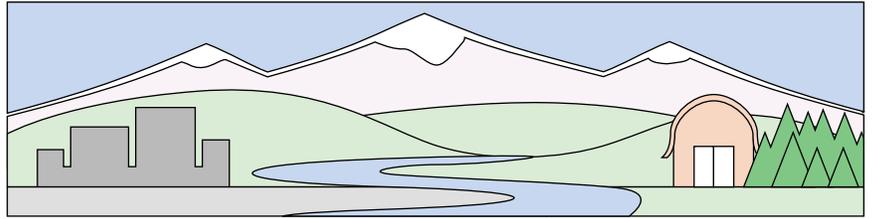


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Our Vision: To protect and restore the environment to achieve naturally functioning ecosystems and healthy human communities.

The Natural Resources Management Unit works with federal, state, tribal, and local partners to achieve responsible management of the Region's landscapes to protect and improve water quality and related habitat. We provide technical and financial assistance to these partners through several programs (see dollar signs below). We also help determine the focus and essential components of states' and tribes' nonpoint source pollution abatement programs and three national estuary programs. Salmon habitat protection and recovery is a major focus in all of these efforts.

Key Policies and Programs

- Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (\$)
- Coastal Zone Nonpoint Source Program (\$)
- National Estuary Program (\$) (\$=programs with grant funds)
- Nonpoint Source Program (\$)
- Northwest, Columbia Basin, and Tongass Forest Plans
- Northwest Salmon Recovery Plan

Our Goals

- Advise and assist states and tribes in developing and implementing strategies to control nonpoint source water pollution.
- Advise and assist land and resource managers in developing and implementing plans that promote sustainable use of the region's natural resources.
- Work with the state revolving loan funds to increase their ability to offer financial assistance to nonpoint source and estuary water quality projects.

What We're Doing to Achieve our Goals

- Providing funding for federal finance workshops throughout the region.
- Working with Washington State to ensure proper implementation of the Fish and Forest Agreement and the Salmon Recovery Planning Act.
- Working with NOAA and states to obtain full approval of coastal management programs in Washington, Oregon and Alaska.
- Evaluating use of the watershed approach in Washington and Oregon.
- Developing more integrated approaches (both internally and externally) for targeting funding and staff resources to geographic areas at deliberate scales.
- Evaluating how nonpoint sources are addressed as water quality improvement plans, or TMDLs, are carried out.