

Screen your water diversion

All irrigators who draw from fish-bearing waters must have an approved fish screen on their pump or diversion. It is the irrigator's responsibility to install and maintain their fish screens.

State fish screening laws apply to landowners watering lawns, orchards and crops, and pastures.

We'll help you properly screen your water diversion, just ask!



Damaged and non-compliant fish screens can harm fish, allow debris build-up, and interfere with your ability to get water.

Call the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) for fish screen advice and possible funding assistance. We will help you meet state and federal fish screening and fish passage laws.

Benefits of fish screening

Fish screens benefit irrigators and support salmon restoration efforts. Proper fish screens:

- Provide more reliable water flow.
- Prevent your system from clogging with debris and reduce maintenance.
- Protect fish and increase survival of Washington's salmon and steelhead.
- Ensure you meet state and federal laws.



WDFW has helped landowners screen water diversions since 1946; protecting fish while maintaining reliable irrigation water is our specialty.



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Fish screens maximize your water resource

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