

# Partnership for the Umpqua Rivers



March 20, 2014

Western Native Trout Initiative  
Attention: Robin Knox, Coordinator  
134 Union Blvd.; Suite 665  
Lakewood, CO 80228

Dear Robin,

On the behalf of the Partnership for the Umpqua Rivers (PUR), I would like to thank you for funding our 2012 *PUR Youth Education and Outreach* proposal for \$1,250. Thanks to WNTI's support, our youth-focused education and outreach program is thriving. Below are some of our program's 2013 accomplishments made possible by WNTI's generosity:

- **Permanent, all-weather displays for our youth programs.**
  - Umpqua Fishermen's Association Canyonville Fish Release: During this three-day program, over 250 4th and 5th grade students rotate through six 20-minute stations learning about salmonids, their life cycle, habitat, management, and threats; PUR hosts the program's invasive species booth. Thanks to WNTI funding, we now have an all-weather display to support the station's messages to: 1) clean, drain and dry boats, boots and gear every time you change waterways; 2) never release aquarium plants and pets; and 3) respect the rules for using live bait. Please see the attached JPG of the banner we created for this program.
  - Glide Forestry School Tour: This four-day program educates nearly 1,000 5<sup>th</sup>-grade students about forestry and natural resources; PUR hosts the fishery station. Thanks to WNTI funds, we have a banner for our fun and educational "What Is a Salmon?" activity that explores the many different kind of fish that call the Umpqua home.
  - Earth Day and Douglas County Fairs: PUR's Fish Toss Game is a popular draw at these annual kid-friendly events. Thanks to WNTI funds, we now have educational banners that advertise the game and illustrate the value of barrier-free streams to salmon and trout.

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- **Travelling trunks with enrichment activities for the Fish Eggs to Fry program.** Fish Eggs to Fry is a program of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) that brings salmon and trout eggs into the classroom to be raised by students in an aquarium and released in to an ODFW-approved waterway. Thanks to WNTI funding, PUR now has two “travelling trunks” for the Fish Eggs to Fry program. The sturdy trunks will be offered to elementary teachers on a short-term, check-out basis to use in addition to the Fish Eggs to Fry curriculum and materials provided by ODFW via their website ([www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/STEP/resources-education.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/STEP/resources-education.asp)). Each trunk contains seven salmonid-related picture books, salmonid lifecycle posters, and visual aids. We anticipate adding other items (such as binders with master copies of activities and handouts) as the program grows and teachers identify additional needs. We are excited to offer the travelling trunks to teachers for the first time this spring for the 2014 Fish Eggs to Fry program. Please see the attached pictures of our 2013 Fish Eggs to Fry activities.

We are very grateful for WNTI’s support of our education and outreach program. Thanks to you, we are able to enhance awareness, understanding and appreciation of watershed processes and the social, economic, and ecological benefits of stream restoration among our community youth.

Sincerely,

Eric J. Riley  
PUR Executive Director



**Do not release**  
**aquarium plants and**  
**pets into waterways!**



**Respect the rules**  
**for using live bait!**



**YOU can protect our**  
**streams and rivers!**



**Always**  
**Clean - Drain - Dry**  
**boat, boots and gear when**  
**leaving a waterway!**





PUR contractor Amy Pinson-Dumm delivering eggs for the Fish Eggs to Fry program. To create a salmonid-egg-friendly environment, the water is circulated through the black chiller to the right of the fish tank.



Steelhead eggs ready for delivery to Melrose Elementary School.



Melrose Elementary third-graders at the June, 2013 fish release field trip at River Forks Park. While some kids released their fish, others searched for macroinvertebrates and discussed instream habitat with PUR volunteers.



The Fish Eggs to Fry Travelling Trunks. The six orange bags each contain 1,000 trout egg-size beads and will be used as part of a game illustrating steelhead egg production.