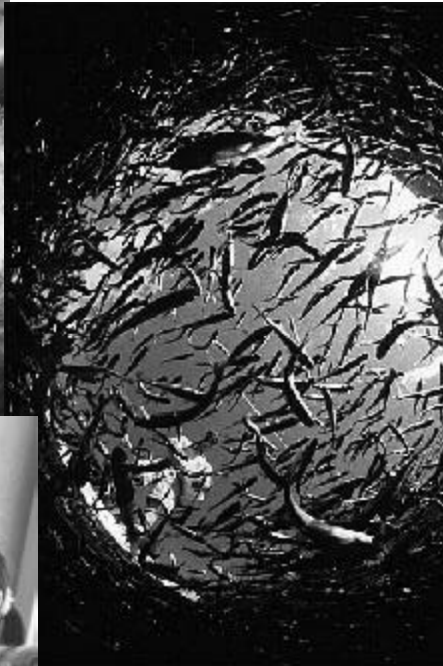




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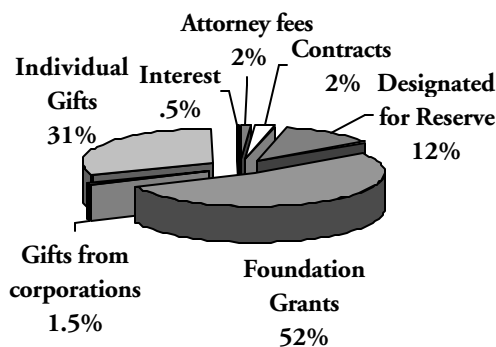
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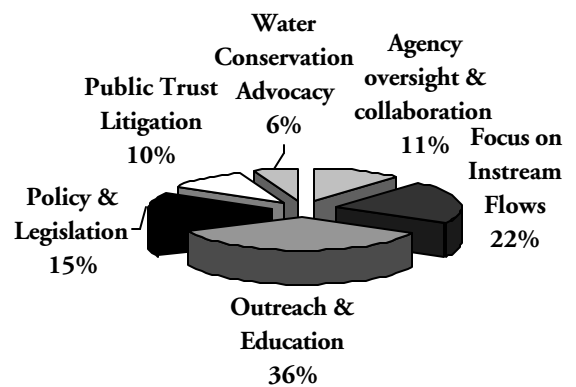


2002 Income Sources



Attorney fees	\$ 5,000
Contracts	\$ 7,500
Designated for reserve	\$ 40,000
Foundation grants:	\$174,900
Gifts from corporations	\$ 1,969
Individual gifts	\$102,378
Interest:	\$ 1,160
TOTAL:	\$332,907

2002 Expenses



Agency oversight & collaboration	\$ 26,474
Focus on Flows	\$ 51,175
Outreach & education	\$ 82,951
Policy & legislation	\$ 35,992
Public Trust Litigation	\$ 24,508
Water conservation advocacy	\$ 13,777
Management & Admin	\$ 47,670
Fundraising	\$ 18,254
TOTAL:	\$300,801

We are fortunate...

that Washington State's rivers and streams contribute to a quality of life second to none.

But for our rivers to flow, water must be in them.

In many places, Washington's freshwater supplies are overused, taken illegally, or wasted.

Low river flows and depleted aquifers endanger fish and wildlife, threaten public health, and slow economic growth.

As our state's population grows and competition for water intensifies, CELP acts as a voice for healthy rivers and streams.



Our Mission



Because fresh water is vital to our quality of life, CELP takes action to leave a legacy of clean, flowing water in Washington's rivers and streams for use and enjoyment by all. We defend, develop and advocate for ecologically and socially responsible water laws and policies through collaboration, education, government oversight, research and litigation.



Some of CELP's Accomplishments

- ◆ In 2003, CELP secured **protections for flows in the Columbia River** through an appeal of a significant water permit issued to the Quad Cities in Eastern Washington (Pasco, Kennewick, Richland and West Richland). More broadly, because of this litigation we successfully compelled the Department of Ecology to adhere to a fairer process for developing and instream flow rule and water management regime for the Columbia River. The case also set a **significant legal precedent affirming the standing of environmental organizations to challenge procedural illegalities in water permitting.**
- ◆ In 2002 & 2003, CELP's intervention upheld important Endangered Species Act protections for endangered salmon in the Methow river basin. CELP first won a federal court decision regulating irrigation ditches on federal forest lands, and then successfully defended against a challenge to that ruling in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.
- ◆ As a result of ongoing negotiations and relationships in the basin, for the last three summers **Walla Walla irrigators have returned additional flows to the Walla Walla River.** A basin-wide Habitat Conservation Plan is proposed and many stakeholders, including CELP, are participating in the negotiations.
- ◆ Due to CELP's efforts, the City of Kent left approximately four cubic feet per second in Rock Creek during the very dry late summer months of 2001, **allowing threatened Puget Sound Chinook salmon to return for the first time in approximately 15 years.**
- ◆ A year after one of the worst droughts in recent memory, CELP released **"Washington's Wasted Water: How our lax water efficiency laws waste millions of gallons and millions of dollars."** The report showed that Washington's laws give short shrift to water conservation – even though consumers, utilities and state agencies believe it is a critical and effective means to save water and money.
- ◆ In the past five years, CELP has filed "friend of the court" briefs in numerous state appellate cases resulting in excellent water law decisions addressing such topics as **municipal water rights**, the state's authority to **protect water quality**, the **connection between ground and surface waters**, the **Public Trust Doctrine**, and **exempt wells.**
- ◆ **CELP successfully challenged two water conservancy boards for their failure to follow public disclosure laws.** Despite repeated requests, these boards refused to provide CELP with records of decision and meeting minutes. Water conservancy boards are independent units of local government that make water rights transfer and change decisions impacting all water users - including irrigators, fishers, kayakers, hikers and any person who enjoys a flowing river.



CEL P's Vision for the future

Washington's rivers and streams will sustain thriving fish runs and abundant wildlife, and provide safe drinking water for all.

People, farms, businesses, and industries will take an active and positive role in wise stewardship of water.

Understanding that water is valuable and limited, we will all use it in an efficient, sustainable and accountable manner.



Thanks very much to these businesses for supporting CEL P's efforts to leave a legacy of clean, flowing waters for Washington!

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These rivers suffer from low flows due to water diversions and withdrawals, overuse, illegal pumping, and sometimes water is simply wasted.

For a river to be a river, water has to be running in it.

CELP is YOUR voice for clean, flowing waters in all of Washington's rivers and streams.

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