

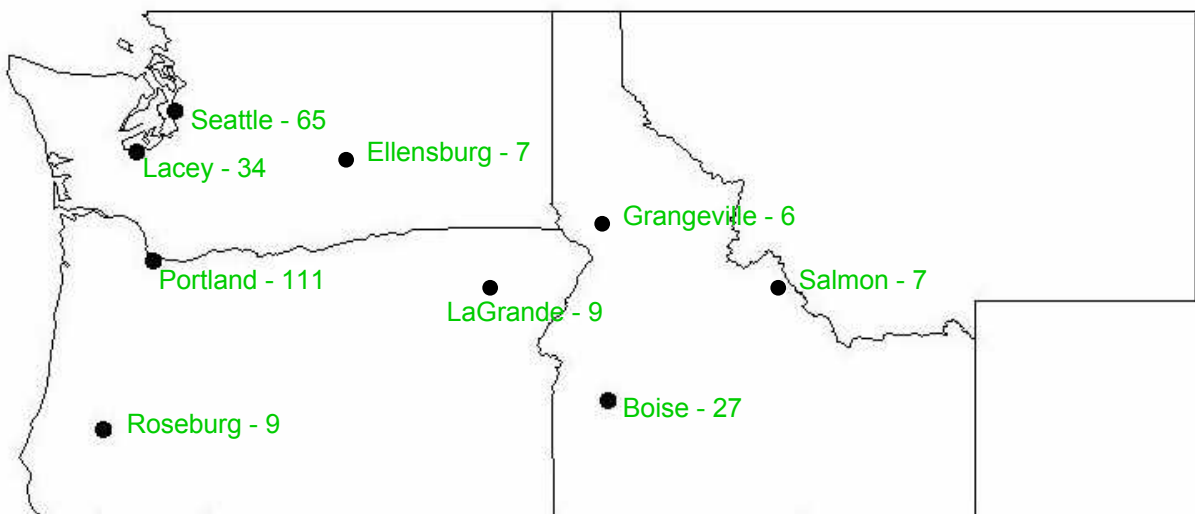


The Northwest Region administers NOAA Fisheries programs off the coasts of Oregon and Washington, and in the vast inland watershed habitats of Pacific salmon in Washington, Oregon and Idaho. Our principal responsibility is implementing the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and recovering 26 populations of listed salmonids covering more than 40 percent of the land base of three states.

The Northwest Region is also the lead for managing the West Coast groundfish fishery with the Pacific Fishery Management Council. The Groundfish Fishery Management Plan covers a multi-species complex of more than 80 species from Mexico to Canada. The fishery is overcapitalized and the Secretary of Commerce declared a fishery disaster in January 2000.

The Northwest Regional Office in Seattle has an operating budget of about \$19M. It also manages pass-through funding of about \$120M for Columbia River Hatcheries, PacFIN, Pacific Salmon Treaty implementation, Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund and other programs used to implement the ESA, Magnuson-Stevens Act and other responsibilities, including treaties with Indian tribes.

The Regional Office has a staff of 278 (including IPAs, contracts, etc.)



The Northwest Regional Office is organized into five divisions: [Habitat Conservation](#), [Protected Resources](#), [Sustainable Fisheries](#), [Hydropower](#) and Salmon Recovery. Its science support comes from the [Northwest Fisheries Science Center](#) in Seattle.