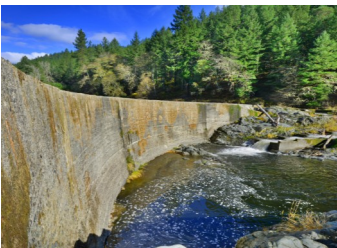




2013 Accomplishments

WaterWatch achieved many truly important victories for Oregon's rivers in 2013. Recent successes have been dramatic and remarkable. Here is a sampling:

Protecting and Restoring Streamflows and Rivers



Feilder Dam (Photo Credit: Scott Wright)

WaterWatch advanced groundbreaking projects to remove fish-killing, obsolete dams and improve streamflows in the **Rogue Basin**, where resurgent salmon, steelhead and cutthroat trout are a testament to the benefits of the successful removal of four major dams in the Rogue through the Free the Rogue Campaign. In 2103, we achieved breakthroughs in a decade-long stalemate to remove Fielder and Wimer Dams on Evans Creek, two of the state's top ten worst fish passage barriers, and worked collaboratively with an irrigation district to solve fish passage and water diversion issues at a major Rogue irrigation diversion dam.



John Day (Photo Credit: Larry Olson)

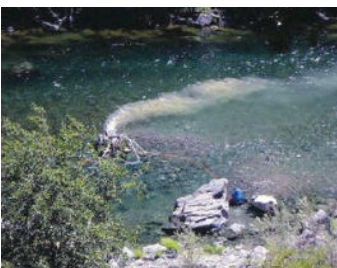
In the **John Day Basin**, WaterWatch launched a strategic water use monitoring and accountability program to improve water management in this chronically water short basin. This program will complement the millions of dollars of upland restoration work in the John Day.



Crooked River through Smith Rock State Park
(Photo Credit: WaterWatch)

On the **Crooked River**, WaterWatch worked closely with Oregon's Senators Merkley and Wyden, the Warm Springs Tribes, and other interests to craft historic federal legislation that will benefit streamflows and fish in the Crooked River below Bowman Dam, including reintroduced steelhead.

Providing a Voice for Streamflows and Balanced Water Policies



Suction Dredge Mining (Photo Credit: Klamath Siskiyou Wildlands Center)

Our work at the **State Capital** helped establish new limits on damaging suction dredge mining and helped revive Oregon's obligation to consider designating new river reaches for protection under Oregon's Scenic Waterway Act. WaterWatch also played a key role in obtaining funding to staff new science and water management positions that begin to reverse years of legislative disinvestment at the Oregon Water Resources Department.



Klamath Birds (Photo Credit: Brett Cole)

In Washington DC, WaterWatch worked to protect water for fish and wetlands in the **Klamath Basin** by testifying before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee for changes to the costly and controversial Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement. WaterWatch also worked with allies to urge the Obama administration to save dying waterfowl at the Klamath National Wildlife Refuges, helping to bring much-needed water to the parched Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge marshes during the spring and fall waterfowl migrations.



Crown Point in the Columbia Gorge

WaterWatch helped influence the regional recommendations to the US Department of State on the modernization of the **Columbia River Treaty** with Canada. This work helped produce real progress towards a modernized Columbia River Treaty that addresses not only hydropower and flood control but also, for the first time, the health of the river.

Protecting Rivers across Oregon from the Effects of Growth



Upper Clackamas (Photo Credit: Dick Sisson)

On the **Clackamas, McKenzie, Row, Nestucca, Chetco and Willamette Rivers and Tumalo Creek**, WaterWatch went to court to protect imperiled fish populations and to hold cities to rational and defensible water demands. These cases will help define the steps cities and the state must take to maintain troubled fish populations as cities demand more water from our rivers. These issues in these cases affect many ecologically significant rivers across Oregon.

WaterWatch remains the only conservation group monitoring all decisions of the Oregon Water Resources Department. This watchdogging work protects the public interest in water and increases accountability, legal compliance, and the transparency of the state's decisions about water.

After more than a quarter century, WaterWatch continues to play a unique and essential role for Oregon's rivers. ***WaterWatch is the only organization focused solely on protecting and restoring streamflows in Oregon's rivers for fish, wildlife, and the people who depend on healthy rivers.***

The staff and Board of Directors of WaterWatch thank you for your continuing investment in our shared passion for Oregon's waters.

