WRIA 9 partner’s, Tacoma Water and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, completed the Gale Creek and Boundary Creek culvert replacements project to access over four miles of spawning and rearing habitat for Chinook and coho salmon. Boundary Creek joins Gale Creek about one mile upstream from the Howard Hanson reservoir.

- The Gale Creek culvert was an impassable ellipse culvert and was replaced with a 70 foot long prefabricated steel bridge in 2005, which opened up approximately 4.6 miles of fish habitat.
- The Boundary Creek culvert was washed away in a 2009 flood; instead of replacing it, the road crossing was removed and 0.5 mile of road was decommissioned, reducing sediment delivery to the stream, and now fish have access to two tributaries.
- Other improvements include placement of additional gravel to provide suitable spawning material and logs and other wood placement to create much-needed resting pools.

For more information: [http://www.govlink.org/watersheds/9/](http://www.govlink.org/watersheds/9/)