

FISHERIES PROGRAM

OUT mission is to restore, foster, and maintain wild, self-sustaining fish populations to meet cultural, subsistence, and recreational needs.



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Program Description

The Tribal Fisheries Program is recognized as a highly professional and innovative fisheries agency. Its restoration efforts on the Jocko River and its acquisition and enhancement of fisheries habitat across the Reservation are models cited nationwide.

The Fisheries Program surveys habitat and aquatic

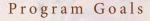
Lake trout fishing on Flathead Lake.
projects.

Species of Concern

life and fish populations in streams and lakes. It monitors fishing; conducts research on hybridization rates; surveys trout populations for whirling disease; removes invasive, non-native species; and implements fishhabitat improvement

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River and its historic floodplain and establisheries habitat erosion and deposition patter include: reconstructing characteristat and aquatic end fish population.



Among its most important activities is habitat

restoration. These projects are designed to improve water quality and help the

streams return to a natu-

To maintain population and habitat databases to scientifically manage fisheries and habitat resources on the Reservation.

To integrate fisheries issues into resource management decisions to prevent degradation or depletion of fish populations or habitats and to develop mitigation plans to offset adverse impacts.

To administer the Tribal Fisheries Management Plan and fisheries management activities to maximize the effectiveness of funding and personnel through planning, fund-raising, partnerships, communications, and staff-development.







Traditional canoe.



