



# National Wildlife Federation

PACIFIC REGIONAL CENTER —  
SEATTLE OFFICE

*Inspiring Americans to protect wildlife for our children's future.*

The Seattle office of National Wildlife Federation's Pacific Regional Center represents our vast network of members and supporters in Washington, Oregon, California, and Hawai'i. We work to protect and restore the amazing diversity of wildlife, habitats and natural resources that are invaluable to our region's culture, economy, and quality of life.

Founded in 1936 by sportsmen, gardeners, and outdoor enthusiasts, today the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) has more than four million supporters and 46 state-level affiliate organizations. Our three conservation priorities – confronting global warming, safeguarding wildlife, and connecting people with nature – aim to protect the wildlife and wild places of our region for generations to come.



## CONFRONTING GLOBAL WARMING



The impacts of global warming are already being felt in our region — intensified storms, floods and drought, increased wildfires, rising sea levels and shrinking snowpack. We need to take action now to curb global warming pollution and create a clean energy future.

**Passing Climate Legislation:** Passing federal legislation that caps our carbon emissions and provides funding for natural resources is the most important step we can take to protect wildlife. With the help of our state affiliates and local sportsmen partners, the Pacific Regional Center is building a groundswell of support for prompt legislative action on this issue.

**Training Communities:** *The Gardener's Guide to Global Warming and Habitat Stewards* trainings focus on global warming impacts that people see in their own backyards. Volunteers are trained to help others create and restore wildlife

habitat and use sustainable gardening practices. By engaging communities in finding solutions to global warming at both a personal and policy level, we help educate, inspire and promote achievable solutions to this challenge.

## SAFEGUARDING WILDLIFE

Global warming is the single biggest threat to wildlife and wild places. While reducing greenhouse gas emissions is required to avoid the worst impacts of global warming, we must also ensure that natural systems survive in a warming world.

**Protecting Floodplain Habitat:** Development in floodplains — often subsidized by the federal government — encourages the flooding and destruction of salmon habitat, threatening both the salmon and the endangered orca that feed on them. The Pacific Regional Center is working to end destructive floodplain development and to increase protection of floodplain areas to safeguard wildlife, reduce flooding, and enhance public safety.



**Creating Climate-Resilient Communities:** Climate change and increasing human populations are taking a toll on water-dependent ecosystems in the West. Retreating glaciers and reduced snowpack challenge the ability of salmon to



survive and threaten the agricultural economy of Eastern Washington. The Pacific Regional Center is working with a broad coalition to find balanced solutions to water demands in Eastern Washington. Together, we can create climate-resilient communities through efficient, sustainable and economic approaches to meeting the water needs of people, economies, and fish and wildlife.

**Updating State Wildlife Action Plans:** State Wildlife Action Plans (SWAPs) were developed to guide state wildlife agencies in protecting species and habitats in greatest need of conservation. But currently, these plans do not take into consideration the impacts of climate change. The Pacific Regional Center is working to ensure that SWAPs contain specific strategies to protect the wildlife and habitats most threatened by global warming.

**Increasing Coastal Climate Protection:** National Wildlife Federation's report, *Sea-Level Rise and Coastal Habitats in the Pacific Northwest*, documents this threat to our region's coastal areas and the species they support, aiding coastal managers and decision-makers in protecting and preserving our coasts. This report and more can be found on our regional webpage: [www.nwf.org/western](http://www.nwf.org/western).

## CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH NATURE

The Pacific Regional Center inspires families to "Be Out There™" – NWF's initiative to encourage Americans to go outside and interact with the natural world. A daily dose of the outdoors helps children stay healthier, do better in school, and become lifelong environmental stewards.

**Advocating for State Legislation:** In partnership with diverse groups and organizations, the Pacific Regional Center is helping craft state-level policy responses to the challenge of connecting children and families with nature.



**Mobilizing Communities:** The future of our healthy ecosystems increasingly depends on the stewardship of community members. NWF's Community Certified Wildlife Habitat™ program promotes environmental stewardship while engaging communities in activities that identify, restore, connect, and protect natural habitat areas that are critical to wildlife populations. The program has turned into a movement across the Northwest, with over 25 actively engaged communities transforming backyards, schoolyards, businesses, community gardens, parkland and other spaces into much-needed environmentally-friendly landscapes for wildlife.



### Affiliate Organizations:

We work with our affiliates in Washington, Oregon, California and Hawai'i to mobilize their distinct bases of members and supporters to take action on behalf of wildlife:

**Washington Wildlife Federation (WA)**      **Planning and Conservation League (CA)**  
**The Association of Northwest Steelheaders (OR)**      **Conservation Council for Hawai'i (HI)**

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