

Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups (RFEG's)

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RFEG Projects:

- RFEG's Complete roughly 20-25% of RCO Projects and Funds Spent (SRFB/FFFPP)
 - RFEG's collaborate with partners & stakeholders including WDFW and Lead Entities
 - 400 RCO projects since 1999
 - RCO has invested \$67 million since 1999
 - 3,100 RFEG projects since 1995
 - Total RFEG investment in salmon recovery is over \$150 million since 1995
 - RFEG's Leverage funds and opportunities to complete projects
 - Educate thousands of kids & community members

RFEG Overhead:

- RFEG's consistently implement diverse projects with low overhead
- Typical organizational overhead is around 10-15% per group
 - RFEG's take pride in completing on-the-ground projects effectively and efficiently
 - RFEG's operate with much less than other agencies and/or programs
 - RFEG's are always searching for innovative ways to become more effective

RFEG Economic Value:

- 63 RFEG FTE's
- 51 Intern FTE's
- Hundreds of volunteers and thousands of donated hours per year
- Over 1 million volunteer hours since 1995
- **Construction Services:** (average per year)
 - \$6 million per year (on-the-ground)
 - Over 100,000 hours of construction activities
 - Additional 53 FTE's for construction employees
 - 800,000 hours of Professional Services
 - Engineers, Surveyors, Accountants, Scientists etc.

RFEG Funding:

- Each RFEG receives ~\$90k per year from Federal USFWS (Dept of Interior)
- Each RFEG receives ~\$40k per year from WDFW (non general fund): License sales and Egg and Carcass revenue
- “Base” funds are leveraged 15:1 to accomplish a tremendous amount of salmon restoration across the entire state
 - All of RFEG capacity is supported by \$130k Base Funds
- Federal funds ARE NOT secured beyond 2013
 - RFEG’s are currently working on a sustainable funding plan to *possibly* fill the gap
 - Without federal funds RFEG capacity is greatly reduced

Example of RFEG Projects:

Riparian Planting



Nearshore Habitat



In-Stream Habitat



Assessments



Education



Fish Passage

