



# Share the River



Enjoy the Wenatchee River! Stay safe, be respectful, and reduce impacts to fish.

## **Be Respectful!**

*You are in someone's backyard*

- Don't yell at the top of your lungs;
- Use public restrooms instead of shoreline private property;
- Pack out your trash.

## **Be Safe!**

*Alcohol consumption and fast water don't mix.*

- Wear your life jacket;
- Don't float the river drunk;
- The river can be cold and fast;
- check water levels and learn about potential river hazards before you launch;
- Watch out for "strainers" such as plants and logs on the river bed and banks;
- Know your take out.



**~50% of boating deaths could have been prevented by wearing a life jacket\***

**~70% of teen and adult drownings are alcohol related\***

**\*Center for Disease Control web site un-intentional drowning page**

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Endangered spring Chinook salmon spawn (lay eggs) in the Wenatchee River in late summer. Here are a few tips to minimize your impact on these fish.

## Salmon Nests

- Female salmon use their tail fins to clean dirt from stream bed gravel before they lay eggs.
- This clean spot is a salmon egg nest, which is also called a redd.
- Please avoid walking on top of Chinook redds from August - October.



A Chinook nest or redd looks like a bright and clean spot in the river bed.

## Additional Information:

### Wenatchee River Water levels

- [http://waterdata.usgs.gov/usa/nwis/uv?site\\_no=12459000](http://waterdata.usgs.gov/usa/nwis/uv?site_no=12459000)

### Information about boating Nason, Icicle, Peshastin, and the Wenatchee River

- A Guide to the Whitewater Rivers of Washington , Jeff and Tonya Bennett

Local retailers and river guide services can provide equipment rentals, sales, and up to date river information about water levels and river conditions

### Salmon Habitat Restoration

- <http://hws.ekosystem.us/>