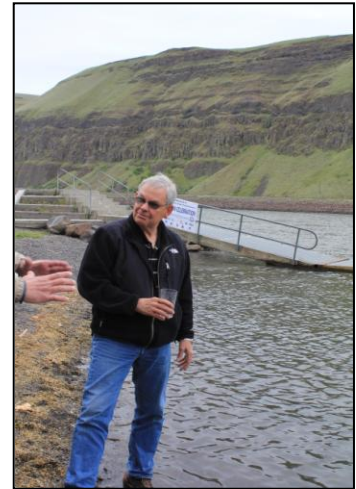


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Background:

The Washington Grain Commission entered into formal agreement with the Franklin Conservation District for the term of one year (July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011) to provide education and outreach in eastern Washington. These services included:

1. To provide school based curriculum for Eastern Washington counties with hands-on lessons integrating programs such as Salmon in the Classroom, Water on Wheels, Wheat Week, and Ag Kids Who Care to include: educating students about the basic principals of water and soil interaction and environmental issues pertaining to the wheat industry; interactive presentations and experiments; problem-solving skills related to the environment and understanding of best management practices related to wheat; importance of dams in wheat transportation and salmon recovery; and technical assistance from a resource biologist.
2. To provide teacher workshops across Eastern Washington enhancing the educational effectiveness of curriculum or programs such as Salmon in the Classroom, Water on Wheels, and Wheat Week, addressing the science, economic, and societal aspects of agriculture and the region's natural resources;
3. To provide resource manuals, teacher guides, self-training materials and student workbooks at the elementary school level about agriculture as a primary industry; including publications that assist teachers in teaching about Washington geography, ag technology, stewardship and trade;
4. To participate in state farm fairs and trade shows;
5. To ensure that lessons are aligned with required Washington State Essential Academic Learning Requirements in Science.
6. To provide a traveling educational display to be used at multiple venues wherever COMMISSION can meet or educate the public about issues of importance to the wheat industry.

Program Deliverables:

Water on Wheels reached 21,934 students, 985 teachers and 828 individual lessons were taught. Lessons were taught in 9 counties (Adams, Benton, Franklin, Kittitas, Klickitat, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, and Yakima).

Wheat Week reached 3,936 students and 170 teachers. 51 weeks were taught in Adams, Asotin, Benton, Chelan, Columbia, Douglas, Garfield, Grant, King, Kittitas, Lincoln, Okanogan, Snohomish, Spokane, Stevens, Whitman, and Yakima Counties.

Salmon in the Classroom reached 1,917 students and 53 teachers. Burbank, Basin City, Mesa, Connell, Kahlotus, Washtucna, Ritzville, Lind, Grand Coulee Dam, Almira and 12 schools in Pasco participated in the program. 4 new tanks were added in Loon Lake, Valley, Tekoa and Davenport. Hiawatha Elementary in Othello also joined the Franklin Conservation District's Salmon in the Classroom program, but already had a tank set-up. The Franklin Conservation District sponsored a total of 27 tanks in Eastern Washington.

Students from Connell, Basin City, Mesa, Kahlotus, Washtucna, Ritzville and Lind attended a "Salmon Celebration" at Windust Park outside of Kahlotus and released their

steelhead into the Snake River. Students at Grand Coulee and Almira attended a “Salmon Celebration” at Steamboat Rock State Park and released their rainbow trout into Banks Lake. Students from Loon Lake, Tekoa and Davenport met at Liberty Lake outside Spokane for the first “Trout Turnout!” event. Students released their rainbow trout into the lake and then participated in learning stations focused on agriculture, wildlife and natural resources. Students from Burbank, Pasco, Kennewick, Othello, Richland, Finley, Benton City, Prosser and Grandview attended a “Salmon Summit” in Kennewick at Columbia Park where they released their Chinook salmon into the Columbia River. “Salmon Summit” reached almost 4,000 students, teachers and volunteers and is the largest student salmon event in Eastern Washington.

Special Events attended include: Wheatlands Community Fair in Ritzville, Yakima Greenway River Festival, 5th grade Farm Fair at the Benton/Franklin Fair Grounds, Adams Conservation District’s 5th grade Field Day in Lind at the WSU Dryland Research Station, Make a Splash Outdoor Days in Walla Walla, three “Science Nights” in Pasco and Kennewick, the Spokane Youth Environmental Conference and the Yakima Arboretum Summer Camp. These events reached 1,354 students and 183 teachers

NNRI Student Events reached 1,344 students and 50 teachers. Events included the Water Festival and Trout Turnout! at Liberty Lake, Farm Fair and Model Mine in Spokane, and Model Forest in Coeur d’Alene.

NNRI and FCD Teacher Workshops reached 90 teachers. Each teacher reaches approximately 25 students, therefore, 2,250 students were reached. NNRI and Franklin Conservation District delivered two, three-day teacher workshops. Workshops were offered in Spokane, Burbank and Walla Walla.

Washington Ag in the Classroom Ag @ School Magazine was sent to 827 teachers three times this year, putting 62,040 magazines into 20,680 students’ hands. Additional copies were handed out at conferences and teacher workshops making the total magazines distributed 65,843.

PRIME Curriculum kits were mailed to 96 teachers, reaching 2,400 students.

AWARE Display Board reached approximately 2,138 people. The display was taken to the Washington Association of Wheat Growers Convention, Washington Association of Agriculture Educators Conference, Principals and Superintendents Conference, Gonzaga teacher’s conference for Independent Schools, Washington School Librarians Conference, Washington Science Teachers’ Association Conference, and the Washington State Cattleman’s Conference.

Total Number of Individuals Reached with ALL Programs: 55,815 Students, 2,454 Teachers, and 2,138 of the general public. 60,407 Total

Money Given by the Washington Grain Commission:	\$170,000.00
Money Received as Matching Funds or Donations:	\$152,974.03