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But if history has taught us anything, it’s that while our most extraordinary rivers are still strongholds for wild fish today, their well-being is by no means assured.

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Create Your Wild Salmon Legacy

There are many ways to start building your legacy of strongholds for wild fish. Contact your financial advisor to decide which options (and their tax advantages) work best for you.

**Popular choices include:**

- **Bequests**
  Provide for a specific dollar amount—or a percentage of the remainder of your estate—to WSC in your will.

- **Life Insurance Designation**
  List WSC as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy.

- **Retirement Plan Designation**
  Choose WSC as a beneficiary of your retirement plan.

- **Other Gifts**
  Make a gift of stock, land, or other assets for the benefit of our conservation work.

Getting Started

Contact your financial adviser and provide our Sample Bequest Language:

“I, [Name], hereby give, devise, and bequeath a contribution of [$____ or _____% of the remainder of my estate] to the Wild Salmon Center, a non-profit organization based in Portland, Oregon. I agree that this bequest will be a general support contribution, and that Wild Salmon Center can use these funds at their discretion for the purposes of salmon and steelhead conservation.”

Wild Salmon Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and our Tax ID is 94-3166095.

“By leaving a bequest to WSC, I’m making an enduring investment in the health of our most important wild salmon and steelhead rivers.” - Deke Welles

Contact Us

To learn more, or to tell us about your existing plans, contact Kim Kosa at (971) 255-5562 or kkosa@wildsalmoncenter.org, or visit www.wildsalmoncenter.org/legacy
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We identify science-based solutions to sustain wild salmonids and the human communities and livelihoods that depend on them.

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