

## Other Accomplishments

### New Partnerships Support Salmon in the Classroom Program

Bonneville Power Administration has become a significant sponsor of Salmon Summit, an outdoor education event serving almost 4,000 students. Focal Point Marketing donated video production to enhance BCD's website ([www.bentoncd.org/programs/education](http://www.bentoncd.org/programs/education)). Partnerships with local service organizations and donations have enabled BCD to expand the program to a local school serving disadvantaged students.



### Local Working Group Process Helps Dryland Farmers

Benton CD Supervisors worked successfully through the local working group process to fund advanced nutrient and pest management in the Dryland region of Benton County. This has enabled over 14,000 acres to be enrolled in NRCS's Environmental Quality Incentive Program in the last two years.

## 2010 Feature Accomplishment

### Riparian Restoration on the Lower Yakima River

#### *Resource Challenge*

The health of riparian habitat along the Yakima River is key to the health of the river and the steelhead and chinook that call the river home. Riparian restoration efforts restore native vegetation, stabilize eroding banks, provide shade and improve water quality.



#### *Project Summary and Results*

BCD is utilizing funds from the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) to educate local landowners about the importance of riparian stewardship and to assist with riparian restoration projects. Two riparian restoration projects were conducted in the spring of 2009 utilizing SRFB funds and 5 additional sites will be planted in the fall of 2010 utilizing NFWF funds.

In addition to conducting actual restoration projects the BCD in partnership with Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group is creating a Salmon Friendly Riparian Landscaping Design Brochure. The Brochure will contain plant lists that are specific to eastern Washington and will include separate templates for Ellensburg, Cle Elum, and the Yakima/Tri-Cities Areas.

#### *Key Project Partners*

Benton County, Central Klickitat CD, Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Salmon Recovery Funding Board, WA Department of Fish and Wildlife, Yakima Basin Fish and Wildlife Recovery Board, and WA State Conservation Commission.

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## More Work To Do

BCD will work with local landowners to plant insectaries and pollinator habitat. BCD will seek funding to offer incentives to urban residents to implement Xeriscape landscaping for water conservation. BCD will continue to reach out to small acreage livestock owners to assist with farm plan development. The Benton CD will also continue to seek funding for projects on the Yakima River that have been identified in resource assessments.