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ANNUAL REPORT 2015 | NATIVE FISH SOCIETY



# 2015 BY THE NUMBERS



**85 RIVER STEWARDS**  
SAFEGUARDING  
**4,000 RIVER MILES**  
& **100,000 SQUARE MILES**  
OF WATERSHEDS IN  
**4 STATES**



**2000**

ACTION ALERTS  
SUBMITTED TO



**DECISION MAKERS**

ONE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY  
**CARL L. SULLIVAN**

**FISHERY  
CONSERVATION  
AWARD**



WILD STEELHEAD HAVE FREE REIGN IN

**1,000 SQ MILES**

OF WASHINGTON WATERSHEDS

**28**

RIVER MILES OF  
NEW PROTECTIONS  
FOR THE CHETCO  
& MOLALLA FROM

**MINING  
DEWATERING  
& DAMMING**



PROTECTED  
**24,000**  
OREGON  
STREAM MILES  
FROM SUCTION  
DREDGE MINING

Enough stream miles to circle the Earth



**WENT VIRAL  
ON SOCIAL MEDIA!**



**19 BUSINESS  
SUPPORTERS**

**1500 LIKES**



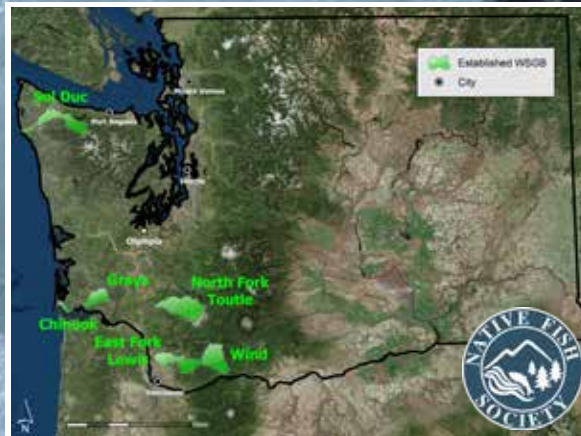
**115 PHOTOS**  
submitted to our photo contest

**30,000+**

**#KEEPEMWET POSTS**

A wild steelhead jumps  
Lucia Falls on the East  
Fork Lewis River

## WILD STEELHEAD GENE BANKS



### SOL DUC RIVER

Summer & Winter  
Steelhead  
78 miles long  
219 sq. mi

### WIND RIVER

Summer Steelhead  
30 miles long  
224 sq. miles

### EF LEWIS RIVER

Summer & Winter  
Steelhead  
40 miles long  
212 sq. mile

### NORTH FORK TOUTLE & GREEN RIVER

Winter Steelhead  
39 miles long  
302 sq miles

### GRAYS RIVER

Winter Steelhead  
30 miles long  
124 sq. miles

### CHINOOK RIVER

Winter Steelhead  
6 miles long  
13 sq. miles

**SOUTHWEST, WA** | Wild steelhead now have free reign in over 1,000 sq. miles of Washington watersheds. This includes the Sol Duc, Wind, East Fork Lewis, North Fork Toutle / Green, Grays and Chinook rivers. Never again will any of these Wild Steelhead Gene Banks be planted with hatchery steelhead. Catch and release steelhead fishing continues on these streams, but season and gear regulations are built around the need to conserve each gene bank's wild steelhead population.

This accomplishment is the result of the steadfast work of member Laura Hudson, River Steward Steve Lent, Regional Coordinators Jason Small and Peter Donahower, and Southern District Manager Jake Crawford. These boots-on-the-ground advocates were empowered with the best available science, which enabled them to effectively champion the best interest of Washington's remarkable wild steelhead.

In 2016, our goal is to secure the same protections for wild steelhead swimming home to the Puyallup, Elwha and Skagit rivers, because Puget Sound's wild steelhead deserve every stream mile free of hatchery fish they can get.

**Want to protect wild steelhead? Visit [nativefishsociety.org](http://nativefishsociety.org) to sign up to receive action alerts advancing the conservation and recovery of wild steelhead across the Pacific Northwest.**

## LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD | PETER TRONQUET



In 2015, Native Fish Society acknowledged Peter Tronquet, longtime River Steward and founding board member with our Lifetime Achievement Award -- Native Fish Society's highest honor. Peter's leadership and dedication to the mission has played a key role in recruiting and inspiring the next generation of Native Fish Society's staff and River Stewards.

## RIVER STEWARD OF THE YEAR | DOUG DEROY



In 2013, Doug became Native Fish Society's first River Steward in California. Two years later, he earned the program's highest honor, receiving our 2015 River Steward of the Year Award, for his work protecting wild steelhead in his hometowns. To learn more about Doug's work on the Sonoma and Mendocino Coast check out the short film, *Low Flows & Wild Steelhead* at [www.vimeo.com/nativefishsociety](http://www.vimeo.com/nativefishsociety).

## PROTECTING CRITICAL FISH HABITAT



**TILLER, OR** | This year Native Fish Society and a coalition of our conservation partners secured a ban on suction dredge mining in all protected wild salmon, steelhead and bull trout habitats through 2021. In total, 24,000 Oregon stream miles are now off limits to suction dredge mining. Like so many of Native Fish Society's campaigns, our effort to protect Oregon's critical fish habitats from suction dredge mining began with one of our grassroots River Stewards -- Stan Petrowski of the South Umpqua River.

During our 2012 Fall River Steward Gathering, Stan relayed what he'd witnessed on the South Umpqua River. Hundreds of suction dredge gold miners converged on southern Oregon's salmon streams vacuuming up river gravels, removing riparian vegetation, stirring up toxins like mercury, and creating plumes of sediment. For Stan, the mining rush put protected Coho salmon, years of work and millions of dollars invested in salmon habitat restoration in jeopardy.

Four years later, thanks to Stan's leadership, Native Fish Society's commitment to our stewards, and our legislative advocate Jim Myron, NFS joined partners like Oregon Wild, Waterwatch and Rogue Riverkeeper to champion legislation that created a cooperative process for addressing suction dredge mining as well as critical interim protections for essential salmon and bull trout habitats.

In 2016, our goal is to empower the public to identify and report illegal suction dredge mining while we work with our coalition partners, champions in Salem and miners to craft a workable long term solution to protect salmon from suction dredge gold mining.

**To help, sign up for our newsletter at [nativefishsociety.org](http://nativefishsociety.org).**



Climbing the falls with a South Umpqua River wild Coho salmon  
PHOTO: Nat'l Forest Foundation

### Waterways Protected By Temporary Ban on Suction Dredge Mining



## EEL RIVER HEADWATERS INITIATIVE



Upper Mainstem Eel O. Mykiss  
PHOTO: Jason Hartwick



2015 Temp. Monitoring Crew  
PHOTO: Dustin Revel

**UPPER EEL RIVER, CA** | What makes the Eel River special? Not only is it California's third largest river, the Eel is the largest coastal watershed without any hatchery programs in the lower 48 states. The Eel's sport fisheries feature special safeguards for wild, native fish including mandatory catch and release as well as seasonal and flow limits to protect fish when they're most vulnerable. Taken together these decisions give the Eel's wild, native fish a tremendous head start toward recovery.

The biggest challenge remaining for wild fish in the Eel is the scarcity of year-round, cold water habitats -- nearly half of the Eel River and its tributaries are lethally hot for salmon and steelhead during the summer. With this in mind, our Eel River Stewards focused their efforts on identifying and quantifying the extent of snow fed streams featuring high quality habitats currently blocked by Scott Dam, in the upper mainstem of the Eel River.

In 2015, River Stewards began a five year temperature monitoring effort, placing 14 HOBO temperature monitors in various creeks above Scott Dam from June to October. Despite being one of the driest years on record, our 2015 data indicates that substantial cold water habitats currently exist above Scott Dam -- 8 of the 14 tributaries stayed below 68F all summer long.

**Want to help? Donate to our temperature monitoring effort at [nativefishsociety.org](http://nativefishsociety.org) or volunteer in the field by emailing Jake Crawford at [jake@nativefishsociety.org](mailto:jake@nativefishsociety.org).**

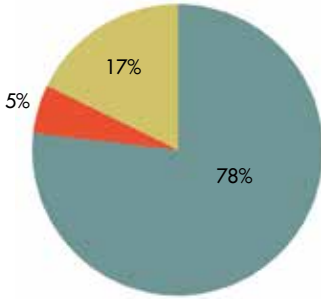
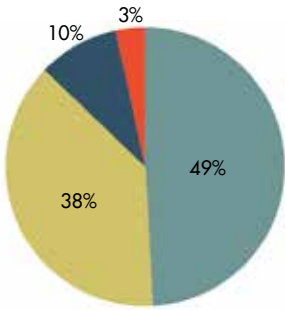


# Revenue & Expenses for Fiscal Year 2015

Financial results for fiscal year ending December 31, 2015.

**REVENUE: \$532,336**

**EXPENSES: \$458,183**



■ Membership: \$18,097  
 ■ Donations: \$261,541  
 ■ Fundraising: \$23,849  
 ■ Mgmt./General Expense: \$78,064  
■ Events: \$202,698  
 ■ Grants: \$50,000  
 ■ Programs: \$356,270

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~ Aldo Leopold



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**James Smith,** Hunter Creek  
**Bryan Sohl,** North Umpqua  
& Rogue

**Mark Stangland,** North  
Umpqua  
**Sal Steinberg,** Van Duzen  
**Keith Stonebraker,**  
Clearwater  
**James Thumber,** South  
Coast Lower Umpqua  
**Peter Tronquet,** Rogue,  
Umpqua, Illinois  
**Walt Weber,** Lower  
Columbia Tributaries  
**Scott Willison,** Stillequamish  
**Derek Young,** Yakima