

## GUIDELINES FOR USING FIN - THE MIGRATING SALMON

FIN- the Migrating Salmon - is a twenty-five foot fiberglass sculpture of a summer chum salmon built by the local educational non-profit group Wild Olympic Salmon in 1988, and is now in the care of the North Olympic Salmon Coalition (NOSC). The interior is painted to depict a natural forest setting with a stream running through it. We tell students that this is the freshwater habitat of salmon, including plants and animals that share the watershed with the salmon. Over a hundred and fifty plants and animals are painted on the interior walls. Indian symbols for the sun and moon are in the entrance.

There is no prescribed way to enjoy or view FIN; however, we have developed guidelines that will help make the experience safe and hopefully meaningful. If you have any questions, please call us at NOSC at (360) 379-8051.

### Guidelines:

- \* There must be an adult sitting by FIN whenever it is open. A chair is handy.
- \* Please, NO SHOES inside FIN. Shoes are tough on the paint; socks are gentle.
- \* Please have a mat under FIN's mouth for kids to put their shoes on.
- \* We suggest two - three people at a time inside the Salmon, four maximum. Some will want to stay in for 5-10 minutes, others only 2-4 minutes. You may need to remind them that others are waiting.
- \* Please encourage the participants to quietly experience being inside the Salmon. This means no climbing walls, sliding down the waterfall, or using loud voices.
- \* Always have a hand out to help people in and out of FIN. Kids enjoy climbing in and out by themselves, but often need to be reminded to watch their heads as they crawl out. A step is handy but please supervise.
- \* Have fun!

