



JIM OWENS

Executive Director



Jim is the co-founder and Executive Director of the C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation. He has been involved in Youth Sport fishing for over 25 years and is a former President of the Washington State BASS Federation. Jim has twice been named the BASS National Federation man-of-the-year for his work with youth, conservation, and warm water fishing issues in Washington State.

He was instrumental in the development of both the Washington State Warm Water Enhancement Program and the Washington State Youth Sport Fishing Program. He also founded the Fishing Kids program in Washington. Fishing Kids is a program that introduces and educates urban youth ages 5-14 about the sport of fishing. Over 10,000 kids participate each year.

Jim has also been a member of the Inland Fish Program Advisory Group for the past 15 years. He is a graduate of Linfield College with a BS in Education. He is married and has two children and three grandsons.