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These waterways provide a multitude of ecosystem services including clean drinking water for communities, habitat that is critical to health and abundance of fish and wildlife species (including steelhead!), scenic beauty that is a defining attribute of our quality of life, and numerous recreational opportunities for residents and visitors including fishing, boating, hiking, and camping. The recreational fishing industry supports \$2.6 billion in economic output and 16,200 jobs in Washington State and cold, clean rivers are at the foundation of this industry.

Outdoor recreation supports \$26.5 billion in annual expenditures and 264,000 jobs throughout Washington State and clean water is critical to this economic sector.

Protecting unimpaired headwaters is critical to the health of our rivers and everything downstream. The Clean Water Act recognizes the unique value of waterways of exceptional water quality and provides an opportunity for states to identify waterways as Outstanding Resource Waters.