tribes, industry, and agencies.

"Our region and our world face unprecedented environmental challenges. But together we can shape a shared future where people and nature both thrive."

-MIKE STEVENS, STATE DIRECTOR, THE NATURE CONSERVANCY IN WASHINGTON

1,200

**VOLUNTEERS** 

throughout Washington 800k

ACRES

owned or protected in Washington

120M

ACRES

owned or protected around the world

72

COUNTRIES

in which the Conservancy works

**LIFE DEPENDS ON NATURE.** Nature depends on you. Nature plays a vital role in our personal and societal well-being. As we face climate change and a rapidly expanding population, we must transform the way we use Washington's natural resources. Join us now to ensure a future where people and nature flourish, side by side. Learn more at <a href="https://www.WashingtonNature.org">www.WashingtonNature.org</a>.

