



WASHINGTON COOPERATIVE FISH AND WILDLIFE RESEARCH UNIT



HISTORY

The Cooperative Research Units (CRU) program was founded in 1935 to enhance graduate education in fisheries and wildlife sciences and facilitate research between natural resource agencies and universities on topics of mutual concern. The Washington Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit (WACFWRU) was formed as a fisheries research unit in 1967, and became a combined fish and wildlife research unit in 1989. We marked our 50th year in 2017.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://depts.washington.edu/wacfwru/>

<https://www1.usgs.gov/coopunits/unit/Washington>

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OUR ROLE

- Identify and conduct priority research to address needs of our agency Cooperators
- Engage students to work with agencies on applied problems
- Provide technical assistance to agencies
- Facilitate contracts from agencies via reduced indirect cost rates
- Assist agencies in finding the right expertise for their research needs

OUR COOPERATORS

- University of Washington
- Washington State University
- WA Department of Fish & Wildlife
- WA Department of Natural Resources
- WA Department of Ecology
- Wildlife Management Institute
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Geological Survey

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