



## NOAA FISHERIES

West Coast  
Region

### Snake River

#### ESA Listed Species:

Snake River Spring/Summer  
Chinook  
Snake River Fall Chinook  
Snake River Steelhead  
Snake River Sockeye

#### Management Units:

Idaho Management Unit  
Northeast Oregon  
Management Unit  
Southeast Washington  
Management Unit

## Background: Snake River Recovery Plan

The Snake River basin is currently home to 4 listed salmonid species: Snake River spring/summer Chinook, Snake River fall Chinook, Snake River steelhead, and Snake River sockeye. Between 2005 and 2006, each species was listed as either threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), as directed by the ESA, is responsible for developing plans to recover these species.

Recovery plans identify actions needed to restore threatened and endangered species to the point where they are again self-sustaining elements of their ecosystems and no longer need the protections of the ESA. Recovery planning is an opportunity to search for common ground, organize protection and restoration of the fish and their habitat, and secure the economic and cultural benefits of healthy watersheds and rivers. Recovery planning is, moreover, a collaborative effort that draws on the collective knowledge, expertise, and actions of communities and partnerships.

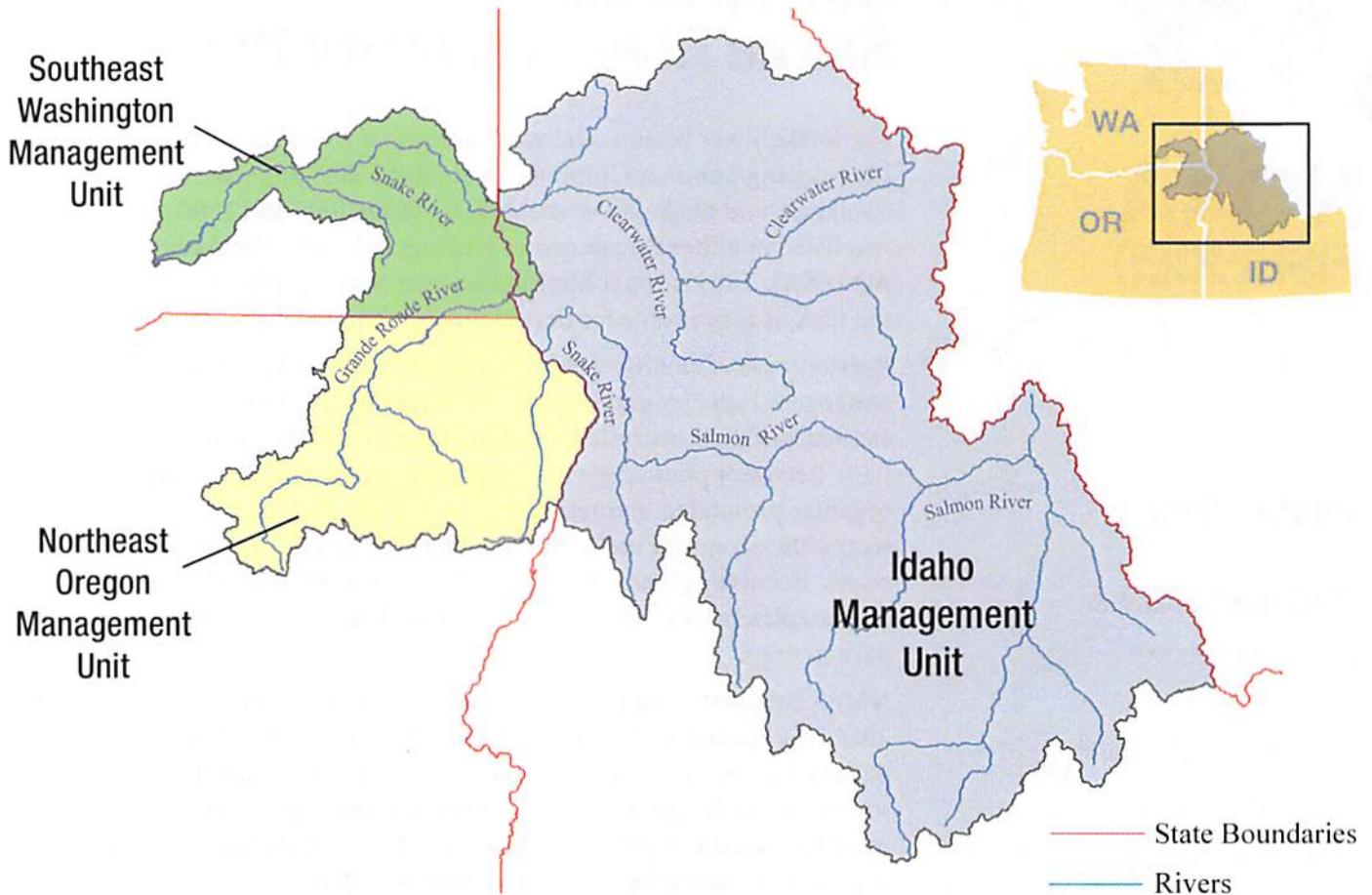
NMFS anticipates completing drafts of the Snake River Recovery Plans in 2014. The species-wide plan for spring/summer Chinook and steelhead will be based upon “management unit plans” from Idaho, northeast Oregon and southeast Washington. While each of these management unit plans will meet ESA requirements and will use consistent scientific principles, each plan will be unique because of conditions in that domain. Separate recovery plans will be produced for fall Chinook and sockeye.

Timing of Snake River Recovery Plan products:

- Complete draft Management Unit Plans for NE Oregon and SE Washington by March 2012, and Idaho in 2014.
- Engage three states, tribes, and other parties at the species-wide level in 2014 and share draft products for review.
- Complete draft “Roll-up” ESU and DPS level Recovery Plan for spring/summer Chinook and steelhead in 2014.
- Notice of draft Snake River Recovery Plans in *Federal Register* in 2014 after NMFS Regional and Headquarters review.

To get involved in the Snake River Recovery Plan process please contact the respective NMFS management unit leads or visit the websites listed on the next page.

# Snake River Recovery Plan Management Unit Boundaries



## For More Information

While the plan is under development please contact NMFS Snake River Recovery Plan management unit leads and watch NOAA Fisheries West Coast Region Snake River web page: [www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/protected\\_species/salmon\\_steelhead/recovery\\_planning\\_and\\_implementation/snake\\_river/snake\\_river\\_salmon\\_recovery\\_subdomain.html](http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/protected_species/salmon_steelhead/recovery_planning_and_implementation/snake_river/snake_river_salmon_recovery_subdomain.html)

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