

Project Title: Get to Know Your Native Poster – Bull Trout

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Project description:

The Get to Know Your Native Poster -Bull Trout continues the efforts of WNTI, the Trout Unlimited Native Trout Workgroup (TU NTWG), state TU Councils/Chapters, and state and federal agencies involved in native trout restoration and conservation to tell the story of our country's native trout. This project will raise awareness of the native Bull Trout in their current range of WA, OR, MT, ID, and NV. The content of the poster will include the Bull Trout's history, biology, habitat needs, threats, current status, and the support needed to maintain healthy and thriving populations throughout their range. Once completed, the poster will be distributed to participating TU State Councils/Local Chapters for use in Trout in the Classroom programs and at various events, such as Trout fests, flyfishing dealer and consumer shows, chapter meetings, and local community events.

Project Goals/Objectives:

1. Support Youth and Adult Education Activities such as Trout in the Classroom (TIC), Salmon Trout Enhancement Program (STEP), and other state/federal Bull Trout education programs.
2. Develop Community Outreach Opportunities to increase awareness of the need to help conserve, restore/recover and protect Bull Trout.
3. Add an additional resource to TU, WNTI, and state/agency libraries to raise awareness of the need to support our native trout.

Achievement of these goals is an ongoing process. Posters (2,700) were received by each state (WA, OR, ID, MT) on Saturday, January 2. I will survey recipients at the end each month and report back to WNTI on specific accomplishments and actions.

Project Budget: (see attached)

Project Outcomes:

By producing the Bull Trout Poster and adding it to the Get to Know Your Native Trout series, this project will bring critical awareness and educational benefit of current initiatives to conserve, restore/recover and protect the Bull Trout. The poster will complement educational programming, such as TIC and STEP, for our youth so they may see the entire life cycle of our native trout. As depicted on this poster, the Bull Trout, are currently listed as "Threatened"

under the Endangered Species Act. Viewers will be able to see the key components and measurements used to determine the health of this native trout. Hopefully, this will cause people of all ages to adopt safe handling practices of Bull Trout and participate in conservation programs.

Key partnerships in the development of the Bull Trout poster were –
Trout Unlimited – Matt Mayfield , Helen Neville, Andrew Kenefick, Dale Dalrymple, Brian Hodge, Joe Kerkvliet, Pat Hesselgesser, Trevor Fagerskog, Maggie Huemann, Eric Tichay
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Future Work Projects

The next The Get to Know Your Native Trout Poster project will be the California Golden Trout, followed by the Westslope Cutthroat Trout.

Photos: (see attached)

More photos will be forthcoming once the posters arrive in the classrooms and displayed at gatherings and angling events.