# Conservation Education Through Conservation Districts

Collaboration and Partnerships



Providing Conservation Education
Across Washington

Mark Nielson, Franklin Conservation District

#### **Conservation Education**

- Educate students Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade how to conserve our natural resources
- Broaden their experiences with natural resources related to their local environment
- Meet Essential Academic Learning Requirements (EALRs)

### Franklin Conservation District (Pasco, Washington) A Leader in Conservation Education

- Wheat Week
- Water on Wheels
- Salmon in the Classroom
- Teacher Workshops
- A.WA.R.E. Collaboration

"Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted." - Albert Einstein



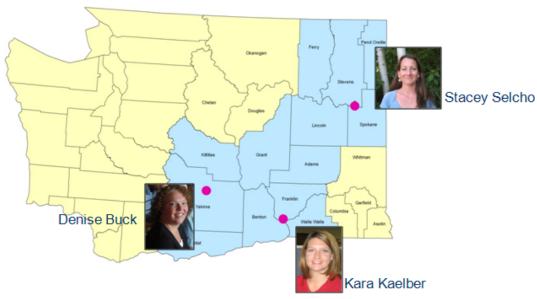
Grades 4 – 7 hands-on science program educating students about wheat, water, soil, salmon, dams, energy and systems



## Water on Wheels



#### K-5 hands-on science program educating students about water, soil and energy conservation



#### Salmon in the Classroom



Students raise salmon eggs in their classroom while studying water quality, habitat requirements and the life cycle. Salmon are released at the fry stage into a local









- Project WILD
- Project WET
- Project Learning Tree
- WILD about Salmon







## A.WA.R.E. Group: <u>Agriculture in WA</u>shington <u>Resources for Educators</u>

Collaboration between agriculture education entities to work together toward expansion and funding opportunities.

- Northwest Natural Resource Institute
- PRIME Curriculum
- Washington Ag in the Classroom



\*\*\*FCD is the lead/fiscal agency for AWARE

# Franklin Conservation District Conservation Education Programs

	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011
Total Budget	\$123,501	\$197,485	\$197,600	\$287,457
Washington Grain Commission	\$100,000	\$125,000	\$130,000	\$170,000
Washington St. Conservation Commission		\$50,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Number of People Reached	20,145	28,742	50,517	60,000 (projected)

#### **Supporting Conservation Districts**

- Adams Conservation District \$\$
- Asotin County Conservation District \$\$
- Benton Conservation District\$\$
- Cascadia Conservation District
- Central Klickitat Conservation District
- Eastern Klickitat Conservation District \$\$
- Foster Creek Conservation District
- Kittitas County Conservation District
- Lincoln County Conservation District \$\$
- North Yakima Conservation District \$\$
- Okanogan Conservation District
- Palouse/Rock Lake Conservation District
- Pine Creek Conservation District \$\$
- Snohomish Conservation District
- South Yakima Conservation District \$\$
- Spokane County Conservation District \$\$
- Walla Walla Conservation District
- Warden Conservation District

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